FIRST CLASS
THE INAUGURAL COLLEGE OF PHARMACY CLASS OF 2013 MAKES THE GRADE
The UNE Spirit of Hope and Achievement

As 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 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 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… undergraduate showcasing their research to members of Congress on Capitol Hill… an alum sharing innovative ideas with state legislators on Capitol Hill… an alumna serving on the Board of Trustees of her state medical society.

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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.
When 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.

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“UNE Experience Takes Them Far

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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 one-month 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).”

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.

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.
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 Retail Impact Day at Capitol Hill to advocate for the profession.

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 to providing ongoing practical experience with institutional/clinical pharmacy. I conducted a retrospective study with Dr. Wes Zemrack regarding the administration of methylene blue with Dr. Wes Zemrack regarding the administration of methylene blue and interpreted my own data, and even performed critical in-vitro laboratory experiments.

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 for the Portland campus.

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.

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 peer-reviewed 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.
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 82,000 hours of supervised care through their introductory pharmacy practice and advanced pharmacy practice experiences to patients in Maine and 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 May 18-19, 2013 as
UNE COLLEGE OF PHARMACY WEEKEND
Recognizing the graduation and hooding of the Inaugural PharmD Class of 2013.
UNE: Educator, Neighbor, Economic Engine
by Kathleen Taggersell

The 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, workforce 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 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.

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

- $738 million
- $560 million
- $233 million

UNE Creates Maine Jobs:

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- UNE students spend $33 million per year in Maine.
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’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 out-of-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 workforce 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 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 Mainers in 2011-12 Valued at $21.2 Million

- 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.

UNE Educator, Neighbor, Economic Engine

Total Economic Impact on Maine 2012–13

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TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT $738 Million

Sources: Data provided by UNE and IMPLAN analysis conducted by Planning Decisions Inc.
Chronic 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 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 navigated the health care system and their efforts to eliminate their pain.

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 Iowa, Director of the Neurophysiology of Pain Laboratory; and Kandyce Powell, RN, 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.
A Change in Prescription

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

While 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 associated with ill-health. A mix of both disturbing and confusing mental states, the space between stories shortened, and the wait to speak grew longer until the polite awkwardness melted. The little room was thick with exchanges, refractions and, of course, healing.

After a long pause, another graduate student spoke, reading aloud a written 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 patient awkwardly melted. The space between stories shortened, and the
to speak grew longer until the polite awkwardness melted. The little room was thick with exchanges, refractions 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, populated 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 premied 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

A 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 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 written 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 20-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.

UNE’s winning team included Eugenia Edmonds’15 (College of Osteopathic Medicine), Gidy Lapointe’13 (Department of Occupational Therapy), Kimberly Malacky 14 (College of Pharmacy), and Brenda Riggow ’13 (Department of Physical Therapy).

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UNE’s 178th Commencement took place on May 18 outdoors under the tent on UNE’s Biddeford Campus. U.S. Senator Angus S. King, Jr. served as commencement speaker, and UNE also honored Maine’s Poet Laureate Wesley McNair with an honorary Doctor of Letters degree.

The University awarded an estimated 1,531 associate’s, bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees at the event, representing the College of Arts and Sciences, Westbrook College of Health Professions, College of Osteopathic Medicine, and for the first time—the College of Pharmacy.
Students Honored with Prestigious Nationally-awarded Goldwater Scholarship

By Dick Buhr

UNE 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 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 nominees were women, 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 $7,502 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.

Forrette's work has been presented 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-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 Behavior 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 2009-2010 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

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. Dziezyczyk 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, Kristy Marzoni '15, a marine sciences major, and Alyssa Russell '12, an animal behavior major.

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"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 2009-2010 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
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.

Two 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 Consello, 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 Walban 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 Pi 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 away at war. Tetreau’s research deals 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 work with the Cushing Collection of WWII and WWI 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 liquid crystals, 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 in a first author journal Chemistry Physics Letters, could lead to the development of robust molecular electronic “on-off” 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.
IPE Course Brings Students to Maine’s Washington County

Health 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, 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).

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.”

Transformational Practice with Children and Families

To 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 Hollowday who then assembled the drawings onto one canvas. The collage depicts flowers assembled the drawings onto one canvas. The collage depicts flowers encased in clouds. and a centerpiece with the word hope inscribed in it. It is a brilliant summary, and illustrate key points with intriguing and relevant service-providing organizations.

