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New Trustees

The Husson University Board of Trustees has added two new members. The knowledge, expertise and leadership they bring to our exceptional board will help Husson continue to grow and prosper in the years ahead.

Jaclyn Fish '05



Jaclyn Fish earned her Bachelor of Science in business administration and marketing from Husson University in 2005. She began her professional career with PepsiCo as a pre-sale account manager in 2006 and as a manager for Uno Chicago Grill in 2007. Beginning in 2008, she moved to Bangor Savings Bank to start her long-standing career in banking. During her tenure with this organization, she has held several positions including internet banking specialist, assistant vice president and customer care center assistant manager, assistant vice president and consumer banking administration officer, and was eventually promoted to vice president and branch manager of the Broadway and Hampden branches. In 2017, Fish became the regional market manager for the northern metro market of Bangor Savings Bank. In addition to her professional achievements, Fish became a member of the Husson University Alumni Board in 2013. Three years later, she was inducted into the Sigma Nu Tau Entrepreneurship Honor Society at Husson. She and her husband, Max, currently reside in Hampden with their two children, Addison and Landon.

Brad Libby, DPT '11, '13



Brad Libby, a Brewer native, earned a Bachelor of Science in kinesiology with a minor in psychology from Husson in 2011. He continued his education and earned a doctorate in physical therapy (DPT) in 2013. While attending Husson University, Libby was a four-year member of the men's basketball team. He went on to become an assistant coach for the men's team until 2017. Following graduation, Libby worked for Results Physical Therapy and Wellness Center as a physical therapist until 2015, when he left the practice to open his own clinic. Today, Libby is the proud owner of Performance Physical Therapy and Sports Rehab, Inc., a physical therapy clinic, in two locations, that serves people living in the greater Bangor and Brewer area. Their goal is to help people lead healthy lives without injury by providing awareness, education, opportunities, and support. With a total of seven treatment rooms, a massage room and three fully-equipped gyms for rehabilitation, the clinics also treat injuries and other conditions from infancy through maturity. He is very passionate about the field of physical therapy and takes pride in helping his patients. Libby currently resides in Hampden with his fiancé.

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Dear Alumni and Friends,



When I reflect on how far Husson University has come, I feel an enormous sense of pride. Back in 1898, when Husson was known as the Shaw Business College and School of Penmanship, we only had 11 courses. Subjects taught included bookkeeping, arithmetic, penmanship, business correspondence, commercial law, business practice, banking, stocks and bonds, stenography, typewriting, and ornamental penmanship.

Over the course of 120 years, Shaw became the Maine School of Commerce, Husson College, and then Husson University as its programs expanded to meet the needs of its students and the business community. Today, we offer nearly 1,000 courses as part of 61 undergraduate programs and 19 graduate and professional programs, including concentrations.

Athletics has grown as well. In 1926, the university began formally offering sports programs. Initially, there was just men's and women's basketball. Fast forward 92 years to the present and you'll find a Husson University with 22 men's and women's NCAA Division III sports teams. Many of these teams regularly win conference championships. Most recently, our women's basketball, men's football and women's field hockey distinguished themselves nationally by competing in NCAA Division III tournaments.

Our physical footprint has also grown. No longer a small school in downtown Bangor, today's Husson University features 15 buildings and seven residence halls on a sprawling 208-acre campus. We also have a state-of-the-art campus in Westbrook and a campus in Presque Isle that serve the professional education needs of students in Southern and Northern Maine.

Beyond campus-based classes, Husson University now also offers online courses that anyone can participate in, regardless of their location. Our growth and the outstanding quality of our educational offerings have helped to make Husson, Northern New England's premier professional university.

As you read this edition of *The Ledger*, I think you'll be amazed by how much we've accomplished over the past decade. With your continued support, we will accomplish much more.

Sincerely,



Robert A. Clark, PhD, CFA
President



It is said that travel broadens the mind. For me, travel also reinvigorates my love for Husson University.

No matter where I go, I somehow wind up bumping into a Husson graduate. It feels like our graduates are everywhere! All the more remarkable, I feel an instant connection with these wonderful people. They always want to hear about what's going on at the University.

