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### FIRST CLASS

THE INAUGURAL COLLEGE OF

PHARMACY CLASS OF 2013

**MAKES THE GRADE** 

The UNE Spirit of Hope and Achievement

s this Summer edition of UNE Magazine goes to press, UNE has just celebrated a glorious Commencement ceremony on our Biddeford Campus. We could not have asked for a more spectacular setting or forecast for this, our first

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ceremony incorporating all of our colleges on one campus, including UNE's inaugural class of Pharmacy graduates. Under sunny blue skies and with a Maine sea breeze at our backs, over 5,000 students, faculty, family and friends gathered to celebrate this highlight of our academic year, which was also live-streamed around the world.

As I met with students at events throughout the final weeks of school, I was reminded of a quote by Woodrow Wilson, 28th U.S. President and winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, who said:

You are not here to merely make a living. You are here to enable the world to live more amply, with greater vision and a finer spirit of hope and achievement. You are here to enrich the world and you impoverish yourself if you forget that errand.

From the academic awards ceremonies, to research symposia, to student volunteer recognition, I witnessed time after time that UNE students have not forgotten that errand. They inspire me and enrich our University and our communities with their initiative, integrity, and generous spirit. It is the UNE way, after all, and UNE students become UNE alumni who uphold this legacy.

In this issue of UNE Magazine, you will see how UNE students and alumni are making a difference in our state and across the nation....an interprofessional team of students and faculty building community partnerships with tribal leaders and community health care providers in Washington County, Maine ... a student-made video, "A Community in Pain," that shares compelling stories of people living with the effects of chronic pain in the hopes of learning to care for them more effectively and empathetically... undergraduates showcasing their research to members of Congress on Capitol Hill...an alum sharing innovative approaches to treating cancer.

From the 2013 inaugural College of Pharmacy class to the 50th graduating class of Dental Hygiene, UNE is making an impact and enriching the world, now and into future generations.

Danielle N. Ripich, Ph.D. | President

Kamelle Kipich

On the cover: Stephanie Copp PharmD '13 at

the College of Pharmacy's inaugural graduation.

On the next page: U.S. Senator Angus S. King, Jr., served as commencement speaker at this year's ceremony, and Maine's Poet Laureate Wesley

McNair received an honorary Doctor of

Letters degree. Photos by Jeff Scher.



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## **College of Pharmacy** Pioneering Class by Susan Pierter

### **UNE Experience Takes Them Far**

hen Jonathan Balk PharmD '13 arrived in Portland, Maine, from Salt Lake City, Utah, for an interview as a candidate for the first UNE College of Pharmacy class, he noticed the building planned to house the new students and classrooms was not yet finished.

But during the interview process, he was impressed by a conversation he had with the Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Pharmacy Practice Kenneth McCall.

"It was a gamble, but after talking with him I knew I would be in good hands," said Balk, who is now headed

> to a residency program at The Methodist Hospital in Houston, Texas.

That gamble has paid off for him and the rest of the pioneering first class.

He's one of 18 members of the class headed to residency programs in hospitals in Maine, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Connecticut, Texas, Louisiana, New Mexico and New York.

"That's close to 20% of the Class of 2013," said McCall, who added that the national average for placements in residency programs is 18%. "We beat the national average in our first year."

Rachel Mayer PharmD '13 completed her undergraduate work at UNE knowing that she wanted to pursue a graduate degree in physical therapy or pharmacy, and UNE offered both programs. She chose pharmacy, and now with her doctor of pharmacy degree successfully completed, she will begin a residency program in Augusta at the Veterans Administration Maine Healthcare System at Togus.



Rachel Maver PharmD '13 at an orphanage in Thailand



Jonathan Balk PharmD '13 accepting the "Clinical Skills Award" at a year-end ceremony from UNE Director of Drug Information John Redwanski.

Jennie Chu PharmD '13 and her family at the College of Pharmacy Hooding Ceremony.



Arranged by the Department of Experiential Education and led by Director James Krebs, the experiences include working with other health care professionals in settings including community, hospital, ambulatory care, and inpatient/acute care general medicine pharmacy.

Krebs added an elective that brought 12 students in the graduating class to Thailand in November 2012. The onemonth program is designed to help students attain a clear view of global health and the opportunity for an in-depth exchange of cross-cultural experiences with health professionals in Thailand, where they visited hospitals and clinics. They also learned about clinical diseases of the tropics and traditional and alternative medicine.

Jennie Chu PharmD '13 had visited Thailand before with her family for vacations. And the southern California native of Chinese heritage was also familiar with alternative medicine. But her experience in Thailand with fellow students from UNE's College of Pharmacy exposed her to a very different place than she had ever seen before.

She is still moved to tears when she recounts meeting children orphaned by AIDS in Thailand. It's one of the unexpected opportunities she will never forget about her time at UNE.

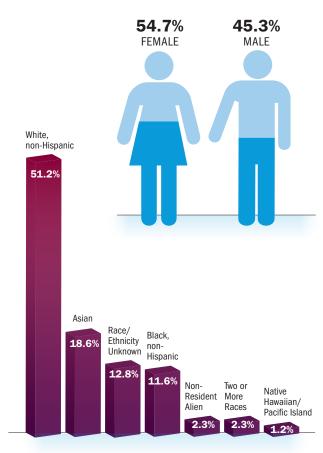
She took the leap from the West Coast to the East Coast to experience Maine's four seasons and smaller city life in Portland. She'll be returning home to California where she will work at Rite-Aid.

"I've had so many opportunities here," said Chu, who had rotations at Martin's Point Health Care, Hannaford Bros. Co., Southern Maine Medical Center, Central Maine Medical Center and Rite-Aid. "It was a great move. I'd like to come back as a guest lecturer (for future UNE College of Pharmacy students)."



UNE College of Pharmacy Class of 2013 students with faculty at the Chiang Mi Cultural Center in Thailand last fall. Front row, left to right are students Jonathan Balk and Nam Vo. Middle row, left to right are: Thai performer with students Krystal Lacombe and Kelly Grossman. Thai performer, students Rachel Mayer and Ashton Booth, and another Thai performer. Back row, left to right: Dr. Jim Krebs, student Shail Patel, Dr. Leslie Ochs, and students Jennie Chu, Samantha Darling, Christine Smelstor, Viktoryia Lutsiv and Richard Agbortoko.

#### COLLEGE OF PHARMACY CLASS OF 2013 BY THE NUMBERS



**Student Diversity** 

#### College of Pharmacy Students' Home States



#### COLLEGE OF PHARMACY INAUGURAL CLASS LEAVES UNE A BETTER PLACE









#### What are you most proud of as the first inaugural class graduates at UNE?

I am extremely proud of their entrepreneurial, can-do spirit and dedicated enthusiasm, which was essential to the growth and success of the college. They were willing to work side by side with faculty and staff members in the implementation of the doctor of pharmacy curriculum, the foundation of student organizations and development of various college and campus activities. Their intellectual curiosity and willingness to learn and grow as future pharmacists committed to providing outstanding patient care was inspirational and exciting to watch over these last few years.



Gayle A. Brazeau, Ph.D. Dean, College of Pharmacv

#### What do you believe is the biggest success of this first class?

This class has been instrumental in further advancing a culture of professionalism and dedication to interprofessional education and patient care in the College of Pharmacy and at the Portland Campus.

#### Have these graduates and your faculty changed the profession in some way?

Faculty members working with students in this class have collaborated to advance the profession forward in Maine through their efforts in changing legislation permitting pharmacists as immunizers and in simplifying the processes for pharmacy intern licensure. They have fundamentally changed the nature of the state pharmacy associations through their involvement and engagement in professional meetings. These students have laid the foundation of the importance for pharmacy to provide service to their communities through various campus and community health fairs and charity events.



College of Pharmacy Graduating Class of 2013

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### College of Pharmacy Class of 2013 Student Spotlights



Tamkeen Quraishi Abreu PharmD '13 Hometown: Chicago, Illinois Life after UNE: Residency at Loyola in Chicago

I have been able to have several great experiences while being a student at UNE College of Pharmacy. My IPPE (Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experience) at Osco Pharmacy in Chicago was amazing. I was able to work with my preceptor, who was a pharmacy manager and a clinical specialist, to do new and innovative things in the profession, such as MTM (Medication Therapy Management).

I also had the opportunity to present a project proposal to senior-level VPs at Walmart in order to secure funds for the project of a national pharmaceutical organization for which I serve on the National Executive Board. I also met the CEO of Walmart, which was a very unique experience.

I was able to participate in a pharmacy advocacy mission where Governor Baldacci officially signed a proclamation recognizing October as Pharmacists' Month in the state of Maine. In addition, I received the opportunity to represent the UNE College of Pharmacy in Washington D.C., at the NACDS RxImpact Day at Capitol Hill to advocate for the profession.



Jason Boyce PharmD '13 Hometown: Syracuse, N.Y. Life after UNE: Finalizing plans to work in rural Maine at a clinical care hospital

I believe the faculty and staff here are amazing. I believe in President Ripich and the change/growth she is instituting. The core pharmacy curriculum is fascinating, and my position as a pharmacy technician at Maine Medical Center augments the didactic instruction.

I served as the College of Pharmacy senator to the Graduate and Professional Student Association for the Portland campus, coach and volunteer for the Portland Community Rowing Association, and enjoy almost anything outdoors that Maine has to offer (and there's a lot).

I found being a member of the Maine Society of Health-System Pharmacists and working at Maine Medical Center was helpful in providing ongoing practical experience with institutional/clinical pharmacy. I conducted a retrospective study with Dr. Wes Zemrack regarding the administration of methylene blue to patients experiencing vasoplegic syndrome following cardiopulmonary bypass surgery.



Jina Cha PharmD '13 Hometown: Dallas, Texas Life after UNE: CVS Caremark in Texas

I served as the founding vice president of the Student National Pharmaceutical Association and as an active member of the American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student Pharmacists, the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists Student Societies of Health-System Pharmacy, and UNE's College of Pharmacy Student Leadership Council.

UNE has also done a great job in recruiting some of the best faculty members for the program. They are always willing to help us succeed, and it is a privilege to have them as our mentors. Finally, I love the fact that both faculty and students get to shape the program—our input really does matter.

I have attended both regional and national conferences for professional development, and shared my experiences with classmates. At these conferences, I have participated in the Leadership Training Series, which has helped me to become an effective leader and team player. I also served as an alternate delegate to the House of Delegates and as a regional representative for a national counseling competition. Such experiences have allowed me to obtain more knowledge about the career of pharmacy and to develop my professionalism within the field.



Krystal Lacombe PharmD '13
Hometown: Winslow, Maine
Life after UNE: Finalizing plans to work
in Maine at a community pharmacy.

UNE College of Pharmacy allowed me to network with other student pharmacists and current pharmacists as a member of the American Pharmacist Association-Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) and the Maine Pharmacists Association (MPA). The professors in my program were there for one reason: my success. Being a contributing part of the inaugural class of the College of Pharmacy has had its challenges, but it has opened so many doors to my future.

My professional development centered on the pharmaceutical science research laboratory at the College of Pharmacy. Under the guidance of Dr. Karen Houseknecht, I was exposed to a vast range of advanced laboratory practice. While a member of her lab, I completed pharmacokinetic studies in-vitro, learned how to run a LC-MS-MS among other instruments, analyzed and interpreted my own data, and even performed critical in-vivo laboratory experiments.

I also worked under the supervision of Dr. Daniel Selvage in the area of neuroscience, working hands-on to explore the brain and its neuronal physiology under varying conditions.



Frank Jamison PharmD '13 Hometown: Lakewood, Colo. Life after UNE: Aphothecary by Design

Having been given the opportunity to attend UNE's College of Pharmacy program, I have taken every chance I can to take part in what the university has to offer. Not only does the Pharmacy Program provide students with a great faculty, making for a great learning environment, but being on a health care-centered graduate campus has given me the opportunity to attend many interprofessional lectures.

I took a leadership position as president of the Graduate and Professional Student Association, which allowed me to develop socially, personally and professionally.

I was given the opportunity to do research with Dr. Olgun Guvench over one summer, working in molecular modeling and computational chemistry, which was a priceless academic experience. I learned not only how to approach a research question, but also how to present research in a professional setting, and develop a paper for submission in a publication.



Theresa Foster PharmD '13
Hometown: Ocean City, N.J.
Life after UNE: Residency at Kennedy
Hospital in New Jersey

The best part of the UNE College of Pharmacy is that it offers opportunities that are rare in other pharmacy schools, particularly the chance to participate in research projects. During my time at the college, I was able to participate in four different research projects, assist with papers that were published in peerreviewed journals, participate in writing an NIH grant, and present four posters, two of which were at national meetings. Additionally, I was encouraged by faculty to apply to the AACP Walmart Scholars Program, and I was chosen to attend a meeting of faculty from colleges of pharmacy from across the nation. I believe that these research experiences, the development of mentor relationships with my professors, and the excellent clinical pharmacy education I received sets me apart from other pharmacy students entering the field.