Penny Tropman, A.C.S.W., describes the book as, “An outstanding example of contemporary science” that suggests guidelines and principles for working with children, their families and their service-providing organizations. 

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.”

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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 practice, i.e. relational practice.”

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

New Major Announced in Ocean Studies and Marine Affairs

Careers 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

UNE welcomed its first class for an online doctoral program in educational leadership (EdD) 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.”

Junior Achievement Recognizes UNE President

Since 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.
UNE Program Selected as GoAbroad Finalist

UNE’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 Program Begins in Granada

In 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 Bratton, 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 Ocho 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 Ocho. 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 well-being. 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

The 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: Karen Houseknecht, DO, Maine General

- **Abraham Wei**
  - Class of 2016
  - Project title: Effects of CD40 on Glial Responses to Murine Retroviral Infection
  - Mentor: Ling Cao, MD PhD, UNECOM

- **Erin Tuffy**
  - Class of 2016
  - Project title: Exercise Induced Pain Relief in Advanced Osteoarthritis and Activation of Reward Pathways
  - Mentor: Tamara King, PhD, UNECOM

- **Andrea Cyr**
  - Class of 2016
  - Project title: Baseline for Concussion Evaluations in Cyclists
  - Mentor: Anna Abramson, MD, University of California—San Francisco

- **Lindsay Katona**
  - William Douglas Class of 2016
  - Project title: Evaluation of a first aid training program among community laypersons (CLPs) in South Sudan
  - Mentor: Charles Radiis, DO, Maine Medical Center, UNECOM Clinical Faculty

- **Colin Whitworth**
  - Class of 2016
  - Project title: Identification of the Activated Signaling Complex of the Kappa Opioid Receptor
  - Mentor: John Streicher, PhD, UNECOM
Banner Year for UNE Athletics

Female Athlete of the Year: Both Suggs

Suggs helped build the women's basketball program into one of the strongest in New England. This year, she had a season few student-athletes 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-the-week 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 and became the first UNE goalkeeper to be named first team all-Conference, all-State, and medical biology major, 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 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 three-time CCC Rookie of the Week selection.

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

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. She was also chosen All-New England and participated in the New England Senior All-Star Game. Forrette, a student-athlete to win the Athletics Department’s major scholarship—awarded 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.

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 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 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.
Poet, Author

Peter Makuck ’63

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

—Peter Makuck ’63

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. Something in that story touched me. I had recently been to the funeral of my St. Francis housemate, Ray Dupuis, and 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 kneeling down to help her to free the bird, I knew the experience would turn into a poem.

Dr. Thomas Seyfried ’68
Professor, Researcher, Veteran

“...and it’s going to change the field.”

—Dr. Thomas Seyfried ’68

Dr. 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 cancer 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.

**1941**
Elizabeth F. Honan writes, “Enjoying my retirement and still volunteering at my church and at the Cape Elizabeth Home.”

**1943**
Shirley Caplan Glazer 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 Eckert McIntrye recently. She lives in Montpelier, VT at the Westview Meadows. Last November Janet Brown Coombs also moved into Westview Meadows, so it’s a Westbook Reunion for them every day! They particularly enjoy visiting the wonderful art museums in the area. Tony Livingston Bond’s husband, Fred, passed away last November. Our deepest sympathy to Tony. His husband and I spent the Christmas holidays in the Florida Keys as our daughter’s home in Marathon, enjoying the warm surf, sand and sun. The northern ski areas must be having Christmas holidays in the Florida Keys now! 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 Sanford, 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 our 60th anniversary. 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-year 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 Vangelis 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 alumni 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 for over 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 fourth is a guidance counselor. She has nine grandchildren, two of whom have been accepted at UNE! She writes, “Have a wonderful New Year!”

**1955**
Priscilla Wheeler Curda had a total knee replacement last May, which kept them from traveling during the summer. She spent the summer in FL, 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 notes 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 info@UNE.edu. 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 leukoma for six years, but lost her fight in the end. She leaves an adoring husband, three grown kids, 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 email is lizzypoolecomcast.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 with in-law 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 was 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
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 we had to go all over the state. 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 we are visiting 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.

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 is in high school. We went to New Hampshire University, one is engaged to be married and my youngest granddaughter is in the 6th grade. Also, we 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 granddaughter. I just love it and it keeps me young. That’s all for now.”