Sharing Husson's successes is easy to do. Whenever you wear a Husson sweatshirt or a Husson hat, you're sharing your pride in Husson with others. When you're drinking your coffee out of a Husson mug at the office, you're helping to promote your university to fellow employees. When you affix a Husson University license plate frame, sticker or magnet to your car, you're showing everyone that "The Eagles Rule the Road."

Wherever I go, I'm proud to say that I'm a member of the Husson University family. In fact, a smaller version of Baldwin, our mascot (or mini-Baldwin, as I like to refer to him), accompanied me on a recent vacation to the Galapagos Islands (one place where I didn't meet a Husson grad!). I invite you to join me in showing the world your Husson pride. It's a great way to meet people who share a passion for our University.

Best Regards,



Sarah Cary Robinson
Vice President for Advancement



Sarah Cary Robinson in the Galapagos Islands with Baldwin and a Galapagos Tortoise, the largest living species of tortoise.

Around the Circle

Accomplishments, events and items of note happening at Husson

College of Business

Dr. Wilcox Presents Research at National Institute of Justice Conference
School of Legal Studies Assistant Professor **Dr. Alicia Wilcox** recently presented some of her research at the National Institute of Justice's Impression, Trace and Pattern Evidence Conference. While she was there, Just Science (a forensic science podcast) interviewed her.

Hospitality Instructor Completes Designation
Susan Reisman, MBA, MSW, an instructor in the School of Hospitality, Sport and Tourism Management, earned the Certified Hospitality Educator (CHE) designation from the American Hotel and Lodging Education Institute (AHLEI).

Speaking to Hotel Managers on Leadership
Lee Speronis, JD, CHE, CHIA, an associate professor and the director of the School of Hospitality, Sport and Tourism Management at Husson University's College of Business, spoke at the Omni Mount Washington Resort in Bretton Woods, New Hampshire, on January 8 - 9, 2018. His presentation to a group of hotel managers focused on leadership topics.

College of Health and Education

Murray Co-Authored Article for Professional Journal
Alicia Murray, MSN, CHPN, an assistant professor at Husson's School of Nursing, co-authored the article "Palliative Nursing Summit: Nurses Leading Change and Transforming Care: The Nurses' Role in Coordination of Care and Transition Management." The article was published in the February 2018 *Journal of Hospice & Palliative Nursing*.

Chair of School of Physical Therapy Publishes Paper
Dr. Karen Huhn's manuscript entitled "Effectiveness of a Clinical Reasoning Course on Willingness to Think Critically and Skills of Self-Reflection" was published in the *Journal of Physical Therapy Education*, Volume 31, Number 4, 2017. Huhn is an associate professor and the chair/program director of the physical therapy program.

Physical Therapy Faculty Member Publishes Two Articles and a Manuscript
Dr. Kelly Macauley, an assistant professor in the School of Physical Therapy, published two articles with colleagues at the end of December. The first article, "Team-Based Learning at the End of a Physical Therapy Curriculum," was published in the *Journal of Allied Health* [2017; 46(4):e67-69]. The second article, "Systematic Review of Assessments that Evaluate Clinical Decision Making, Clinical Reasoning, and Critical Thinking Changes after Simulation Participation," was published in the *Journal of Physical Therapy Education*. Macauley also published a manuscript entitled "Prevalence and Predictors of Anxiety in Healthcare Professions Students" in *Health Professions Education*.

Physical Therapy Research Presentations
Professor **Dr. Ben Sidaway,** PT, with the School of Physical Therapy, made two presentations at the recent American Physical Therapy Conference in New Orleans. The first, "Kinetic Feedback Can Impede the Ability to Reduce Impact Force During Landing," examined the role of impact feedback frequency on the long-term ability to reduce potentially injurious forces during landing. The second presentation was entitled, "Do Older Social Dancers Have Improved Static and Dynamic Postural Control as Compared to Non-Dancers." Collaborating in this research was Professor Emeritus **Dr. Suzanne Gordon** and five graduate physical therapy students.

Research into Waveforms of Quadricep Muscle Torque Published
A study by Professor **Dr. Cheryl Adams** and Associate Professor **Dr. Wayne Scott**, from the School of Physical Therapy, and their Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) graduate students, called "Electrically-Elicited Quadriceps Muscle Torque: A Comparison of Three Waveforms," was published in the March 2018 edition of the *Journal of Sports and Orthopedic Physical Therapy*.