### **A Million Thanks!**

The College of Pharmacy would not have become a reality without a \$1,000,000 leadership gift from the Hannaford Charitable Foundation and grants from the Maine Technology Institute to help build and equip the research labs in the new facility. The University of New England is grateful to them both for their support and would also like to acknowledge the generosity of many other contributors:

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WHERE AS, the University of New England (UNE) is an innovative health sciences university grounded in liberal arts; and

WHERE AS, it is one of a handful of private universities with a comprehensive health education mission including medicine, pharmacy, dental medicine, nursing and an array of allied health professions; and

WHERE AS, UNE's interprofessional education initiatives prepare future healthcare professionals to practice comprehensive and collaborative team-based care; and

WHERE AS, the graduates of UNE health education programs are involved with patient care throughout the state of Maine and beyond; and

WHERE AS, The PharmD Class of 2013 has already provided over 80,000 hours of supervised care through their introductory pharmacy practice and advanced pharmacy practice experiences to patients in Maine ad beyond; and

WHERE AS, the UNE College of Pharmacy created and hired over 50 positions with new faculty members, staff members and research technicians who now call Maine their home; and

WHERE AS, the UNE College of Pharmacy is graduating its first students from its Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) program.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PAUL R. LEPAGE, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim

#### UNE COLLEGE OF PHARMACY WEEKEND

Recognizing the graduation and hooding of the Inaugural PharmD Class of 2013.



In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be herunto affixed GIVEN under my hand at Augusta this First day of May Two-Thousand Thirteen







# MAKING AN PAC TON THE STATE OF MAINE

\$738 Million

UNE's total economic impact on the state of Maine in 2013

\$**738**M 2013

\$**560** M 2010



UNE employs 1,059 people

including 179 NEW JOBS since 2009

\$**233** M 2007



## UNE: Educator, Neighbor, Economic Engine by Kathleen Taggersell

he University of New England's economic impact on the state of Maine has risen more than 31 percent in just three years, to a remarkable \$738 million per year from \$560 million in 2010.

The 2013 independent study, conducted on behalf of UNE by chief economist Chuck Lawton of Planning Decisions Inc., underscores UNE's significant and growing economic benefit to the state.

UNE's contributions to student education, work force development, and Maine's quality of life are well-established. This most recent report reflects more than a threefold increase since PDI's initial UNE study in 2007, which revealed a \$233 million impact.

"The University of New England has always served as an economic driver, enriching the life of Maine's communities. But what is particularly striking in 2013 is how UNE's rising student enrollments, establishment of two new colleges, campus facilities investment, and employment growth have driven these impressive numbers," says UNE President Danielle Ripich.

#### A snapshot of the 2013 report reveals:

- UNE serves over 8,000 enrolled students, including 5,600 full-time students:
- Approximately 3,600 attend UNE's Biddeford or Portland Campus programs, with 2,500 coming to UNE from outside Maine
- Close to 2,000 (within and outside of Maine) pursue distance education
- UNE students spend \$33 million per year in Maine.
- UNE employs 1,059 people, pays over \$76 million in salary and benefits, and spends \$69 million in non-personnel operating expenses—over \$32 million of which went directly to Maine businesses. It is the 7th largest employer in York County and the 26th largest in the state.
- UNE has created 179 new jobs in Maine since 2009, an increase of more than 20%. Over the same period, total wage and salary employment in Maine grew less than 2% and dropped 0.7% among Maine's top-50 employers.





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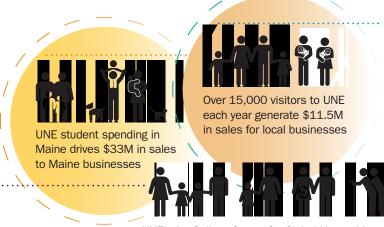
#### **UNE Supports Maine Business**

\$31\_9 Million Total UNE purchases from Maine vendors



- UNE provides sales for 745 vendors representing every county in the state
- UNE has invested nearly \$90M in capital improvements over the last six years
- UNE partners with Maine building contractors, tradespeople, banks, suppliers, and professional service providers
- UNE-generated spending creates over \$22M in state and local tax revenue

### UNE Attracts Students, Families and Friends to Maine



UNE's Art Gallery, Center for Global Humanities, public lectures and other cultural and athletics events engage Maine's communities and visitors

- UNE employees reside in 93 Maine municipalities representing every county in the state.
- UNE provides sales for 745 vendors located in 97 municipalities representing every county in Maine.
- UNE-generated spending creates over \$22 million in state and local tax revenue.
- UNE's 576-acre Biddeford Campus and 41-acre Portland Campus include 56 buildings and together are valued at more than \$240 million. Over the past seven years, the University has spent nearly \$115 million maintaining and upgrading its facilities.
- Clinical services provided by more than 1,000 UNE graduate and professional students as part of their educational programs is valued at more than \$21 million.
- UNE attracts more than 15,000 outof-state visitors who spend over \$11.5 million each year in Maine.
- UNE's cumulative economic impact amounts to \$738 million in sales to Maine businesses, supporting the equivalent of 2,700 jobs earning a total of over \$133 million.

One of UNE's greatest long-term economic contributions to the state is the estimated \$323 million human capital impact created by its graduates who choose to stay, live and work in Maine. The profound positive effect that UNE graduates have on Maine's work force will continue to grow as new programs meeting the needs of the state—such as dental medicine—are introduced.

### Additionally, UNE is a significant contributor to Maine's cultural landscape:

- The Center for Global Humanities offers seminars and lectures by leading scholars from around the world. The Center believes in the vital necessity of a humanities culture to civic and democratic life and works closely with local communities to encourage reading, discussion and debate.
- •UNE's Portland Campus is home to both the Art Gallery and the acclaimed Maine Women Writers Collection, a permanently endowed library special collection of literary, cultural, and social history sources by and about Maine women authors.
- UNE's Biddeford Campus is home to the George and Barbara Bush Center and Legacy Collection, which houses material anchoring the Bush legacy in Maine.
- •The Maine Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Network, which operates from UNE's Center for Community and Public Health, delivers critical health care education and resources to rural and underserved communities in nine Maine counties.

#### **UNE Cares for Maine**

1,039 UNE students provided
370,000 Clinical hours of care to Mainer in 2011-12

- UNE students volunteer about 10,000 hours to more than 150 Maine organizations each year
- The human capital impact of UNE students who graduate and stay in Maine is estimated at \$323M

### Educator, Neighbor, Economic Engine

#### **Total Economic Impact on Maine 2012–13**

	Sales (\$ million)	Jobs	Income (\$ million)
Operational Spending	\$145.5	1,059	\$66.3
Capital Spending	\$20.7	300	\$9.7
Non-Maine Student Spending	\$33.3	210	\$7.2
Non-Maine Visitor Spending	\$11.5	84	\$1.8
Indirect Supply Chain and Consumer Impact	\$182.6	1,470	\$1.8 \$1.8 \$1.8 \$51.1 \$50.0 \$0.0 \$0.0 \$136.1
Student Clinical Work	\$21.2	0	\$0.0
Lifetime Human Capital Impact	\$323.0	0	\$0.0
TOTAL 🛧		3,123	<b>\$136.1</b>

TOTAL SECONOMIC IMPACT

738

Million

#### **UNE RESEARCH**

hronic pain affects more than
75 million people in the United
States and is a significant
clinical and public health problem
impacting individuals, families, and the
workplace.

UNE's 2013 Interprofessional Spring
Symposium held in April presented many
faces of pain through evidence-based
research, patient narratives, family
stories, and artistry that translate pain in
vivid and powerful ways. The symposium
events brought together over 900 health
professions students, 100 faculty and
a wide variety of distinguished guests
for a day of immersion in the subject of
pain and the skills necessary to respond
effectively, safely and empathetically to
those living with chronic pain.

In the photo, left to right, panelists are: Paula Orecklin, Judy Watt-Watson and David Thomas. UNE educates more health care professionals than any other institution in Maine and is a national leader in interprofessional education—defined as two or more professions learning about, from and with each other to improve patient-centered care. The symposium included UNE students from 13 different health professions as well as those from the College of Arts and Sciences who are currently in pre-professional training.

A powerful student-made video, titled "A Community in Pain," shared compelling stories of people living with pain and its effects, through personal interviews with those affected. UNE also presented a case study of a patient and family willing to tell their story of living with Complex Regional Pain Syndrome.

A UNE cross-college coalition prepared a multi-media arts component reflecting on the theme, with photography, narrative, video, and paintings. Additionally, Add Verb Productions worked with faculty and pain patients to dramatize parts of patient stories as they have payigated.

the health care system and their efforts to Pain Laboratory; and Kandyce Powell, RN, eliminate their pain.

M.S.N., Executive Director of the Maine

The annual symposium was delivered in the style of a TED talk. Keynotes by four nationally recognized pain experts included: David A. Thomas, PhD, National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Institutes of Health; Judy Watt-Watson, RN, MSc PhD, President of the Canadian Pain Society; Kathleen A Sluka, PT, PhD, Professor of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science at the University of lowa, Director of the Neurophysiology of

Pain Laboratory; and Kandyce Powell, Rl M.S.N., Executive Director of the Maine Hospice Council and Center for End of Life Care.

Afternoon sessions included roundtable discussions and additional breakout sessions on topics such as the Maine predicament of prescription drug

overdoses, and video case narratives from the Chronic Pain Support Group of Southern Maine. WGME-Channel 13 News anchor Kim Block emceed a panel discussion with keynote speakers and individuals whose lives are affected by chronic pain conditions.



# Annual Interprofessional Symposium Explores

# Focuson Pain

### **A Change in Prescription**

#### Creativity, Introspection and the Reinvention of the Health Care Curriculum By Tyler R. Vunk. '15

hile composed of a modest audience, the breakout session that I participated in during this spring's Interprofessional Education Symposium on chronic pain unearthed an assortment of feelings for me. Titled, "Patient Illness Narratives: Improving Patient Agency and Health Care Provider Empathy," the gathering asked its audience members to go beyond their comfort zones and reflect upon the often disturbing and confusing mental states associated with ill-health. A mix of both aspiring medical professionals and pain patients, the attendees were read three poems by a facilitator, each of which had been authored by a husband and wife: two poets coping with the terminal cancer that ultimately destroyed their lives. The group was then directed to explore their own interpretations of the pieces through a written exercise—an activity intended to generate a dialogue: the very same component of narrative expression often responsible for cathartic breakthroughs.

Yet, after an intense five minutes of scribbling had come and gone, very few were eager to come forward and share their work. An intimidating silence soon swallowed up the session's momentum: feet tapped: throats were cleared: eves became transfixed on the dull color of carpeting. Then, from somewhere inside the confines of the metal chairs, a small hand timidly floated upward. The voice that emerged was soft and burdened. "It's just that...well," she began, "I've never talked about it before." Tears welled up in the young woman's eyes,

and, as they began to fall she continued on, trying to steady her voice, refocusing her wet gaze upon the poem she had just written. "It's about the first patient that I ever got close to," managed the physical therapy student, "the first one that died." The small group listened. Some turned around to look at their peer, while others—patients themselves—offered nods, kind words, and understanding. After a long pause, another graduate student spoke, reading aloud an improvised piece of creative writing, exposing the rawness experienced while watching a family member's health deteriorate. Then, in that slow, warm way that comes attached to brave honesty, the polite awkwardness melted. The space between stories shortened, and the wait to speak grew longer until the little room was thick with exchanges, open-ended questions, and emotions: all vibrant, wonderful forms of expression capable of amplifying consciousness, reframing memories, and, above all else, healing.

As an undergraduate student majoring in both Neuroscience and English, I can only begin to explain how moved I was by the events of that afternoon. While it is true that both of my academic disciplines rarely come together throughout the course of my normal day, what caught my attention had nothing to do with the simultaneous appreciation of pathology and the art of writing. In a single room, speckled with a dozen people, there was this sense—if but for only 50 minutes—that everyone had the right

to be heard. And, as simple as it might sound, moments like these are, indeed, valuable. When there are no right or wrong answers, egos can take a break, and, just for a fleeting second or two, someone else's ideas might suddenly appear to be more important to us than using proper terminology and sounding intelligent. And while it goes without saying that learning to listen to others is a difficult yet vital skill, it would appear that it is only topically stressed in the curriculum of most professional health care institutions. Given that medical personnel regularly face high-pressure situations—many involving imminent death—would it not stand to reason that our nurses, doctors, and physical therapists would greatly benefit from developing their abilities of both listening and self-expression? If the congested schedule of a graduate student is unable to accommodate a seemingly trivial course, such as "Narrative Medicine," might the best place for self-exploration be returned to its traditional origin: the undergraduate level? While a premed program that included progressive courses might not be as popular as the traditional majors of Biochemistry and Medical Biology, an institution shouldn't shy away from attempting to support those who are interested in branching out from the pack. Who knows? A degree in Medical Literature might just be capable of transforming good students of science into clever, compassionate leaders of the future.

### **Rising Above the Competition**



#### UNE health professions student team captures second place at national Interprofessional Case Competition

team of UNE graduate students representing four academic programs secured a second place finish at the 2013 National Clarion Interprofessional Case Competition held at the University of Minnesota April 19-20.