Sheila Taylor Jones writes, “Bob and I are in good health. He teaches at a medical student 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 Children’s 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 42nd annual show Saturday at the Oakland Museum. We do another two shows at a local theater at Christmas. I take that show in to Title I schools, 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 Mouse). I am a Black Poodle Ugly Step Sister, who wears silky glasses and outrageous costumes and sings a lot. It is so much fun, the children, and adults love it, and come home totally exhausted but I am now over eight months. There is lots to do to keep this small theater group going so I spend much time on the computer and at our 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 and other classmates. I might even get back to the Portland area where my niece and nephew reside.”

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

1960

Nancy Debenham writes, “Hi Everyone. I have fond memories of attending our 50th reunion in June of 2010. It 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 but so far as an orthopaedic surgeon but still sees patients 2 mornings a week. He teaches at a medical school Dish at the University of California, one is engaged to be married and my youngest granddaughter is in the 6th grade. Also, we 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 granddaughter. I just love it and it keeps me young. That’s all for now.”

Joan Carr Eggert writes, “I retired last June from the school that I worked at and now take care of my eight month old great granddaughter. I just love it and it keeps me young. That’s all for now.”

Peter Makuck writes, “The addiction to writing I picked up at St. Francis College is unkillable. 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.

1961

Sally Thomas Chapong writes, “I traveled 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 prebleotemps full time at the Rapid Regional Medical Center in Alexandria, LA. Daughter Ginger and three grandchildren Briauna, 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 Jasmin Dearborn writes, “Even though I only attended Westbrook for one year, I do enjoy the newsletter. In 1961, I can’t believe I’ve been married for 50 years and graduated in 1966. My husband and I have family in the Portland and Cape Elizabeth area which we visit as often as we can. We’ve lived in North Carolina for 40 years! I hope that someone can locate Joan Meiss and Kris Gro Smith. Kris transferred to Kennesaw 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 and we are very lucky to have time visiting in Salt Lake City, St. Paul, and Florida. I have led an exciting life since my years 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 year at the age of 87. He was a World War II veteran and a retired orthodontist and TMJ specialist from Michigan. Susan has three grown children and nine 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 rotten! Her brother, Jackhawk, will be two in July. They join our other two grandsons...Jaye is a freshman in college and Andrew is a sophomore in high school. Dad & I look forward to giving the Great Lakes this summer in our RV.”

Phyllis Green McClelland writes, Just a little update on my pending retirement and move to M Pleasant, SC where the rest of my family is already residing. However, rather than getting older, I have moved south. My dog and her husband and their 3 dogs (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
back in RI finishing my commitment to my church committees, etc I have 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’t go other places and see other things. While I was 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 fall. We will have 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 degree my mindswitches to how I would love to know as much about the grandson in Va. Life is good!! Gawd, 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 Laura Burns will be working on our class reunion this year. If anyone would like to meet in person with her, please let me know by e mail Murielsoroka@aol.com and we can coordinate our 50th reunion. It will be a great opportunity to reconnect and share stories.”

Donna Rawson Woods writes, “The end of March I will travel to Arlington National Cemetery where my step-father is interred. The loss is large but the memories are priceless. The pomp and circumstance of a full honors service ‘Honoring Those Who Served’. The service spoke to all of us. For all of us, theBye Bye to the Service Speak to us, and I am so thankful to have been a part of it. Donna can be reached at DonnaRawsonWoods@gmail.com”

1965

Margot Hoyt Gatehouse writes, “All is well in Maine for my family. We took a road trip to Gettysburg last fall and loved it. We had some surgery last summer, so we do not use our kayaks very much but I still will definitely be doing some 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 you all but I would love to know as much about the rest of our friends. I have 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’t go other places and see other things. While I was 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.  

Sheila Thomas Hill writes, “It’s been an 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 roommate relationships, teacher and dorm mothers. We weathered Kennedy’s assassination, Apollo space missions and the advancement of the arts and the movement. Do I feel I am any more knowledgeable? Absolutely! But there is now so much more information available, who can keep up?? Thankfully, I am reading more and really appreciative of family, health and the world in which I live. I am still deeply indebted to my past professors making an effort to attend WJC and achieve a degree and at great sacrifice to themselves. Looking forward to attending our 50th reunion in two years!”

Carolyn Banks Hadlock writes, “Lots of changes from Westbrook ’68 will be coming to Reunion. 

1969

Gene Capoccia writes, “I’m currently living in Leoninster, MA. I’m the Executive Director of 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, Mail is a Math Teacher in Houston TX and Steve is an Architect in Portland, OR. We have a beautiful home in Seattle, Washington and at great sacrifice to themselves. Looking forward to attending our 50th reunion in two years!”