College of Science and Humanities

Biochemistry Faculty Member and Graduate Student Recognized at National ASCB Meeting
Assistant Professor of Biochemistry **Dr. Ozlem Dilek** received the American Society for Cell Biology (ASCB) Junior Faculty Award while her graduate student, Hazel Erkan, also earned the International Travel Award. The awards allowed Dilek and Erkan to present their research on December 2-6, 2017 at the National ASCB Meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Their research poster was entitled "Biorthogonal fluorescent probe for molecular imaging of cancer aggressiveness."



Smith's Artwork Featured in a Select Exhibition at Greenhut Galleries in Portland, ME
Assistant Professor **Kathi J. Smith**, MFA, exhibited three paintings at the 40th Anniversary Exhibition at Greenhut

Galleries (voted "Best Art Gallery in Portland") by both *Down East Magazine* and the *Maine Sunday Telegram/Portland Press Herald*. The show ran from November 30 - December 31, 2017

Associate Professor Presents Paper and is Nominated for Award

Dr. Adam Crowley, presented a paper, "Videogames and Social Realism: The Decline of American Progress," at the 39th annual Southwest Popular/ American Culture Association Conference on Wednesday, February 7, 2018, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He also chaired a panel on computer culture at the conference. In addition, Crowley was included in a collection, *Horror in Space: Critical Essays on a Film Subgenre*. The collection was recently nominated for the 2017 Bram Stoker Award in the category of "Superior Achievement in Non-Fiction."

New England School of Communications

NESCom Students and WHSN Recognized With Award from the Broadcast Education Association

WHSN and the students of the New England School of Communications at Husson University were recognized again for their hard work. Their 2017 production of "The Black Cat" was honored with a first-place award in the "Student Audio Comedy or Drama" category at the 2018 Festival of Media Arts, presented by the Broadcast Education Association.



Assistant Professor Takes Class to International Conference

Assistant Professor **Wellington Gordon**, MM, took six Husson students, as part of a special research topics class, to the Art of Recording Conference in Stockholm, Sweden. Gordon also presented a paper at the Conference entitled "Transnational Flow." A presentation about the class and the experience took place on December 12, 2017 at the Darling Learning Center.

NESCom Students Meet Katahdin Woods Superintendent

NESCom students studying public affairs with journalism instructor **Jeffrey Hope**, MA, recently met Superintendent Tim Hudson from the Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument. Hudson explained how he is working to create a management plan for the property, which is north of Bangor and adjacent to Baxter State Park.

Roberts Receives Lifetime Achievement Award

Nancy Roberts, MBA, an instructor at the New England School of Communications, was given the Edward L. Bernays Lifetime Achievement Award at the Maine Public Relations Council (MPRC) Award Ceremony recently. This annual award is the highest honor bestowed by MPRC to a single practitioner and recognizes a public relations professional who has exhibited extraordinary achievement and outstanding leadership in the public relations profession, along with community service, unmatched professional integrity and ethical behavior in their practice of public relations.

School of Pharmacy



Pharmacy Faculty and Students Receive Meritorious Manuscript Award

Associate Professor of Pharmaceutics **Dr. Shuhua Bai** (corresponding author) and Associate Professor of Medicinal Chemistry **Dr. Tianzhi Yang** (first author) received the Pharmaceutical Research Meritorious Manuscript Award, presented by the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAPS) at their 2017 Annual Meeting in San Diego, California. Their manuscript, entitled "Exosome Delivered Anticancer Drugs across the Blood-Brain Barrier for Brain Cancer Therapy in Danio Rerio," was published in *Pharmaceutical Research*, one of three research journals issued by the organization. The co-authors included faculty members **Drs. Tianzhi Yang**, **Roger Phipps**, and **Shuhua Bai**, research assistants Paige Martin and Brittany Fogarty, Husson pharmacy students **Alison Brown '15** and **Kayla Schurman '15**, Dr. Viravuth Yin at the Mount Desert Island Biological Laboratory, and Dr. Paul Lockman in the School of Pharmacy, West Virginia University. Research in the manuscript was supported by the Maine Cancer Foundation Research Grant, the Institutional Development Award (IDeA) from the National Institute of General Medical Sciences of the National Institutes of Health under grant number P20GM103423, and the Salisbury Cove Research Fund.