Though it was UNE's first time participating in the competition, its team bested several others from much larger schools that have participated in the Clarion contest since its inception.

UNE's Center for Excellence in Interprofessional Education (CEIPE), headed by Shelley Cohen Konrad, Ph.D, of the Department of Social Work, initiated UNE's first-time participation in the competition, which requires students from varying health care programs to collaborate in finding a solution that transcends any one discipline.

"UNE's high place in our inaugural Clarion Case Competition is indicative of our mission as an innovative health sciences university grounded in the liberal arts. We are proud that our students were able to blend their clinical know-how with solid skills in strategic planning and persuasion. While we've known our strengths all along, this win elevates us on the national stage as a leader in health care education," UNE President Danielle N. Ripich, said.

UNE's winning team included Eugenia Edmonds '15 (College of Osteopathic Medicine), Cody Lapointe '13 (Department of Occupational Therapy), Kimberly Mulcahy '14 (College of Pharmacy), and Brendan Roggow '13 (Department of Physical Therapy).

Lisa Pagnucco, PharmD, BCACP, assistant professor in the College of Pharmacy, and Jeff Nevers of Career Services were the team coaches.

The competition centered around a health care case study, written by University of Minnesota faculty, involving a fictional hospital's high COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease) readmission rates. Teams were charged with creating a plan to reduce readmissions for the disease and justifying the validity of their recommendations. They presented their 20-minute case to a fictitious "board of trustees," consisting of actual executives and clinical directors of various Midwestern health care entities, who then followed the presentation with a 10-minute question and answer session.

The UNE team members' second-place finish ranked them behind the winning team from the University of Missouri and ahead of the third-place team from the University of Minnesota and the fourth-place team from the University of South Carolina. As a result of their finish, UNE students were awarded a cash prize.



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### Students Honored with Prestigious Nationally-awarded Goldwater Scholarship

By Dick Buhr

NE student Joseph Langan '15, a marine science and mathematics double major, is the third current student to be the recipient of the prestigious nationally-awarded Goldwater Scholarship.

Langan is combining his two majors to study population dynamics and ultimately conduct research in fisheries sustainability and management. His current project deals with the impact the recreational fishery is having on cod populations and how much it will affect fishery management plans.

He has been working with UNE faculty members James Sulikowski, associate professor of marine sciences, Michael Arciero, associate professor of mathematics, and James Quinlan, assistant professor of mathematics.

On March 31st, Mrs. Peggy Goldwater Clay, chair of the Board of Trustees of the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation, announced that the Trustees awarded 271 scholarships for the 2013–2014 academic year to undergraduate sophomores and juniors from the United States.

The Goldwater Scholars were selected on the basis of academic merit from a field of 1,107 mathematics, science, and engineering students who were nominated by the faculties of colleges and universities nationwide. One hundred seventy-six of the Scholars are men, 95 are women, and virtually all intend to obtain a Ph.D. as their degree objective.

The one- and two-year scholarships cover the cost of tuition, fees, books, and room and board up to a maximum of \$7,500 per year.

The two other current UNE Goldwater scholars are Cassidy Peterson '13, a marine sciences and mathematics major, and Lindsay Forrette '13, an animal behavior major.

In addition, alumnus Nathan Furey '09, a marine biology and environmental studies major, was a recipient of the scholarship for 2009-2010.

Since being awarded the Goldwater Scholarship a year ago, Peterson has continued to pursue undergraduate research, shifting her focus towards mathematical-oriented population dynamics modeling of the spiny dogfish. She finished her honors thesis project this past semester, which includes a written paper along with an oral presentation and defense.

She presented her thesis at the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) Undergraduate Research Symposium last spring. She has also presented her research at the 2012 CAS Undergraduate Research Symposium, the 2012 Summer Undergraduate Research Experience Symposium, and the 2013 Northeast Undergraduate Research and Development Symposium (NURDS), at which she received the award for Third Best Oral Presentation.

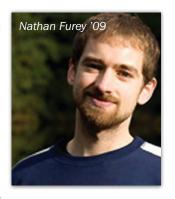
Peterson was selected to participate in an all-expense-paid National Marine Fisheries Service Resource, Training, and Research Marine Resource Population Dynamics Workshop hosted by University of Florida, which was an introductory week-long course on population dynamics and stock assessment.

Next fall, Peterson plans to enter the graduate program at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS), a branch of the College of William and Mary, where she will work in the Fisheries Department on a population dynamics project researching elasmobranchs.

Lindsay Forrette has been conducting research with Teresa Dzieweczynski, associate professor of psychology, since the third week of her freshman year at UNE.



Joseph Langan '15



Cassidy Peterson '13



Their work addresses the causes, mechanisms and consequences of individual variation in behavior in male Siamese fighting fish as well as the mate preference of female Betta, and the effects of endocrine disrupting chemicals on aggression and courtship behavior in communication networks.

Forrette has also worked with Noah Perlut, assistant professor of environmental studies, in his study of bobolinks and Savannah sparrows and the consequences of land management on their reproductive success and within-season dispersal patterns.

Forrette's research with Dr. Dzieweczynski has resulted in several co-authored publications and presentations, two of which came after receiving the Goldwater Scholarship and another of which is in the review process. At least one more collaborated work is expected from the research she conducted over the course of this past academic year.

Publications include "Reproductive state but not recent aggressive experience influences behavioral consistency in male Siamese fighting fish" in the journal Acta Ethologica; "Repeated recent experiences do not affect behavioral consistency in male Siamese fighting fish" in the journal Ethology; and "Repeatability of decision-making behaviour in male threespine stickleback, Gasterosteus aculeatus: effects of dummy vs. live stimuli" in Current Zoology.

In 2012 Forrette received a competitive undergraduate travel grant, the Turner Award, from the Animal Behavior Society, which funded her trip to the annual Animal Behavior Society meetings held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, at which she presented a poster titled "Channel surfing for mates: an assessment of female mate choice for male personality in Siamese fighting fish," which featured two other UNE student co-authors, Krystal Mannion '15, a marine sciences major, and Alyssa Russell '12, an animal behavior major.

Forrette has presented her work at the 2011 and 2012 CAS Undergraduate Research Symposiums, and also gave two presentations at this past year's symposium, the first of which was presented with Mannion on "Acute 17  $\alpha$ -ethinylestradiol (EE2) exposure on audience effects during male-female interactions in the Siamese fighting fish, Betta splendens." She will also be presenting this poster in Newcastle, England in August at the 2013 Behaviour Conference.

The second is an oral presentation on "You Smell! Female detection of male reproductive stimulus via olfactory cues," a pilot study she conducted in one of her capstone animal behavior courses.

This summer Forrette will be returning to Cranberry Lake Biological Station in the Adirondacks for her second year of conducting field research on the White-throated sparrow for Dr. Elaina Tuttle of Indiana State University. She plans to apply to graduate programs for the fall of 2014.

Nathan Furey graduated from UNE in 2009 and went on to complete a M.S. at Texas A & M University in wildlife and fisheries science. He is currently a Ph.D. student within the Pacific Salmon Ecology and Conservation Lab at the University of British Columbia.

"My interests lie in understanding the ecological significance of animal movements and the varying conditions animals experience during movements," he explains. "These interests have led me to use tools such as telemetry, simulation models, and geographic information systems (GIS). My current research focuses on identifying factors influencing migration behavior and survival in Pacific salmon smolts."

Furey's 2008-2009 Goldwater Scholarship supported his UNE undergraduate thesis, which characterized the macrofaunal fish community of the Saco River estuary, which he conducted under Dr. Sulikowski. During that time, he also assisted Dr. Sulikowski in studies of the spiny dogfish.

His work with Dr. Sulikowski resulted in four co-authored publications and three presentations, including "The fish assemblage structure of the Saco River estuary" in the journal Northeastern Naturalist and "Use of satellite tags and novel geolocation filtering methods to elucidate the movements of spiny dogfish, Squalus acanthias, in the western North Atlantic Ocean" in the Marine Ecology Progress Series.

Since graduation from UNE, Furey has co-authored more than 15 scholarly articles on his graduate work.

"I aim to become a professor in the field of ecology, marine biology, or fisheries," he says. "I am quite eager to continue developing new knowledge that can not only advance science, but also conservation and management. An academic position would also allow me to teach as well as mentor students, both of which are passions of mine."

Lindsay Forrette '13



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### **Undergraduate Research**

### Promoted by Students in Nation's Capitol

Four UNE undergraduate students have been recognized for their entries in the Council on Undergraduate Research's (CUR) annual poster conference "Posters on the Hill," an event at which 60 carefully selected undergraduate students from across the nation, representing an array of disciplines, showcase their research on Capitol Hill to members of Congress.

wo of the UNE students, Olivia Hebert '13, a senior medical biology major, and Andrea Taatjes '13, a senior psychology major/sociology minor, traveled to Washington, D.C. in April to present their research. Two other students, Caitlin Tetreau, a double major in history and secondary education, and Sean Naughton, a double major in biochemistry and medical biology, were named as Honorable Mentions, ranking in the top 10 percent of the 800 applicants. Charles Tilburg, associate dean of UNE's College of Arts and Sciences, attributes the students' success in part to UNE's strong support of undergraduate research: "I am particularly proud of these four students, as their selection is not a result of a single accomplishment. All four students have been involved in undergraduate research throughout their academic careers. These students were CAS Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) Fellows last summer, have presented at a number of local and national conferences, and worked with CAS faculty for several years," said Tilburg. "This honor is a testament both to the hard work of the students and to the commitment from the faculty and the College to undergraduate research."

Olivia Hebert, from Westbrook, Maine, has worked for two years in the research lab of Teresa Dzieweczynski, Ph.D., associate professor in psychology. Hebert's time in Dzieweczynski's lab included two summers of research made possible by CAS SURE fellowships.

Under the direction of Dzieweczynski, Hebert examines the effects of inadvertent pharmaceutical exposure on behavioral consistency in male Siamese fighting fish. She is the co-author of three peer-reviewed publications and the first author on a fourth. A Sigma Xi Grants-in-Aid of Research award funded the research Hebert is presenting at Posters on the Hill. The project involves the effects of acute exposure to ethinylestradiol (the active ingredient in birth control pills) on the relationship between boldness and decision-making behavior in male Siamese fighting fish.

Andrea Taatjes, a resident of Westford, Vermont, has worked closely with Maryann Corsello, M.S., Ph.D., an associate professor of psychology,

to evaluate the effectiveness of a Maine juvenile diversion program called Diversion to Assets. In addition to being the subject of her Posters on the Hill project, this research is the basis for her senior thesis.

Taatjes has participated in two internships during her time at UNE. At Waban Projects, she worked with autistic children in a classroom setting. She currently works with a child protective case worker at the Department of Health and Human Services. Taatjes also serves on a juvenile community review board as the liaison between juveniles and their families and various services and organizations. A member of the Psi Chi National Honor Society, Taatjes has been accepted to graduate school at the Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology, where she will work toward her doctorate in clinical psychology.

Caitlin Tetreau, of Alton, New Hampshire, received an Honorable Mention in the Posters on the Hill competition for her research, "Good Girls Wait, Write, and Work: Advice Articles for the Wives and Girlfriends of WWII Soldiers," a study of 1940s women's magazines and the advice they gave to girls whose sweethearts were primarily with the dichotomy between the idealized women portrayed in the media and real women, who were experiencing the trials of the war. The project stemmed from Tetreau's

away at war. Tetreau's research deals

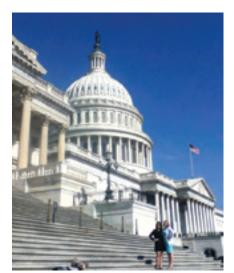
The project stemmed from Tetreau's work with the Cushing Collection of WWI and WWII letters, which is housed in UNE's Ketchum Library, where Tetreau served as a student archivist from September 2011 to December 2012. Her experience with the collection spurred her to write a paper for last year's Maine Women Writers Consortium Conference, and to help her UNE mentor, Elizabeth De Wolfe, Ph.D., professor of history, teach a class on war letters.

Sean Naughton, from Quincy,
Massachusetts, has worked since
spring 2011 in the research lab of
Amy Keirstead, Ph.D., an assistant
professor in chemistry and physics.
This work was funded by the Maine
Space Grant Consortium. Naughton
has worked on three different projects
aimed at using photochemical reactions
as probes to learn more about the
physical and chemical properties of
ionic liquids, which are thought to be
"green" alternatives to conventional
organic solvents and could find use in

nanotechnology applications such as dye-sensitized solar cells and molecular electronic devices.

Naughton's work submitted for CUR Posters on the Hill, "Direct Observation of Spiropyran Phosphorescence in Imidazolium Ionic Liquids," describes the unique emission properties of a molecular "on-off" switch (the spiropyran) in ionic liquids and, in particular, reports the first example of spiropyran phosphorescence in ionic liquid media. This work, which he recently published as first author in the scholarly journal Chemical Physics Letters, could lead to the development of robust molecular electronic "onoff" devices that emit red or blue light depending on their "on" or "off" state.