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’ Byrne 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 Kudlack writes that Lou Piccola, point guard and leader of the Naismith Conference Basketball Championships 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. He’s won 279 games at Xaverian, Brooklyn NY where he coached for 15 years. His career record is 501-278. Lou was also Coach of the Year in Central NJ.

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

1976

Lisa Jeillinson Barry writes, “Fall of 2012; husband and I retired and moved to Mt. Dora, Florida to escape the long 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 Goloveski 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’sretail clothing industry - for the last 16 years at Dillard’s 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 Aaron, 31 have moved to Alaska and are busy with their respective careers. Adam is a landscape architect and builder, now living in Maine, Aaron, a new dad of son Jacob, is living in Steward 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 kids that I leave around. I have just sold a seasonal business, KC’S Walking Sandwiches, which I ran for many years. I will spend 2013 painting refurbishing the property. I’m sure to attend the 50th Reunion for sure, but I will still be out enjoying the outdoor life. If you have any information about the Class of 1976 that you would like to share, please email me. tblouin21@gmail.com”

Teresa Tombarelli Blouin writes, “Hi to all my classmates! In 2012 Glenn and I purchased a second home on Lake Winnipesaukee, NH. The property consists of one year round home, two cottages, a lake dock and a boat deck. We are looking forward to many, many years of family fun on the lake. The property had been vacant for several years so Glenn and I will spend this winter cleaning and updating the three buildings. My daughter Alissa and grandson live an hour away in New Hampshire, but we are fortunate that they visit us often. Grandchildren are truly a blessing and it will be fantastic! I was promoted 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, quitting, and exercising. Glenn and I will celebrate 35 years of marriage in 2013! My best to all my classmates.

Email: tblouin21@gmail.com
2007
Karín 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’Asciano ’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 of Kearsage North Mountain in North 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 clambakes, 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 in Providence.”

ALUMNI

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Frances Savage Taylor Westbrook Junior College April 7, 2013
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Frances Merriman Beam Westbrook Junior College April 15, 2013
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Athalie G. Chandler Westbrook Junior College March 19, 2013
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Elizabeth Goodwin Cormier Westbrook Junior College April 11, 2013
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Dorothy Cocouvertis Jens Westport Junior College April 23, 2013
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Eleanor Johnston Goduti Westbrook Junior College February 1, 2013
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Elizabeth Burns Cope Westbrook Junior College January 3, 2013
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Nancy Richardson Carr Westbrook Junior College August 18, 2012
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Charlotte E. Proctor Westbrook Junior College March 1, 2013
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Charlotte Donahue Weaver Westbrook Junior College January 31, 2013
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Nancy Lawrence Stanhope Westbrook Junior College April 18, 2013
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Susan Kincaid Laskey Westbrook Junior College August 11, 2012
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Ann Graham Hood Westbrook Junior College February 28, 2013
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Lois Bluestein Hofman Westbrook Junior College March 11, 2003
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Barbara Johnson Gillis Westbrook Junior College April 21, 2013
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Carol Dunbar Martin Westbrook Junior College April 1, 2013
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Barbara Johnson Gillis Westbrook Junior College April 21, 2013
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Carole Kates Linsky Westbrook Junior College February 27, 2011
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Marilyn Peddikin Hackett Westbrook Junior College January 4, 2010
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Loretta Whenneman Gallinsky Westbrook Junior College January 15, 2013
1962
Nancy Peterson Manahan Westbrook Junior College February 29, 2004

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.

2009
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.”

UNE Student Matthew Denger On 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.”
Calling all Knights and Nor’easters!

St. Francis and UNE classes celebrating milestone Reunions


Alumni Weekend 2013

Save the Date

September 20–21

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

Middle row, left to right: Eleanor
Manning Morrell WJC’49 and
Dick Morrell HA’96, Ann Legg and
Doug Wood, Vice President for
Health Affairs and Dean of the
College of Osteopathic Medicine

Bottom row, left to right: Jeff Doss DDS, HA’02 and
Board Chair Mark Dovier;
Peggy Wescott and Donna
Litchfield Cheney WJC’62

President’s Gala

May 27, 2013
Deborah Morton Society 51st Convocation and Celebration

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.

Scholarship Recipient Jennifer E. Goodell ’13 (center) and her family
Scholarship recipient Nicole M. Herrick ’13 (center) and her family

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

Celebrating 50 Years of Dental Hygiene at UNE

As 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.