Dr. Li and Dr. Zhang Receive $500,000 USDA-NIFA Research Award

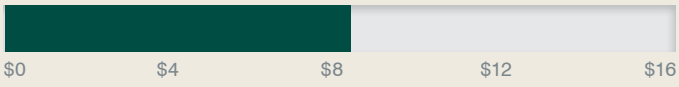
Assistant Professor **Dr. Yanyan Li** (primary investigator) and Assistant Professor of Basic Pharmaceutical Sciences **Dr. Tao Zhang** (co-investigator) received a research award of $500,000 from the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), a part of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). They are collaborating with Dr. Grace Chen (co-primary Investigator) at the University of Michigan on this research project. The research funded by this award will be looking at the interactions between the natural chemical compounds found in broccoli sprouts and gut bacteria to determine if broccoli sprout consumption could help reduce the development of cancerous colon tumors.

Architects Selected for the New College of Business Building

Total Committed to the Business Building

(Includes the $4 million Alfond commitment)

$8.7 Million*



*As of March 31, 2018



WBRC Architects • Engineers: Architectural Rendering of Lobby

There's a lot that goes into the selection of an architect when creating a new building on our campus. After an extensive request for proposal (RFP) process, Husson faculty, staff and trustee representatives interviewed five architectural firms for our new College of Business building project.

While all of the architects' proposals were strong, the University ultimately decided to work with the joint team of Harriman and Goody Clancy. They will serve as the architectural and engineering firms for this project. Harriman (harriman.com) is a Maine-based firm with offices in Auburn and Portland, Maine; Portsmouth, New Hampshire; and Boston, Massachusetts. Goody Clancy (goodyclancy.com) is a Boston-based firm. Both have extensive experience in higher education. Goody Clancy has significant expertise in designing business schools.

This combination will provide Husson University with the opportunity to work with a local and respected firm that understands and knows the Maine building environment as well as a firm with national experience in the higher education market.

This partnership between Husson University, Harriman, and Goody Clancy will provide the Bangor campus with a signature and transformative College of Business building to house Maine's largest and growing business program.

Goody Clancy describes themselves on their website as a firm that "creates places and plans that inspire transformation. Our focus on each client's defining purpose enables us to create spaces and communities that are deeply connected to who they are - and who they aspire to be. Our work connects people in ways that incite creativity and collaboration, and builds social, economic, and environmental value." Inspiring transformation has long been a cherished value at Husson University. Their philosophy is consistent with our own.

Once completed, the new College of Business building will showcase the outstanding business programs available to students attending Husson University.

The next several months will be busy as focus groups are brought together and the design of the building unfolds. During this period, the University will be gathering input from our many campus stakeholders as we work to create this new learning space.

The generosity of donors and organizations, including the Harold Alfond Foundation's $4 million matching gift, is making the new College of Business building a reality.

Husson wants to create a building that can best deliver exceptional business programs, provide appropriate space for experiential learning, enhance interdisciplinary collaboration with others here at the University, and serve as an innovation hub with outside business partners. The final plans for our new College of Business building should be unveiled later this spring.

Check out future editions of *The Ledger* for updates on this exciting project.



Example of Goody Clancy design: Peter T. Paul College of Business and Economics, University of New Hampshire. Images courtesy of Goody Clancy, © Anton Grassl/Esto. All rights reserved.

Campaign **UPDATE**



Top row (left to right): **Danielle Leighton**, **Jack Donovan '66**, **John Wedin**, **Albert Gibson**, **Kali Anderson G'16** and **William Dean.** *Middle row:* **Patrick Caldwell '19**, **Darick Reynolds '17**, **Spencer Alden '19**, **Matthew Campbell '19** and guests at the Veteran's Dinner; **Jim Picard '61**; **Richard Crowe '72** and **Robert Weston '72**; **Dennis Sirois '86**; **Gerald Bourgoin '71** and **Paul Husson.** *Bottom row:* **Keyon Butler '18** and **Eric Gordon** at the reception in the Cyr Alumni Center; the **Husson University Singers** at the Gracie; **Spencer Alden** and **Matthew Campbell** of the Student Veteran Association attend to Husson University's Military Honor Tree; President **Robert Clark** speaks at the Gracie.