The Council on Undergraduate Research was founded in 1978. It is an organization of individual and institutional members, representing over 900 colleges and universities that works with the undergraduate research community in an effort to educate Congress on the importance of undergraduate research and its continued national funding.





Olivia Hebert (left) and Andrea Taatjes (center) meet with Maine's U.S. Senator Angus King.



# IPE Course Brings Students to Maine's Washington County



Back row, left to right: Leslie Ochs (COP, Course Director), Ryan Thueson (COP), Jennifer MacDonald (SW), Garlic Jones (COP), Bretton Neider (SW), Joe Wolfberg (PA, faculty), Karen Houseknecht (COP, Course Director), Abigail Giggy (PA), Anne Zill (Art Gallery). Front Row, kneeling left to right: Kara Blum (PA), Yelena Agakhanova (COP), Holly Gartmayer-DeYoung (CEO, Eastport Healthcare), Bob DeYoung. Missing from the photo is Dani Lawrence (COP staff).



A true Maine experience—participants experience Eastport from the perspective of a lobster boat.

ealth care professional students pursuing graduate degrees from UNE's College of Pharmacy and the Westbrook College of Health Professions participated in a new class, PHS 234/IHC 534 Cultural Competency in Health Care this past school year with the goal of developing interprofessional skills and cultural competency. The innovative program included students and faculty from programs including pharmacy, social work and physician assistant.

Combining students from different health care professions is important in order to learn how to work together and care for patients in culturally diverse communities. During the first week of the course, students met in the UNE Art Gallery on the Portland campus, where they learned about, and practiced, the art of building community, cultural competency, the impact and scope of global and domestic health disparities, and the culture of poverty. In addition, an experiential component of the course, held during Spring Break, allowed students to build on those skills as they traveled and immersed themselves into Washington County in order to gain authentic cultural learning of diverse communities. By exploring diversity through multiple perspectives, the interprofessional team of students and faculty gained insight into how our own cultural lenses impact relationships with patients, families and community members.

The course was led by Dr. Leslie Ochs and Dr. Karen Houseknecht from the College of Pharmacy; other course faculty included Joe Wolfberg from the Physician Assistant program, Anne Zill, director of the UNE Art Gallery on the Portland campus and Dr. Jack Williams. This experience initiated an opportunity for learning, experiencing and building community partnerships with tribal leaders as well as community health care providers. Partnering with tribal leaders Vera Francis, Doot Francis and Mary Creighton, students and faculty experienced local Native American culture, customs and ceremonies. Through this rich, multicultural experience, the group learned that Washington County is not defined by a single story of the culture of poverty, but that there are many rich stories to be told. One of the key learning points is that Washington County is not so different from southern Maine; both communities have multiple resources, community assets and poverty.

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As part of the cultural immersion, students and faculty learned from each other, lived together and shared meals at the Miliken House Bed and Breakfast in downtown Eastport. During their stay, their busy schedule included visits with local community members and leaders from Pleasant Point and Eastport, Maine, community organizations, health agencies, and local fishermen. In addition, they met with Holly Gartmayer-DeYoung, director of the Eastport Health Clinic and senior leadership staff. A visit to the local elementary school and community businesses helped to enrich the Eastport experience.

This interprofessional team of students and faculty who visited Eastport, Maine was the first of its kind for the UNE campus and part of an effort that has taken a number of years to coordinate by Joe Wolfberg from the UNE Physician Assistant's program and Ms. Gartmayer-Deyoung. The course could not have been summed up better than a quote from Ms. Gartmayer-DeYoung in the March 22 edition of The Quoddy Tides where she stated, "We must remember not only to honor those we serve, but also ourselves. I truly hope this cultural immersion class demonstrates the caring in health care. When we know our community and honor the many gifts represented by the people in our community, we manifest caring. It is the ultimate responsibility as well as the gift."



UNE students who helped with the book cover artwork are, left to right: Pamela Williams, Bretton Neider, Danielle Anderson, Whitney Adams and Jena Codrey. Missing from the photo are: Hannah Propp, Karina Carley, Angela Currier, Savannah Cookson, Nicole Dolan, Kevin Sample and Janice Dumais.

### **Transformational Practice**with Children and Families

o those who know her, it isn't a surprise that the cover of Shelley Cohen Konrad's new textbook, "Child and Family Practice: A Relational Perspective," is the outcome of a collaboration. An associate professor in UNE's School of Social Work and Director of the Center for Excellence in Interprofessional Education, she is passionate about creating interactive learning opportunities.

On one particular day the learning exercise for students in Cohen Konrad's course was facilitated by visiting artist and patient rights activist Regina Holliday who then assembled the drawings onto one canvas. The collage depicts flowers in bloom, a steep mountain summit, a boat afloat, a heart made of puzzle pieces, caring hands, a pig in flight, and a centerpiece with the word hope encased in clouds.

"When I saw the final painting

I immediately knew it was the perfect cover for the book," says Cohen Konrad. "The multi-layered, somewhat messy, yet beautiful image conveyed a story similar to the narratives told by children and families in the book. Even better, it represented the artfulness of students for whom the book is designed."

The book is organized around three core concepts: relational connection, evidence-guided knowledge and reflexivity. Cohen Konrad describes it as "an old fashioned book based on contemporary science" that suggests guidelines and principles for working with children, their families and their service-providing organizations.

Penny Tropman, A.C.S.W. describes the book as, "An outstanding example of thorough, thoughtful content ... I am amazed at her consistent ability to tackle a complex subject, provide a brilliant summary, and illustrate key points with intriguing and relevant UNE NEWS

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examples of how this knowledge should translate into good social work practice, i.e. relational practice."

Production of the book was a powerful experience for the author that reflects her three decades as a clinical social worker. One case recounted in the preface involved a teenager she worked with who abruptly left home without a trace.

"I always wondered how things turned out for her. I thought I had failed her," said Cohen Konrad, who received an unexpected email many years later from this former client thanking her for believing in her and making a difference in her life.

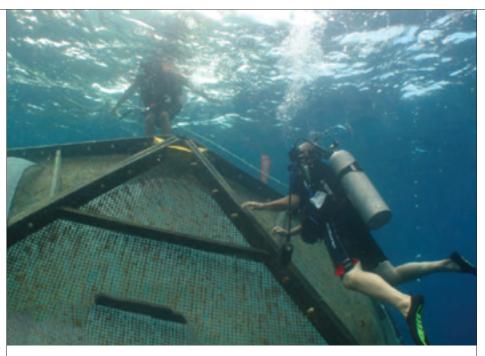
"Building caring relationships does matter," said the author. And much like the positive outlook depicted in the images of the students in her class, hope is at the core to success in child and family practice.

"Child and Family Practice: A Relational Perspective" is published by Lyceum Books, Inc.





Shelley Cohen Konrad (Ph.D., Simmons College, LCSW) is associate professor of social work at the University of New England and director of the Center for Excellence in Interprofessional Education. She is a clinical social worker specializing in work with children and families. Her publications focus on the importance of caring and relational practice with children, parents, systems, and vulnerable populations, and on teaching interprofessional competencies and relational skills to future and practicing health and mental health professionals.



### **New Major Announced** in Ocean Studies and Marine Affairs

areers in the environmental and marine fields are projected to rise 28 percent by 2018, according to the U.S. Department of Labor. Factors such as coastal population growth and urbanization, expansion of working waterfronts, tourism, and interest in coastal quality and marine conservation issues are driving this growth.

To prepare the next generation of coastal/marine professionals for these career opportunities, UNE's Department of Marine Sciences is offering a new major—a bachelor of arts in ocean studies and marine affairs.

The new major provides a solid foundation in resource use, marine governance systems, management, policy, ecosystems ecology, conservation, and sustainable development. UNE graduates will be prepared for careers requiring expertise in ecosystem and human health interactions, ocean management and political decision-making, and marine sustainability science and policies.

"Dramatic changes are under way in our coastal communities and ecosystems worldwide," says Barry Costa-Pierce, director of the UNE Marine Science Center and Doherty Chair of the Department of Marine Sciences. "UNE has created the ocean studies and marine affairs major to educate students to be leaders in the development of policy and management solutions that address the complex environmental challenges facing our oceans and coastal communities."

Graduates will find career opportunities as marine, coastal, and environmental managers, regulators, professional staffers at governmental or non-governmental agencies and organizations, teachers, policy experts and congressional staffers, consultants, and marine business owners. Much of job growth is expected to be in firms that assist other companies in coastal and marine environmental monitoring, management, and regulatory compliance.

#### Online Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership

Finds Success in First Year

NE welcomed its first class for an online doctoral program in educational leadership (Ed.D) in the fall of 2012. The program was built on the strength of 15 years of successful distance and online graduate programs for educators and other professionals. The program was launched as a doctorate designed for leaders who work in education, social work, medicine, and other rapidly changing fields demanding innovative leaders.

UNE is uniquely positioned to provide experienced faculty, cross-role communities of practice, interdisciplinary study, and technologically integrated pedagogy for the next generation of graduate students.

Professor and Director Michelle Collay says, "The UNE Education faculty have a vision for transforming self, organization, and community by grounding professional actions in personal values, collaborating across role and organization, and integrating ever-expanding technological resources. Leadership development relies on the newest and most senior members in any organization, each with much to offer and gain from innovative graduate study."

UNE's doctorate in educational leadership is a three-year program that is completed entirely online (including dissertation), with no residency requirement. It is designed to be an integrated learning experience for professionals who will connect and

collaborate with each other and the UNE instructor.

Says Collay, "Our program validates and builds on what experienced professionals already know. UNE's focus on transformative leadership enables participants to integrate theory into their current settings—to develop and implement their vision within their institutions. Much of the curriculum is designed to support applied research."

Douglas Lynch, Chair of the Education Department, emphasized that transformative leadership is especially valuable to the doctoral candidates: "The doctoral program is designed to respect the professional skills and knowledge of the graduate candidates. This empowerment supports a professional learning community that will persist across the three years."

#### Junior Achievement Recognizes UNE President

ince 1990, the Junior
Achievement of Maine
Business Hall of Fame has
honored the state's most distinguished
businessmen and women for their
significant and enduring contribution
to Maine's economy, and its sense
of community. The individuals, by
example, are role models, providing
inspiration to Maine's youth.

UNE President Danielle Ripich has been named a 2013 Maine Business Hall of Fame Laureate and was inducted

alongside other 2013 honorees: Richard W. Petersen, president and CEO of Maine Medical Center, and Horace A. Hildreth, Jr., chairman emeritus of Diversified Communications, at a ceremony in May.

Junior Achievement of Maine is a non-profit organization dedicated to educating students in grades K-12 about entrepreneurship, financial literacy, and work readiness through experiential, hands-on programs.



2013 Laureates; Hoddy Hildreth, Jr., Dr. Ripich and Richard Petersen

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#### **UNE Program Selected**

as GoAbroad Finalist

NE's "Semester in Seville, Spain for Science Majors" has been selected as a finalist for GoAbroad's 2013 Innovation in Access & Equity Innovation Award.

The "Innovation in Access & Equity Innovation Award" recognizes strategic efforts to expand global educational opportunities to traditionally underrepresented groups. Nominations were evaluated on their creativity and their scope to promote and provide equal access and specialized support to these groups in international education.

One of the challenges science and health professions students face in taking a semester abroad is that science courses offered by colleges and universities in other nations may not meet the requirements of their home universities, or the students may not have the language skills needed to perform well in those science classes.

UNE's Semester in Seville at the University of Pablo de Olavide was designed to provide opportunities for students in those disciplines to study overseas while still staying on track in their academic majors.

The program allows UNE students to take lab-based courses in organic chemistry, microbiology, and anatomy and physiology developed to meet the academic standards of UNE's biology, pre-health professions and undergraduate health professions programs.

The same opportunities will be offered at UNE's new campus in Tangier, Morocco, scheduled to open in spring 2014.

### First Academic Exchange Progam

Begins in Granada

n May, eight College of Pharmacy students embarked on UNE's first academic exchange program with the University of Granada (UG) in Spain. The exchange follows an agreement signed in 2012 that aims to explore academic and research opportunities between the two universities.

The University of Granada, one of the oldest and most prestigious universities in Europe, has over 80,000 students and many strong programs aligned with those at UNE, such as pharmacy, dentistry, medicine, and social work.

UNE V.P. for Global Affairs Anouar Majid said: "I am delighted to see the first implementation of the agreement we signed last year being executed this summer. With the support of UNE College of Pharmacy Dean Gayle Brazeau, Professor Karen Houseknecht has put together an exciting and culturally intensive inaugural exchange program. Our Global Education Program worked with Karen and the Business Office to facilitate the process; we also awarded \$4,300 in scholarships to eight participating students. I hope this will be the first



step in a more multifaceted partnership between UNE and the University of Granada." Assistant Professor Leslie Ochs accompanied Houseknecht and the students in Spain.

The goal of the program is to enable UNE's doctor of pharmacy students to take some of their elective courses in Granada and to foster research collaborations between UNE and UG. The exchange is one of the first Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience (APPE) rotations of the UNE students' fourth year. They will begin with a two-week Spanish language and Spanish cultural immersion course, followed by a class in European Healthcare Systems they will take alongside UG pharmacy students. The UNE students will live with host families arranged through UG's highly regarded Center for Modern Languages.

In July, five pharmacy students from the University of Granada will then travel to Portland, Maine, for their exchange program at UNE. Along with UNE pharmacy students, they will take a class called "Perspectives and Organization of the U.S. Health Care System, co-directed by Houseknecht and Ochs. The course will include experiential trips, such as job shadowing in the hospitals and visiting a typical pharmacy and a compound pharmacy.

Houseknecht said: "This is a true study abroad experience, where the students will learn a tremendous amount from each other and their host countries—from the role of a pharmacist in Spain and the U.S., to how economic austerity policies affect health care policy and patient wellbeing. We believe the perspectives they gain will make them more culturally-competent health care providers."

# **College of Osteopathic Medicine** announces recipients of 2013 Peter Morgane Research Fellowship

he University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine Research Committee would like to congratulate the following COM students who have received the 2013 Peter Morgane Research Fellowship:



Sarah Calnan
Class of 2014
Project title: Treatment
of Post Electroconvulsive
Therapy Headache
with Osteopathic

Manipulative Treatment

Mentor: Mark Sutherland, DO,

Maine General



Andrea Cyr
Class of 2016
Project title: Baseline for
Concussion Evaluations
in Cyclists
Mentor: Anna

Abramson, MD, University of California—San Francisco



Lindsay Katona and
William Douglas
Class of 2016
Project title: Evaluation
of a first aid training
program among

community laypersons (CLPs) in South Sudan

Mentor: Charles Radis, DO, Maine Medical Center, UNECOM Clinical Faculty



Erin Tuffy
Class of 2016
Project title: Exercise
Induced Pain Relief in
Advanced Osteoarthritis
and Activation of

Reward Pathways

Mentor: Tamara King, PhD, UNECOM



Abraham Wei Class of 2016 Project title: Effects of CD40 on Glial Responses to Murine Retroviral Infection

Mentor: Ling Cao, MD PhD, UNECOM



Colin Whitworth
Class of 2016
Project title:
Identification of the
Activated Signaling
Complex of the

Kappa Opioid Receptor

Mentor: John Streicher, PhD,

UNECOM

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### **Banner Year for UNE Athletics**

he Athletics Department's major award winners were announced, as were the Coach's Award winners for each program. A listing of the major award winners can be found below.

#### Co-Female Senior Scholar-Athletes of the Year: Lindsay Forrette and Emily Lodge



Forrette, a student-athlete on the cross country team and animal behavior major, was a recipient of the prestigious Barry Goldwater Scholarship – awarded at the national level to

future scientists. Forrette also received UNE' Jacques Downs Award for Academic Excellence, the University's top academic honor. As a cross-country runner, she was a four-year member of the team and served as a captain this past season.



Lodge, a member of the soccer and lacrosse teams and medical biology major, was CCC Senior Scholar-Athlete of the Year in both sports – the first UNE student-athlete to win the

award in multiple sports in the same year since we joined the conference in 1999. Lodge was voted all-conference in both sports. On the soccer field, she was also chosen all-New England and participated in the New England Senior All-Star Game.

#### Male Senior Scholar-Athlete of the Year: Tyler Thomas



One of the leaders of the men's lacrosse team,
Thomas is a three-year academic all-conference honoree and a political science major. On the field, he is the career leader at

UNE in goals scored, assists and total points. He was chosen CCC Rookie of the Year in 2009 and is a three-time all-conference selection.

#### Female Athlete of the Year: Beth Suggs



Suggs helped build the women's basketball program into one of the strongest in New England. This year, she had a season few studentathletes at UNE have ever

had, earning all-conference, all-state, all-region and all-New England recognition. She was voted CCC Player of the Year and was an honorable mention all-America selection after averaging more than 14 points and 11 rebounds a game. Ranked in the Top 10 nationally in double-doubles, she earned a total of eight player-of-theweek awards during the course of the season.

#### Male Athlete of the Year: Aidan McParland



McParland had a breakout season for the men's soccer team. As the starting goalkeeper in all 17 of the team's games, he recorded a 1.31 goals against average and an

.841 save percentage with four shutouts. He earned three CCC Defensive Player of the Week awards, one ECAC Defensive Player of the Week award and became the first UNE goalkeeper to be named first team all-Commonwealth Coast Conference.

#### Female Rookie of the Year: Michaela Moran



Moran helped lead the Nor'easters' cross country program to its first-ever conference championship. She finished fourth overall at the conference championship to earn all-

conference accolades. During the regular season, she was the individual champion at the UNE Invitational and placed second at the Elms College Invitational. She was chosen CCC Runner of the Week once and CCC Rookie of the Week on three occasions.

#### Male Rookie of the Year: Devin Thompson



Thompson was a key contributor for the men's basketball team, leading the Nor'easters in points per game, three-point field goals and free throw percentage. He had 20

or more points six times and scored in double digits in 11 of the team's final 12 games. He was voted to the State of Maine all-rookie team and was a threetime CCC Rookie of the Week selection.

#### Female Senior Leadership Award: Nicole Faircloth



Faircloth, a member of the soccer team, served as president of UNE's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee for two years and helped coordinate numerous community service

endeavors, including a Special Olympics Unified Basketball Game and UNE's Stop the R-Word Campaign. She also chaired the YMCA Healthy Kids Day Program. On the soccer field, she was a captain and two-time all-conference selection.

#### Male Senior Leadership Award: Adam Laite



Laite was a four-year member of the ice hockey team and helped lead numerous community service projects performed by that team. He was actively involved with three

Nor'easter Reverse Triathlons, consistent support of the York County and OOB Food Pantries, several bottle drives and three Thanksgiving Day events. He also helped develop UNE's new student-athlete mission statement.



The men's lacrosse team won the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) New England Championship, defeating Wentworth Institute of Technology, 12-10, to garner the first title of any kind for the men's lacrosse program. Pat Wolfe, named Most Outstanding Player of the Game, scored a match-high five goals to pace the Nor'easters. The victory capped a historic season for Big Blue, led by first-year head coach Charlie Burch.



#### **News** and **Notes**

Women's cross country student-athlete Lindsay Forrette was the recipient of UNE's Jacques Downs Award for Academic Excellence and the Animal Behavior Department Award.

Other award recipients and scholarship winners who are student-athletes include: Brent Bourgeois (Communications Department Award), Ethan Wells (Business Department Award), Bri Bisesti (Undergraduate Research and Scholarship Award) and Aidan McParland (Alumni Scholarship Essay Contest).

**Four of the nine nominees** for the Jacques Downs Award for Academic Excellence were student-athletes.

Women's lacrosse player Emily Lodge was selected CCC Senior Scholar-Athlete of the Year, softball player Megan Gauger was voted CCC co-Senior Scholar-Athlete of the Year in her sport, and Charlie Burch was chosen CCC Coach of the Year in men's lacrosse.

The men's lacrosse team had the most significant win in the history of the program—a 10-9 victory over Endicott on April 16. UNE had lost its previous 19 meetings with Endicott, a team traditionally ranked in the national poll.

**The men's lacrosse team** established a program record with 14 victories.

**Men's lacrosse player** Tyler Thomas broke the school career record for goals scored, assists and total points.

**201 UNE student-athletes** were honored at the annual National Student-Athlete Day Ceremony held April 16. Students with a cumulative GPA of 3.00 and higher were recognized.

**The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee** (SAAC) hosted a week-long youth camp during April vacation.

**The softball team** registered its seventh-consecutive 20-win season, while fourth-year head coach Dan Letellier earned career win No. 100.



### Peter Makuck '63 Poet, Author

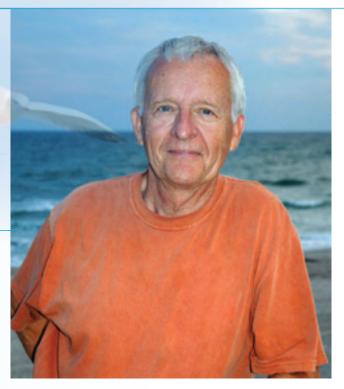
"It is very satisfying to make something out of words that moves other people."

-Peter Makuck '63

oet, short story writer, and essayist Peter Makuck '63 will be recognized with a 2013 Alumni Achievement Award this fall during Alumni Weekend.

A Distinguished Professor Emeritus at East Carolina University, Makuck is the author of numerous collections of poetry and short stories, including his newest book Allegiance and Betrayal (Syracuse University Press 2013) and Long Lens: New and Selected Poems (BOA Editions 2010), which was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize. He is the founding editor of Tar River Poetry, a discussion leader in the National Endowment for the Humanities series "Poets in Person," and his essays, reviews, poems, and stories have been published in leading literary journals. In an email interview with UNE Magazine, Makuck writes:

"St. Francis College was my salvation. I was at best an average student in high school, an action junkie who literally read nothing besides car and hunting magazines and faked his way through. I thought nothing could be more boring than to sit still and read a book. And I didn't. After high school, my choice was St. Francis or the Army. Fortunately, the Franciscans have a reputation for taking a chance on losers like me. Everything changed when I got into Father David Flood's freshman English class where one of the first assignments was to read William Faulkner's short story "Barn Burning" and write an essay. I immediately took a liking to Faulkner's rich language and was moved by little Sarty running barefoot down the moonlit road at the end. Suddenly, I was ashamed at what I had been missing out on in high school. Turns out that Father David read my essay to the class as an example of good writing. Only once in high school had I been told I had talent; the principal said I had a remarkable talent for getting into trouble. But now I had a new identity and became a reader. You could draw an almost straight line from that story to my doctoral dissertation on Faulkner. In addition to David Flood, I had a number of other fine mentor-teachers like Hugh Hennedy, Father George Marcil, and Al Poulin, each extraordinarily impressive in his own way.



Another thing happened at SFC. Almost everybody spoke French in those days. I loved the sound of words and enjoyed trying to figure out what my roommates were talking about. Jean-Pierre Troadec, Don Dumont, and a few other classmates were very patient when I tried to say something in French or ask them to repeat slowly what they said to me. My French teachers, Herve Poissant and Robert Parenteau, were dedicated, wonderful, and encouraging in the classroom. They cared about you. For reasons too embarrassingly stupid to go into, I decided to quit school after a month in my second year. Carrying my suitcase toward the Maine turnpike to hitchhike home to Connecticut, I was picked up by Mr. Poissant. When I told him my plans, he spent at least a half hour near the entrance to the turnpike telling me what a mistake I was making, trying to talk me out of it. And when I got home and later found myself working on the back of a garbage truck, I regularly received letters from Al Poulin and David Flood telling me what I should be reading, telling me I had talent, and urging me to return to SFC—which, of course, I did.

A few years ago, walking the beach, I came upon a seagull tangled in monofilament that a woman was trying to free. Kneeling down to help her to free the bird, I knew the experience would turn into a poem. I had recently been to the funeral of my St. Francis housemate, Ray Dupuis, and Ray quite unexpectedly ghosted into the poem in a big way. It is very satisfying to make something out of words that moves other people. Somebody has said that if you love what you do, you'll never work a day in your life. I guess that makes me a lifelong loafer."



Dr. Thomas Seyfried '68
Professor, Researcher, Veteran

"There's a new movement on the way, and it's going to change the field."

-Dr. Thomas Seyfried '68

r. Thomas Seyfried '68 challenges the standard of care for the treatment of cancer in his new book Cancer as a Metabolic Disease: On the Origin, Management and Prevention of Cancer (Wiley 2012). Prior to receiving a full professorship at Boston College, where he currently teaches, Seyfried was a postdoctoral fellow and assistant professor in the department of neurology at Yale University School of Medicine. His research has been distinguished by the National Institutes of Health, The American Society for Neurochemistry, and the Ketogenic Diet Special Interest Group of the American Epilepsy Society. Seyfried is also a veteran of the Vietnam War and a recipient of a Bronze Star, Air Medal, and Army Commendation Medal. His achievements since his beginnings as a biology student at St. Francis College will be recognized with a 2013 Alumni Achievement Award this fall during Alumni Weekend.

### Was there a St. Francis class, mentor/teacher or some other spark that put you on your career path?

What I liked about it back then was that we all started on the same plane—we were an open slate. Everybody took the same introductory class in biology, and it was really tough, and those who got through ended up biology majors. Our classes were small and we got to know the professors really well. Dr. Lewis Aldrich and Dr. Margaret Simpson's classes were rigorous, and they were with us through all the labs—no TAs back then like I have here at Boston College. And I have to thank Lenny Letendre (SFC '65) for 'bringing the

word to us.' Lenny was a bio major two years ahead of me. He got his masters at the University of New Hampshire and came back to teach genetics at St. Francis. I went on to get masters in genetics from Illinois State University, and then a doctorate in genetics from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

#### Who is your book's intended or ideal audience?

The audience is broad. It's resonating with patient advocacy groups, and it's being purchased by medical schools. I'm getting emails every day from cancer patients, and I'm being invited by physicians to give lectures—I'm headed to Washington, D.C., tomorrow to speak at the annual meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research.