Husson University Honors Those Who Served

In recognition of the incredible sacrifices made by members of the armed forces and their families to protect our way of life, Husson University hosted three days of events, from November 9 – 11, 2017, that honored the contributions of veterans to our nation.

On Thursday, November 9, 2017, Husson hosted its Annual Roll Call in the Gracie Theatre. This event is part of a national effort to make Veterans Day on college campuses a special time of appreciation and reflection. During this event, Husson University participated in a "minute of silence" and a national roll call that honored those who served, those who are serving, and those who gave their lives in service to our country. A series of video interviews with Korean War-era veterans conducted by NESCom students concluded the day's event. The interviews, designed to help future generations better understand the realities of war from the those who served, are part of the Library of Congress's Veterans History Project.

On the following day, the University hosted a Veterans Appreciation Dinner in the lower level of the G. Peirce Webber Campus Center in Peabody Hall. The dinner was designed to show veterans how much the Husson campus community appreciates the sacrifices these brave men and women made for our country.

Concluding the three days of events was a football game on Saturday, November 11, 2017, when the Husson University Eagles took on the Mount Ida College Mustangs at the John W. Winkin Sports Complex. The athletic contest was dedicated to veterans and anyone with a military ID got to attend the football game for free. In tribute to the veterans present at the game, the Eagles defeated the Mustangs 42 to 14.

The three days of events were sponsored by the Husson University Student Veterans Association, the Husson University's Offices of Veterans Services, and Husson's Alumni and Friends organization.

Building for a Business Tomorrow



Husson University is part of **Kristen Dorion's '12** heritage.

"My grandparents, **Byron** and **Genevieve (Smith) Gardiner '38/'38** met at Husson in the 1930s. Back then it was known as the Maine School of Commerce." Today, Husson University is the home of Maine's largest college of business. Students can enroll in two, four or five year programs.

Husson's Paralegal Studies program is what drew the Gardiner's granddaughter to their alma mater. "After researching in-state as well as out-of-state colleges, I was pleased to discover that Husson's curriculum seemed affordable, interesting, challenging and an all-around good fit," says Dorion.

Paralegal studies allow students the opportunity to earn a Bachelor of Science degree, an Associate of Science degree, as well as a non-degree certification in paralegal studies.

"Many of my professors were practicing attorneys," explains Dorion. "As students, we were challenged to apply textbook concepts to real-world scenarios through the use of mock trials, mediations, client interviews and more."

Dorion says it was encouragement from her Husson professors, "my mentors," as she calls them, who convinced her to go beyond a BS degree and apply to law school. Today, she runs her own firm, Dorion Law Office, in Gorham.



Idiris Adan is with The Home Depot as a merchandising execution area supervisor.

Affordability was a big reason why **Idiris Adan '15** chose to attend Husson University.

"I was looking for a small to medium sized business school," explains Adan. "I had looked at a number of different schools and even with financial aid, their price tags were just outrageous."

Adan chose to take advantage of Husson's five-year Bachelor of Science/MBA with a concentration in financial management.

He was immediately impressed by the diverse course load, which prepares students for jobs in all sectors of the business world. "My education at Husson enabled me to be more analytical and to see problems as opportunities," he said.

His favorite class was Bank and Financial Services Management which allows students to manage $250,000, from the James and Carol Carlisle Endowment Fund, buying, researching and selling stocks. "This was a hands-on experience. We researched market trends and performed analysis for companies, sectors, and the market as a whole," explains Adan. "We also established set portfolio parameters and goals, and presented potential investment ideas to the committee. The finance department was doing the actual transactions but we were making the decisions about what to buy."

All the money earned by the finance students is deposited back into the Carlisle Fund, with the earnings supplying several student scholarships each year. Students also help to manage the Husson Stock Index, which tracks and analyzes 27 companies considered to have an effect on Maine's economy.

In addition to experiential learning, both Adan and Dorion credit Husson University's community of caring as a major contributor to their career achievements.

"In order to succeed at anything in life, you must truly believe that you can succeed," says Dorian. "For me, this belief took root while I attended Husson."

Adaptive Resources

Husson University's Occupational Therapy (OT) program is the only one in Maine where students have access to an actual cadaver lab for anatomy courses. That and other experiential learning techniques are a major reason why **Bridgette Chalila '17** chose Husson to pursue her Master of Science in OT degree.



Bridgette Chalila '17

"I'm a very non-traditional student," the 45-year-old wife and mother of two says with a chuckle. Chalila received an undergraduate degree in psychology "like a million years ago," then worked for 13 years as a massage therapist. She was initially interested in physical therapy. But after attending a continuing education conference, Chalila realized that OT was her calling.

Husson's OT program offers students two tracks of education. Because you need a master's degree in order to take the National Board for Certification in Occupation Therapy exam, Husson offers a master's-only program. Unlike many other OT schools in the country, Husson students can also enroll in the five-year Bachelor of Science in healthcare administration and public health/Master of Science in occupational therapy program, starting as a freshman.

"If they maintain the minimum required GPA in core prerequisite courses like anatomy and physiology as undergraduates, they will proceed seamlessly to the professional phase," explains **Dr. Laurie Mouradian**, chair and professor at Husson's School of Occupational Therapy.

The University's OT program is attracting applicants from all over the country. Forty-five students are accepted by the School each year. "We are nationally accredited, which means we prepare students to work with people across the entire life spectrum – from cradle to grave," says Mouradian. "They get experience with children, adolescents, adults, older adults, and those with physical limitations, and mental health issues."

OT students are exposed to a variety of opportunities in the multi-purpose classrooms. Hands-on learning takes on a whole new meaning in settings that include a kitchen, simulated bathroom and an inpatient hospital room. "We are literally teaching our students where to put their hands," notes Mouradian.

> "We're not spiritual advisers in any way, but if a patient wants to talk about [death and dying], we need to prepare our students to be receptive."
> Dr. Laurie Mouradian

Two unusual courses that are part of the OT curriculum focus on integrative health and the interaction between mind, body and spirit. "We talk about death and dying," Mouradian says. "These are topics that come up when someone is facing a medical crisis. We're not spiritual advisers in any way, but if a patient wants to talk about these things, we need to prepare our students to be receptive."

Narrative medicine is another unique piece being woven into many of the OT courses at Husson. For their capstone project, graduates focus on the impact that one particular client had on them for better or worse, and reflect on why.

Chalila spent time with the Penobscot Nation as part of her clinical fieldwork. "We interviewed people from the tribe to better understand their values, or if they had apprehensions about non-natives providing services," she explains. "I worked in their assisted-living facility. Our goal was to help the residents to increase or maintain their functional level in order for them to be able to remain on the island."

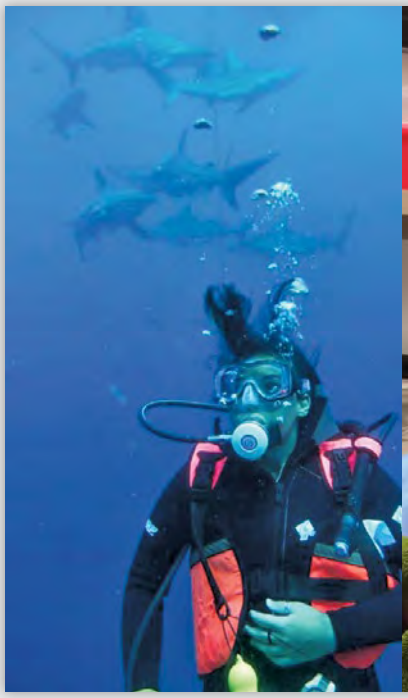
Chalila also spent time in the Dominican Republic through the Partners for Rural Health program. "These were opportunities that I could only get as a student at Husson so I made sure to take advantage of them," she says.

Mouradian acknowledges that Husson OT programs are intensive. But considering Husson students had a 100% pass rate within one year after graduation for 2017 on the NBCOT board exam, it's clear the courses are crucial. In some cases, students already have jobs before their exam results are back. "If people aren't working within a few months of their degree, it's usually for personal reasons," explains Mouradian.