The book is pretty heavy into bio-chemistry, as it was designed to change the field. You obviously can't do that overnight, but you can start the momentum. The book is for scientists, physicians, and the lay public who are becoming disillusioned with the high cost and poor efficacy of the new cancer drugs. There are chapters of my book devoted to the metabolic stress of a fast and the compelling evidence of the health benefits of fasting for cancer treatment and prevention I shun the toxic treatments that are currently the standard of care, and I'm putting forward metabolic therapies that can be just as effective as radiation, without the toxicity. I think we can keep cancer patients alive for a longer time, with a higher quality of life. There's a new movement on the way, and it's going to change the field.

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Please limit submissions to 75 words or less. Submissions may be edited for length and clarity.





JOYCE BUTLER has been researching and writing Kennebunkport history for 40 years. A Maine native, she lives with her husband, Robert, in the neighboring town of Kennebunk, where she served as the town's historian from 1990 to 2008. Joyce has authored several books, including the award-winning Wildfire Loose: The Week Maine Burned (Down East Books), which was chosen as one of Maine's most notable books in 2001. She has contributed to other books and has written numerous articles for newspapers, magazines, and scholarly publications, including the Maine Historical Society Quarterly, Boston University's Dublin Seminar for New England Folklife Annual Proceedings, and The Log of Mystic Seaport. From 1980 to 1995 she was Curator of Manuscripts and Exhibitions at Kennebunk's Brick Store Museum and from 1996 to 2002 served as the Maine Historical Society's Curator of Museum Collections. Joyce began her work on Kennebunkport: !e Evolution of an American Town in 2006.

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#### 1941

**Elizabeth F. Honan** writes, "Enjoying my retirement and still volunteering at my church and at the Cape Elizabeth Home."

#### **1943** 70th REUNION

Shirley Caplan Glazier writes, "I am a great grandmother – a baby boy who lives in St. Petersburg, FL. A granddaughter got married October 12 in Newport, RI."

#### 1945

Priscilla Smith Scheiner writes. "We had a nice note from **Eleanor Eckerson Mcintvre** recently. She lives in Montpelier, VT at the Westview Meadows, Last November Janet Brown **Coombs** also moved into Westview Meadows, so it's a Westbrook Reunion for them every day! They particularly enjoy visiting the wonderful art museums in the area. **Toni Livingston Bond**'s husband, Fred, passed away last November. Our deepest sympathy to Toni. My husband and I spent the Christmas holidays in the Florida Keys at our daughter's home in Marathon, enjoying the warm surf, sand and sun. The northern ski areas must be having a great winter after the epic blizzard, Charlotte, in February!"

**Gloria Carter Winslow** writes, "Have given up our winters in Florida to stay in Holderness, NH. Traveling back and forth is quite a chore when you are in your late eighties and early nineties.

Our social life is friends, bridge, and the college. Summers are on the lake at our cottage with families. Our good health enables us to enjoy life AND without any technology."

#### **1948** 65th REUNION

Priscilla Powers Goff has been writing and calling classmates about the 65th Reunion. She writes, "I hope we'll have more attendees than for our 60th. We always have such a good time. We plan to be back in Portland by Memorial Day."

Sally Peebles Shufelt received our forwarded mail in Florida, where she spends her winters. She writes, "Eighteen years ago I was diagnosed with lung cancer. So following surgery, my doctor



said the northeast was too cold for my survival! I'd been a nurse—graduated from NE Baptist Hospital and spent 25 years working with special needs juniors and seniors at Riverview High School in Sandwich, MA. Loved them all! I have a daughter who is an occupational therapist, and a son who is a harbor master on Cape Cod. I'm looking forward to seeing many classmates at the Reunion

#### 1950

**Dorothy Carvalho Noble writes,** 

"Nothing new except that we are now great grandparents of a baby boy born in March 2012. Still spend our winters in Florida and our summers in Maine. We are fortunate to still be in good health."

#### **1953** 60th REUNION

Joyce Kelley Butler writes, "This will be a banner year for me. The first of my two-volume, 400-year history of Kennebunkport, Maine (1603-2003), will be published in June by the town's Louis T. Graves Memorial Library. Volume two will follow before the year's end. The eight-vear project will cap forty years of researching and writing about the history of this significant but representative Maine town. I will celebrate by cleaning my house!"

Angela Vangeli Fox writes, "My education at Westbrook Junior College opened my eyes to a wonderful new kind of world, a world full of choices and adventures. Over the years, I have loved my connection as an alumna officer of my class, and I am so proud of the amazing happening at the University of New England."

#### 1954

Judith Weeks Harlow loves being retired after 25 years of teaching kindergarten. Her oldest daughter is a nurse in NH, second daughter is mentally challenged, third daughter is a swim coach and the fourth is a guidance counselor. She has nine grandchildren, and one has been accepted at UNE! She spends a month in Florida, and loves going to her kids' sports events. She has a knitting business, as well, and sends her love to her classmates. She writes. "LOVED Westbrook!"

#### 1955

Priscilla Wheeler Curda had a total knee replacement last May, which kept them from traveling during the summer. She spent the summer in PT, and at Christmas was still suffering from some sciatica. They are planning to spend April at The Villages again this year, and in September are going on another river cruise in Portugal. It is a wonderful way to see a country and its people. With all

the snow in New England this year, she is bemoaning the fact that she and Leo have not moved south and escaped the cold completely.

Sylvia Horsfall Gibson has had a few medical problems, specifically a condition that caused her eyelashes to rub against her eyeball. After having the eyelashes sewn back, she is able to continue doing her crafts and handwork. She dotes on her grandchildren and says they are her reason for living. She asked about Barbara Holt, who continues to be missing, and said that she hears from Dot Harry Feyler at Christmas.

Jean Farnham Henshaw's Christmas note was chock full of activities. She spends the winter in Naples, FL. While in FL last year, she had her kitchen in VT remodeled, so has no plan to down size right now. She says she can't move as she has too much stuff and she can't leave her garden. She and **Stephanie** Carter Pearson went on a Road Scholar trip in July.

**Ann Houghton Hunt** writes, "In my column of 2012, I announced that Mal and I were to take a cruise in February of that year. He fell four days before we were to leave for Florida and was in hospital and rehab for over a month. To refresh your memory, he is a stroke survivor. One night he tried to walk without me, and over he went. I have watched him like a hawk all year, and in February of 2013, we took the same cruise we had intended last year, with no problems this time. Last September, my daughter came from Utah to care for Mal, and I went on a 12-day river cruise up the Danube from Budapest to Prague. It was a wonderful experience, and gave me the opportunity for a little "me" time. Anyone who is a caregiver can relate to that. I sent e-mail reminders to some classmates, and received notices that the addresses were no longer valid. If you have changed your e-mail, please notify me so that I can add you to my address list and also pass the information to the college. Any change of address can be sent to me: Ann Houghton Hunt, 215 The Maine, Williamsburg, VA 23185, or to huntslanding@cox.net. We do not want to lose track of you!"

On a very sad note, we lost a dear classmate, and my apartment mate and bridesmaid, Joan Mahoney Miles last May. Joan was one in a million and it was a joy to know her and be her friend. She suffered silently from a form of leukemia for six years, but lost her fight in the end. She leaves an adoring husband, three grown sons and many wonderful grandchildren.

Class President, Lizzy Lester Poole, writes that she is trying to regain the use of her right foot after an operation, which left her laid up for over two months. She has been assembling her writings and poems, and creating new short stories in the hopes of getting published on electronic media, such as Kindle. She is interested in people's dreams and premonitions, which have come true, and would love to hear from anyone who has experienced this for possible inclusion and credit in her findings. Her e-mail is lizzvpoo@comcast.net

#### **Sabra Harriman Smith's** 2012

Christmas letter was full of their events of the past year. They spent two months in Florida, returning in March to welcome spring in PA and start yard work. They are still playing golf and enjoying trips near home and as far as a cruise to Halifax last October. They also enjoyed their annual trip to Ocean City, MD w ith family.

Janice Jones Stark and her husband built a log cabin home in Phillips, ME seven years ago, to be near her daughter. They have just put up the For Sale sign and plan to move to the Brunswick area into a senior citizen situation, where everything is done for them. She says they have done their fair share of traveling, and now just want to settle down and be waited on.

#### 1957

**Betty Jackson Brown** writes, "2012 has been an interesting year for us. Bob and I took a couple of special trips—one to Florida and another to Texas. We also did quite a bit of traveling around New England as Bob had a special appointment from Eastern Star. In November, Bob was diagnosed with mouth cancer and had extensive surgery at Lahey Clinic in Burlington MA. He came back to NE Rehab in Portland the

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day before Christmas. He was there for about 3 weeks, is home now and doing quite well. It has been a rough few months, but we are thankful for his improvement - both with his speech and eating and we are grateful for the support from our many friends and family. Our reunion in June was fun, even though there weren't many there. Do hope all is well with everyone - let's have some news from the class of '57!"

Carolyn Bjorkman Perry writes, "Over the Christmas holiday my son became engaged to Judy Whyte formerly of MA. I went to the 2012 Kiwanis International Convention in New Orleans. Great time! This summer I am going to Vancouver, BC for the 2013 Kiwanis Convention. Plan a side trip also. My oldest granddaughter will be graduating from high school this year and plans to go to college. Has her name in at three colleges."

#### **1958** 55th REUNION



**Cynthia Faunce** (above) writes, "Dear Westbrook Alumni, it's our 55th Reunion - I can't believe it. I wish I could make it. I'm "agoraphobic" and can't go far from home. I would love to make it and if a miracle happens I'll let you know. However, I live in Boca Raton, FL and would love to have you come visit me. I live on the Boca Raton golf course. I'm very healthy, walk, work out at a gym, go to the beach and lap a week and swim and play golf. Never married or had children which I miss. I'm an animal lover and do a lot of work for the Humane Society. Hope to hear from you. My number is (561) 395-9347."

Barbara Fraser Thompson writes, "I moved to a new three bedroom rental home last February with a wonderful view of the Catalina Mountains. Volunteering, book groups, and committees keep me busy. Life is good."

Nancy Debenham writes, "Hi Everyone,

I still have fond memories of attending

our 50th reunion in June of 2010. It

#### 1960

was a blast seeing classmates, most of whom I had not seen since 1960. My life here in Northern California continues to be busy. My husband, John, is mostly retired from being an orthopaedic surgeon but still sees patients 2 mornings a week. He teaches medical school students at the UC Berkeley Medical school ( a 2-year program after which they go on to UCSF in San Francisco which is a top medical school). I enjoy going to Zumba classes at my club and walking with friends and our Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, Lily. I still love to cook and entertain friends and family-we had 24 here for Thanksgiving. I am just finishing my first term as President of East Bay Childrens' Theatre. We are celebrating our 80th consecutive year of producing musical plays, based on traditional folk tales which we take in to Title I schools, mostly in Oakland, free of charge. We also sell tickets for two public performances and did our first paid shows Saturday at the Oakland Museum. We do another two shows at a local theater close to Orinda, where I live. I am performing this year in "Cinderella, It's A Dogs' Life" (all characters are dogs except for one cat, Fairy God Mouser). I am a Black Poodle Ugly Step Sister, who wears silly glasses and outrageous costumes and sings a lot. It is so much fun, the children, and adults love it, and come home totally exhausted since I am now over 70. There is lots to do to keep this small theater group going so I spend much time on the computer and at Board and membership meetings. I am hoping to get back to the East Coast this year. I had a great time three years ago reuniting with several high school friends and spending some time on Cape Cod seeing other classmates. I might even get back to the Portland area where my niece and nephew reside."

Gail Cotter James writes, "Life has been very good to me. My husband and I had our 50th anniversary last May. We are still both in good health. We have six grandchildren, two are married, one has graduated from Southern New Hampshire University, one is engaged to be married and my youngest granddaughter is in the 6th grade. I also have two great grandchildren, a boy and a girl. I retired last June from the school that I worked at and now take care of my eight month old great grandson. I just love it and it keeps me young. That's all for now."

Sheila Taylor Jones writes, "Bob and I continue to ski although we've both been injured this winter and Bob has been hospitalized with 'ticker' problems, now solved! Our 42nd wedding anniversary was on March 19th. Planning a trip to Florida in May. Bob has family down there. It's been an interesting year as Erik moved back last year. Hope everyone was as touched as I was with the Why I Give brochure and the picture of the Bench. Just think, in one more year, the 55th Reunion planning will start!"

Joyce Bowden Leiker writes, "The last twenty-five years I have been working in the local school district with special needs children. During that time I worked with the ESL program, hearing impaired, and children with autism. I attend meetings in my American Legion Post. At home I keep busy crocheting blankets for the Nevada Humane Society."