In addition to brief clinical experiences, students complete two full-time experiences. "We don't wait until the end of the program to get them into that intense setting," explains Mouradian. Each experience is 40 hours a week for 12 weeks in different health fields.

Biology Grad Creating Milestones

While Husson University's Bachelor of Science in biology program may be relatively young, the results of the program are quite powerful. "We graduate an average of ten students each year," said **Dr. Jennifer Long**, associate professor. "That is good news for the students in our program because the majors-only courses are very small, and students get a great deal of individualized attention."



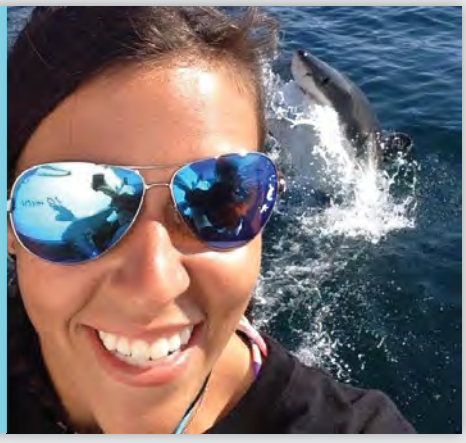


Black tip reef sharks; Capen's first hedgehog surgery: leg amputation.

Kristen Capen '13 appreciated the biology program, knowing her direction was veterinarian school, "I had a strong passion for science and biology beginning in high school. Husson offered such a diversity of degrees in the medical and science field; I knew it would be the perfect school to set myself up for success." In addition, the native of Leeds, Maine, embraced the home-town feel of the campus community, "It also gave me the opportunity to play sports alongside my schoolwork."

Capen is now living in St. Paul, MN, working towards her doctorate in veterinary medicine. When not in classes, she works as an emergency technician at a local veterinary hospital. In addition, she is president of a University of Minnesota's student-led organization known as SIRVS (Student Initiative for Reservation Veterinary Services) that travels across Minnesota to provide vet care to reservation communities.

Her next internship [after CROW] led her across the globe to researching and teaching about Great White Sharks in Mossel Bay, South Africa.



"Blackgill," one of the great whites we saw often.

Upon graduation from Husson, Capen accepted a fellowship at CROW (Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife) in Sanibel, Florida, where she spent six months working with a variety of wildlife ranging from sea turtles to bald eagles. "It was a wonderful experience." Her next internship led her across the globe to researching and teaching about great white sharks in Mossel Bay, South Africa.

"Kristen's path is not a typical one," said Dr. Long. "Not many apply for veterinary schools because it is harder to get into than medical school. Students really have to have a passion for the work and they have to find a way to make themselves standout in the crowd. Kristen has certainly done that!" Graduates typically go into health-related careers or laboratory jobs with their Husson degree.

Now wrapping up her third year of vet school, Capen reflected on her Husson experience as fun and interesting. "The biology department is small, so you are able to get the intimate relationships that allow you to feel like not just 'another student.' Your professors will do everything they can to help you achieve your ambitions."

As a bonus, she found the program to be very affordable. "The smaller classes and one-on-one professor time you have in the biology program are invaluable. At Husson, you get back what you put into classes. All of the professors want to see you succeed."

More Than Meets the Ear

The live sound technology concentration is the perfect step toward a career in the dynamic live audio industry.



Cheng working at the Dick Clark New Years Eve VIP event.

Troy Cantalupo '16 feels that the live sound technology program can be life-altering. "It instilled a lot of confidence in me," Today, he works aboard U.S. Navy ships tackling all things noise related. "I started interning for Noise Control Engineering the summer before my junior year of college, and I was hired full-time immediately after graduating." Cantalupo recently worked on a ship performing a "transmission loss" test and then went on to conduct a vibration survey for the Coast Guard.

Taiya Cheng '13 is a freelance live audio engineer which has allowed her many opportunities including mixing the audio for the audience at a Dick Clark New Years Eve VIP event in New York City. She said, "Putting together an event, being part of something bigger than myself, and ultimately creating an experience for other people is why I love being in this field."