Frankie Brackley Tolman continues to paint, teach painting, and sell paintings. She has also been working on her "bucket list" including going to Iceland last summer and ice-skating on the Rideau Canal in Ottawa this winter.

#### 1961

Adrienne Cyr Ashbaugh and Vivian Carlson Coyle have lived in Indiana for many years. Both are active, widowed grandmothers who especially enjoy visits with their grown children and grandchildren.

#### 1962

Katherine Burr Adams writes, "I never have much news to report, but as of "today" (I don't want to jinx us) my husband and I have our health, which is so key at our ages, and our children and grandchildren are all doing great. We'll be celebrating our 49th wedding anniversary in June (a BIGGIE coming up next year—how did that happen??), we continue spending our summers and falls in our bungalow in Northeast Harbor, I'm still involved with the now young man with whom I became an advocate back in '04, and life continues to be pretty darned good. Until next year. I send my best to all who may be reading this:) I'm sorry if this is too late getting to vou—procrastination is a course I would ACE if it were ever offered!!!

#### **1963** 50th REUNION

Robert Dunbar writes, "I will be leaving the Alumni Council after eight years of service. They have been eight very rewarding and fulfilling years. I am still watching my three grandchildren on a regular basis. It is wonderful watching them grow and develop. The "crazy" Dunbar family is planning its every other year reunion in July. This year we are going to San Jose, CA for the three day event. Hopefully about 25 Dunbars will get together. After that Linda and I are going to drive up the California and Oregon Coast to see the beauty of the Pacific Ocean. We are planning on doing this in a week. We are looking forward to seeing the Class of 1963 in September at our 50th Reunion."

Dan Keohane writes, "This past June my wife, Anne, and I celebrated our 50th Wedding Anniversary. The first celebration took place with a Mass of Renewal, celebrated by our pastor in Charlestown, Father Jim Ronan (SFC '68). A reception followed at a great restaurant, Legal Harborside, on Boston Harbor. We had about 35 attendees, including our siblings. wedding party, aunts and uncles, children and grandchildren, along with all their respective spouses, plus Father Ronan – about 35 adults in all. And it was great! Two weeks later we took our kids/spouses and grandchildren for a ten day cruise on Liberty of the Seas, from Barcelona to Naples, with

tours of Pisa, Florence and Rome. We had planned to hit the Greek Isles and Istanbul, but decided things were a bit "hot" in the area, with events taking place in Iran, Syria and even Athens. Notwithstanding, the cruise ship was absolutely great, but the crew was even better. Regretfully, upon our return, we learned my last surviving blood relative. Aunt Dorothy, had passed away. She told her oldest daughter she had a terrific time at "Danny's" 50th and "now she was ready". I will sincerely miss her, but we did have a number of fun discussions during the reception, remembering old times. And now I am looking forward to seeing everyone for our 50th at SFC/UNE!!"

Peter Makuck writes, "The addiction to writing I picked up at St. Francis College is unkickable. Rehab is apparently out of the question." Peter's third collection of short stories, Allegiance and Betrayal, was published in March 2013 by Syracuse University Press.

#### 1964

Sally Thomas Chagnon writes, "I travel back to Maine to visit family – son Tom and three grandchildren Joe, Ben and Grace. Will be back in June to see Joe graduate from high school. Still working as a phlebotomist full time at Rapides Regional Medical Center in Alexandria, LA. Daughter Ginger and three grandchildren Brianna, Ryan and Eric live nearby. Ryan will graduate from high school this May. Husband George is a World War II veteran and a retired substance abuse counselor. "

#### Susan Jesseman Dearborn writes,

"Even though I only attended Westbrook for one year, I do enjoy the newsletter. In 1963 I transferred to Keene State and graduated in 1966. My husband and I have family in the Portland and Cape Elizabeth area which we try to visit as often as we can. We've lived in North Carolina for 40 years! I hope that someone can locate Joan Melin and Kris Gro Smith. Kris transferred to Keene after she graduated from Westbrook."

**Joan Carr Eggert** writes, "I have been married for 47 years to my husband Al. We have five grandchildren and are expecting our sixth addition in July. Our four children all live in different parts of the country, so we spend a lot of time visiting in Salt Lake City, St. Paul, and Florida. I have led an exciting life since my days at Westbrook. Thanks for tracking me down."

Susan Fletcher Ernst writes, "Life is ever-changing. After two and a half years of being my husband's caregiver, he died last April. We were married 47 years, so a big change in my life. Wonderful friends and my two goldens have made the journey much easier. Now for the very first time in my life, I have a lot of freedom. Wow! And I fill it right up, with gardening, quilting, lap swimming, contra-dancing, volunteering, kayaking, Senior College classes, visiting grandkids and camp at Cape Cod, and dog hugging. See you at the Reunion!"

Susan Ladrie Harris writes that she is now retired and living with her husband on Lake Keowee in South Carolina. Her husband Dr. John Harris is a retired orthodontist and TMJ specialist from Michigan. Susan has three grown children and nine growing grandchildren. Her current interests include community service, bridge, golf, and enjoying family, friends, and life in general.

**Elizabeth Hausman** is retired and living in a senior community mobile park.

#### **Geraldine "Gerry" Powers**

Jervah writes, "David & I are proud grandparents for the 4th time - Lauren Quinn Jervah was born on 12/7/12. She is the first girl in the Jervah family for a very long time and we intend to spoil her royally!! Her brother, Jackson Hawk, will be two in July. They join our other two grandsons....Kyle is a freshman in college and Andrew is a sophomore in high school. David & I look forward to going to the Great Lakes this summer in

Phyllis Green McClelland writes, Just a little update on my pending retirement and move to Mt Pleasant, SC where the rest of my family is already residing. My daughter and her husband and their 3 daughter (6, 4 and 1) are about to move into a larger house.. My husband and son have been down there in an apartment since Christmas. I have been

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back in RI finishing my commitment to my church committees, etc I am having a hard time cutting the tether to my pay check plus I have lived here for most of my life and all my friends are here, but nothing says you can not go other places and see other things. With all the snow we had this year everyone thinks I did not leave soon enough And I wonder that as well when I have to shovel. I will be making a decision soon as to the date. One of my friends said the only way I will leave is if my husband just shows up one day and says we are going.

Jane Palmer writes, "I am enjoying the mountains of snow Maine is getting this year. I have been in Wichita, KS for 5 past years and saw very little snow. It is really beautiful as it floats down out of the sky and blankets the ground. Everything is so clean and pristine! However, when we have some of these 40-50 degrees my mind switches to the gardening mode, so much so, that I bought a little greenhouse yesterday! Hope we have that early spring the groundhog said would happen."

Patricia Cherie Perkins writes, "Wow, our 50th! I can't recall what I said last. but....After WJC, I received my BS in English and two MS degrees(too lazy to go after a PhD, taught high school English in southern Maine for 29 years, taught at ACS in Greece for two years, College English in Taiwan for three months and retired in 2008. I love retirement and the freedom it gives me. I have traveled quite extensively and am on a four month cross country RV trip with beaux as I write, presently in Desert Springs, Ca. Fortunately, I am still very active: tennis, kayaking, boating, swimming, snowshoeing, both downhill and cross country skiing. I am in two book clubs, play bridge weekly and attend numerous cultural events. I am blessed with two children who live within an hour of me and one granddaughter and a one and one-half year old great grandson in Va. Life is good!! Gawd, what a braggadocio, but you asked and I would love to know as much about the rest of our friends. I have every intention of attending reunion and I have room to house four or five people( I live 30 min away). Looking forward to hearing the news. My phone number is 207-892-4740; love to hear from our WJC friends

P.S. I had the good fortune of spending time with Dean( Richard ) Bond over the past few years and he was just as positive and friendly as when he was at WJC-a beautiful man!!"

Cynthia Noble Travis writes, "I am a semi-retired clinical nurse specialist working in hematology and oncology part-time about eight months of the year. In July we head to Maine to get away from the long, hot summers. We stay at our cabin on Barker Pond in Sebago until mid-October. We bring two of our four horses with us to ride the old logging roads and snowmobile trails around our summer home. My husband Don and I have been married 49 years now and have six grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, and two great grandchildren with a third one due in October. We travel occasionally to other parts of the world. Twice a year we go to a week-long trail ride with our equestrianloving friends. We also host a weekend ride a couple times a year at our home farm here in Texas. We maintain a 'wildlife management' on our 265 acres that helps reduce our taxes and gives us the pleasure of encouraging lots of nature in our own backyard. We are both members and volunteers with the Texas Master Naturalists. sponsored by Texas Parks and Wildlife. I also maintain a side hobby of creative needlework - check me out at hobbyhorsehandcrafts@etsy.com! 2014 will be a big year as I celebrate my 50th anniversary and 50th Reunion year!"

#### 1965

Margot Hovt Gatchell writes. "All is well in Maine for our family. We took a trip to Gettysburg last fall and we loved it. I had some surgery last summer, so we did not use our kayaks very much but we we will definitely will be ready for this summer of lots of kayaking and hiking. I am looking forward to our 50th reunion to see all of you in two years. There are many, many good changes in Westbrook/ UNE campus when we visit or drive by. I guess the City of Portland, Maine will be ready also, as they are so many new hotels being built every month. It is truly amazing. Also, our son Will Sarah and Hugh (41/2) are doing well in Portsmouth, NH."

Sheila Thomas Hill writes, "It's been 48 years since graduation with many life-changing experiences behind us and a great deal more wisdom within us. (Who know we were so very young and green?!) I have good memories of roommates, classmates, teachers and dorm mothers. We weathered Kennedy's assassination. Apollo space missions and the advancement of the feminist movement. Do I feel o believe I am any more knowledgeable? Absolutely! But there is now so much more information available, who can keep up?! Thankfully, I 'm enjoying retirement and appreciative of family, health and the world in which I live. I am still deeply indebted to my parents for making it possible to attend WJC and achieve a degree and at great sacrifice to themselves. Looking forward to attending our 50th reunion in two years!

Muriel Hobson Soroka-Pizzi writes. "I am happy to inform you that WJC's Assistant Director of Alumni Relations Lora Burns will be working with our class on our reunion 2015. If anyone would like to join me in meeting with her, please let me know by e mail Murielsoroka@aol.com and we can coordinate our 50th reunion. It will be fun!!!"

Donna Rawson Woods writes, "The end of March I will travel to Arlington National Cemetery where my step-father will be laid to rest alongside my other family members in a full honors funeral service 'Honoring Those Who Served'. The loss is large but the memories are priceless. The pomp and circumstance of a full honors service in some strange way helps. The service speaks loudly for their sacrifices for all. I am reminded of my great fortune to have lived and shared their time here together. Plans are this year for a break from the rigors of technology in the public school system to an escape to Maine, Colorado and Scotland for as as long as my leave on record allows. It is starting to be a routine and one I dearly love. I do so enjoy my job but honestly it does clearly lay down a marker allowing you to see the vast difference between work and play. Those getaways are just that much sweeter as a result of these long 14 hour days. We are so fortunate to have had the opportunity to attend a small New England college...

all girls...go figure. I have great fondness for my time with all."

#### **1968** 45th REUNION

Bernard L.A. Avotte writes. "I've iust been elected my fourth and last term for the Maine State House of Representatives."

Carolyn Banks Maddox hope lots of classmates from Westbrook '68 will be coming to Reunion.

#### 1969

Gene Capoccia writes, "I'm currently living in Leominster, MA. I'm the Executive Director of the Leominster Housing Authority - been in the housing business since 1969, right out of St. Francis, From St. Francis I went on to get a MA in Urban Studies. Had four kids - Stella just got her PHD from Rutgers and is a professor at the University of Montana. Joe is in Olympia Washington and is a musician, Marie is a Math Teacher in Houston TX and Steve is an Architect in Portland. OR. I'm married to Melissa, and that's working out well. We spend summers in a great cottage just outside of Damariscotta, ME."

Michael Horne writes, "Looking back 44 years, St. Francis made me what I am today without realizing it; a successful teacher/coach/athletic director in my hometown. Retired 2012."

#### 1970

John 'Jack' Byrnes writes, "I stay active among historical circles in North Attleboro, MA as vice chair of the N.A. Historical Committee. I am a proud grandfather of three."

#### 1971

**George Kudlacik** writes that Lou Piccola, point guard and leader of the Naismith Conference Basketball Championship team in 1971, notched his 500th career victory this year. He has been the Head Coach since the school opened in 1998 winning 222 games. His teams won 279 games at Xaverian, Brooklyn NY where he coached Hall of Famer Chris Mullin. His career record is 501-278. Lou was also Coach of the Year in Central NJ.

**Douglas Shiok** was appointed Director/ Coordinator of Special Olympics for Sumter County, FL in January of 2013.

#### 1973

Linda Jellison Barry writes, "Fall of 2012: husband and I retired and moved to Mt. Dora. Florida to escape the NE winters. We love it here! Our two sons (31 & 27) are still single and living in CT. My mother and brother & family are still in Maine "

Dennis Golveski writes, "We are still living along the shores of Lake Erie in Willowick, Ohio. I have been working for the last 40 years in the men's retail clothing industry - for the last 16 years at Dillards department store in Mentor, OH where I oversee the big and tall department. My wife Carol Lambert (SFC 72) has worked the investment casting industry for over 20 years and is presently semi-retired.

Kathleen Cannan Vachowski writes, "Forty years sure does fly by. Since I last saw many of you, there have been changes in my life. I still am practicing dental hygiene, 40 years of teeth, yikes! My husband John and I will celebrate 40 years of marriage too. Our sons. Adam, 33, and Aaaron, 31 have moved to Alaska and are busy with their respective careers. Adam is a landscape architect and builder, now living back in Maine. Aaron, a new dad of son Jacob, is living in Seward Alaska with his fiancé Cassie. (Yes, that means we are grandparents!) Aaron works for The National Park Service in charge of trail maintenance and will be a stay-at-home dad for a couple more months. He loves every minute of it! John is retired and trying to keep up with all the demands of the lists that I leave around. I have iust sold a seasonal business. KC'S Walking Sandwiches, which I ran for 13 years. I will miss the friends and customers that I came to know but will enjoy the freedom of working part time in hygiene and having time to play during the summer and fall months. We will be travelling to Alaska this summer to spoil our grandson and see the sights. Can't wait to begin this new phase of our lives."

#### 1976

Jim Mulvaney writes, "Tough year. Our house in Long Beach (NY) was slammed by Hurricane Sandy in October. We had six feet of sea water in the main living space (bedrooms upstairs spared). We are still living in temporary quarters. In early March we got government approval to rebuild after providing a new design that will put us safely above a 10 foot storm surge. Family all okay. As I was tossing out sopping wet belongings I came across a red leatherette folder from St. Francis College. My diploma? No, actually it was the blank that I received on graduation day. There apparently had some kind of "incomplete" issue in a literature class with Professor Joe Mahoney so on commencement day I was allowed to march, decked out in cap and gown, and handed the folder by Jack Ketchum with my parents snapping the requisite photos. After much patient hounding from the good professor, I did complete the course work and got my diploma some time later. The real diploma is from University of New England and although it lacks the red leatherette folder, it did survive the flood high and dry."

#### 1977

Teresa Tombarelli Blouin writes. "Hi to all my classmates! In 2012 Glenn and I purchased vacation property on Lake Winnipesaukee, NH. The property consists of one year round home, two cottages, a large lake deck and a boat dock. We are looking forward to many, many years of family memories and fun on the lake. The property had been vacant for several years so Glenn and I will spend 2013 painting refurbishing and updating the three buildings. My daughter Alissa and grandson live an hour away from our home in Hampstead, NH, but we are fortunate that they visit us often. Grandchildren are truly a blessing and joy! Our son Kyle relocated in 2012 to NJ and is currently working on a project in NYC. I am still working for the State of New Hampshire as a budget analyst, quilting, and exercising. Glenn and I will celebrate 35 years of marriage in 2013! My best to all my classmates. Email: tblouin21@gmail.com

Westbrook College/Westbrook Jr. College St. Francis College UNE

#### 1994

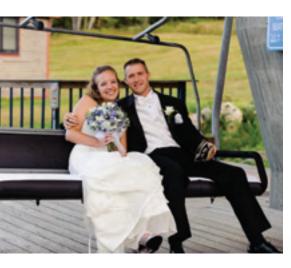
**Connie Belanger Gobeil** writes that she is a graduate student in the Clinical Nurse Leader program at USM.

#### **1998** 15th REUNION

Alison Brown Hardisty writes, "Working per diem at a local outpatient orthopedic PT clinic. Otherwise I am a stay at home mom to my four children, and still living in Brentwood, NH.

#### 2006

Ainsley Watt (below) celebrated her marriage to Leonard Streich, III at Wachusett Mountain Ski Area in Princeton, MA on September 15, 2012. UNE alumni in attendance included bridesmaid Sarah McKay Oakley '06, Lindsay Cochran '07, and Christina Paul '06 and Amy Davis'09.



#### 2007

Karin Iuzzolino-Paquin writes, "I have accepted a position at the Maine State Aquarium in Boothbay Harbor, Maine as the Lead Aquarist for the 2013 season. My husband and I are moving back to Maine to pursue our future career and family goals in our home state."

#### 2009

Adrienne Michelle D'Ascanio '09

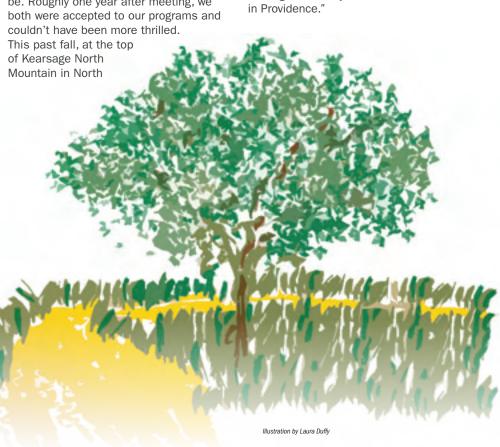
writes, "I was recently promoted to Program Administrator for Clinical Planning & Network Operations at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston, MA and will be graduating on May 18th from Franklin Pierce University in Rindge, NH with my MBA in Health Administration."

#### 2013

Jake Reynolds MS '09, DO'13 writes, "Logan Rich PA '11 and I grew up in neighboring towns on the outskirts of Bangor, but didn't meet until 2007 when living in Portland. I had just moved back to Maine from the Midwest where I had attended Purdue University, and Logan had been living in Portland for about a year after moving from Upstate New York, where she had attended St. Lawrence University. We were introduced by a mutual friend while at Three Dollar Dewey's on Commercial Street! At that time, Logan was working as an EMT and I had begun a Master's program. We instantly found common ground with our interests and life goals, and really fell in love with Portland. When it came time to apply to further graduate studies, UNE was exactly where we wanted to be. Roughly one year after meeting, we both were accepted to our programs and couldn't have been more thrilled. This past fall, at the top



Conway, NH (a hike we do every year), we got engaged. I had a book in hand that I had hidden in my backpack along with a bottle of champagne. The book had pictures of our yearly climbs, separated by the year, and with the 2012 page reading "will you marry me?" We have really enjoyed our studies at UNE in addition to our time spent in Maine over the last few years. Logan successfully graduated in 2011, and I will graduate this May. Following graduation, I will be headed to the University of Massachusetts for my preliminary medicine year and then to Brown/ Rhode Island Hospital for a Neurology residency. Logan will be joining me and looking for a new job



#### **MEMORIAM**

#### **ALUMNI**

#### 1936

Frances Savage Taylor
Westbrook Junior College
April 7, 2013

#### 1937

**Frances Merriman Beam**Westbrook Junior College

April 15, 2013

#### 1938 Athalie G. Chandler

Westbrook Junior College March 19, 2013

#### 1939 Elizabeth Goodwin Cormier

Westbrook Junior College April 11, 2013

#### 1940 Dorothy Coucouvitis Jenis

Westbrook Junior College April 23, 2013

#### 1941 Eleanor Johnston Goduti

Westbrook Junior College February 1, 2013

#### Cynthia Wight Rice Westbrook Junior College

April 7, 2013

#### 1944 Elizabeth Burns Cope

Westbrook Junior College January 3, 2013

#### 1945

Nancy Richardson Carr Westbrook Junior College

August 18, 2012

#### 1946 Charlotte E. Proctor

Westbrook Junior College March 1, 2013

#### 1949 Charlotte Donahue Weaver

Westbrook Junior College January 31, 2013

#### 1950 Nancy Lawrence Stanhope

Westbrook Junior College April 18, 2013

#### Barbara Crocket McDougall

Westbrook Junior College April 24, 2013

#### 1951 Susan Kincaid Laskey

Westbrook Junior College August 11, 2012

#### 1952 Ann Graham Hood

Westbrook Junior College February 28, 2013

#### 1953 Lois Bluestein Hofman

Westbrook Junior College March 11, 2003

#### 1954 Barbara Johnson Gillis

Westbrook Junior College April 21, 2013

#### 1955

Carol Dunbar Martin

Westbrook Junior College April 1, 2013

#### 1956 Barbara Johnson Gillis

Westbrook Junior College April 21, 2013

#### 1958 Carole Kates Linsky

Westbrook Junior College February 27, 2011

#### 1959 Marilyn Pedlikin Hackett

Westbrook Junior College January 4, 2010

#### 1961 Loretta Whenman Galinsky

Westbrook Junior College January 15, 2013

#### 1962 Nancy Peterson

Manahan Westbrook Junior Co

Westbrook Junior College February 29, 2004

#### 1964 Alice Hall Seguin

Westbrook Junior College September 4, 2008

#### Sallyann Troy Chatterton

Westbrook Junior College May 9, 2010

#### **Susan Files Tagg**

Westbrook Junior College April 9, 2013

#### **Sharon Emery Holets**

Westbrook Junior College January 16, 2011

#### 1967 Christine Conner Proctor

Westbrook Junior College October 31, 2006

#### 1985 Judith Jean Moberg

Westbrook College April 20, 2013

#### 2005 Marc D. Lapointe, MSEd

College of Arts and Sciences October 28, 2012

#### 2015 Matthew B. Denger

College of Arts and Sciences February 25, 2013

#### **Robert J. Gingras**

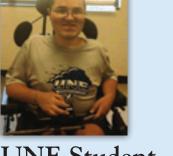
Former Trustee April 22, 2013

#### **Albert Brenner Glickman**

Former Trustee April 27, 2013

#### Irving Harold Schlesinger, Jr.

Honorary Alumnus January 14, 2013



#### UNE Student Matthew Denger

n April 7, UNE faculty, staff and students attended a Celebration of Life Ceremony for UNE student Matthew Denger, who passed away in February.

In a message to the UNE Community, President Danielle Ripich said, "Matthew Denger was an active member of the UNE Family over the past two years, as a Political Science major and Orientation Leader. His family has told us that Matthew felt at home here, and his UNE relationships meant a great deal to him. Matthew realized his time was short and filled his days to capacity. His family saw his time and experiences at the University of New England as his happiest."

U.S. Senator Susan Collins said, "His fight against Duchenne and other forms of muscular dystrophy ignited his passion for politics.

"His disease did not define Matthew, and he lived his life to the absolute fullest," Collins said in a statement. "I will miss him dearly, but I will never forget him and will continue to be a champion for this cause for which he fought so hard."

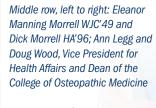




### PRESIDENT'S GALA May 27, 2013 —







Top row, left to right: Justin Moscone '13, Student Trustee

Nilaya Palmer'15, Student Trustee Julie Hinkel Levasseur '12, '16, Matt Levasseur '11, '15; Harry Konkel and President Ripich









### **Celebrating 50 Years** of Dental Hygiene at UNE

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s the American Dental Hygiene Association honors the 100th anniversary of the dental hygiene field, UNE's Dental Hygiene program is celebrating the 50th anniversary of its first graduating class. In 1963, Westbrook Junior College graduated 17 students with associates degrees in dental hygiene. On May 1, 2013 at Ludcke Auditorium, Dental Hygiene Program Director Bernice "Bunny" Marcinkewicz Mills '76, RDH, MS, introduced a video celebrating this milestone. The video, which includes interviews with dental hygiene alumni, was researched and coordinated by Lauren Cummings '13 who was inspired to commemorate the milestone after meeting many graduates while working at several Westbrook College reunions. Alumni from the program's many generations will celebrate this milestone and view the video during this year's Westbrook College Reunion, and also at the ADHA conference in Boston on June 20. To see the video, please go to www.une.edu/wchp/dental.

Top row, left to right: Darryl Geer '64 showed up to preview the video; Lauren Cummings '13 and Bunny Mills, '76

Bottom row: Dental Hygiene Class of 2013 students, from left to right: Jessica Scher, Michelle Barrette, Jolene Jacques, Ray Champ, Ashley Clifford, Jenna Delorenzo, Chelsey Powers, and Angelicia Woodbury.



# Deborah Morton Society 51st Convocation and Celebration



Scholarship Recipient Jennifer E. Goodell '13 (center) and her family



Susan A. Carlisle, Dr. Wendy Wolf, UNE President Danielle Ripich, Donna Litchfield Cheney '62 and Chief Brenda Commander



Scholarship recipient Nicole M. Herrick '13 (center) and her family

UNE celebrated a long-held tradition of honoring outstanding Maine women of achievement at the 51st Annual Deborah Morton Convocation and Awards Ceremony held September 18, 2012 on the Portland Campus.

The Deborah Morton award, first presented in 1961, was the first annual award in Maine to honor women's achievements, specifically those who have achieved high distinction in their careers and public service or whose leadership in civic, cultural or social causes has been exceptional.

This 2012 event paid tribute to four new inductees: Susan A. Carlisle, Donna Lee Litchfield Cheney, Chief Brenda Commander and Wendy J. Wolf, MD, MPH. Scholarship recipients were Jennifer E. Goodell and Nicole M. Herrick of UNE's Dental Hygiene Class of 2013.



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