Cantalupo, onsite, during his internship with Noise Control Engineering, LLC.

Despite the physical labor, Cheng loves being a freelance live audio engineer. "I can work anywhere I want," she said. "At the moment, most of my work is in the NYC/New Jersey area and working music festivals on cruise ships in the winter months."

Cheng and Cantalupo are proof that, "Graduates can gain employment almost anywhere in the world," said **Joshua Small**, coordinator of the audio engineering and live sound technology through the New England School of Communications (NESCom) at Husson University. There is an active partnership with Clair Global, a corporation that provides audio and video solutions to the live touring and sound industry throughout the world.

"Current alumni use Clair Global to begin their career in the audio industry," said Small, "while other graduates work as product specialists for companies such as Telefunken, one of the world's oldest manufacturer of microphones, and Sweetwater, the world's leading music technology and instrument retailer."

NESCom's connections and their skillful and talented, hands-on educators, positioned students for success in the field of live sound technology. "All of my instructors and professors are incredibly knowledgeable with a great willingness to teach, and they had amazing patience with all of us," said Cheng. She admitted though, "There are a lot of theoretical concepts to wrap your mind around, so it's important you ask questions and really make sure you understand what is being taught."

Looking beyond the concepts, Cantalupo said, "The program also taught me how to adapt to challenges, improve my leadership skills and market myself. Of the staff, he said, "Each one has a lifetime of knowledge to pass on to their students. They're invested in their respective fields personally, as well as invested in student success."

Cantalupo felt that Husson's education was affordable. "It was a smart investment for me." Cheng added, "NESCom really is one of Maine's hidden gems."

A Pharmacist Living a Maine Life

"This is a challenge worth taking," said **Dr. Jonathan Anderson '14**, when speaking of Husson University's School of Pharmacy doctoral program. He said it was **Dr. Roger Phipps** who taught him to be a leader and to expand his horizons in pharmacy. "I still look back on his classes and advice with fondness today," said Anderson.

> "Our mission emphasizes rural health care delivery."
> Dr. Conrad Dhing

Originally from Memphis, Tennessee, Anderson and his wife settled in Amherst, Maine, in 2005 and chose to study at Husson University because it was close to home. He said, "I was able to take on a new educational journey without having to relocate my family." Because of Maine's lifestyle and career opportunities, Anderson decided to remain in rural Maine and was recently named director of pharmacy at Cary Medical Center in Caribou.

"My interest in pathophysiology encouraged me to take on the challenge of director after working as a pharmacy manager in retail for many years. I find the science behind it all and the connection to patients both interesting and satisfying," said Anderson.

He offered some advice for anyone considering this academic path. "Have a strong base in math and science, and stay open minded in choosing your focus: retail vs. hospital."

Dr. Conrad Dhing, the assistant dean of student academic affairs at the School of Pharmacy commented that over the past five years, 273 students have earned their Husson Doctor of Pharmacy degree. "Over 80 percent of our graduates get jobs at community pharmacies like RiteAid, Walgreens, CVS, Target, Walmart. Others go into hospital practice and academia."

This was Anderson's path starting his career as a staff pharmacist at Calais's Walmart, later becoming the store's pharmacy manager. In 2016, Anderson moved to Calais Regional Hospital as director of pharmacy, and now he is further north at Caribou's hospital, a position he started in March.

Anderson's career path follows the direction of Husson University's School of Pharmacy, focusing on rural healthcare. Dhing said, "Our mission emphasizes rural health care delivery. All our pharmacy students are exposed to, and have practiced in, rural health care settings as part of their training. They also have taken courses on the unique challenges of delivering health care in rural environments like Maine." He added,



Jonathan enjoys life with his family in northern Maine.

"To help them achieve career success, we offer dual degree programs in PharmD/MBA and PharmD/MS in pharmacology. These are highly desirable among pharmacy students."

Anderson admits you get to know how rural Maine really is when working a rotation schedule. "The lifestyle is so different from Memphis. I love the outdoors and spending time in it with my family. Not only is it fantastically beautiful, but there's so many options for outdoor recreation. I also enjoy the pace in Maine… the space and quiet."

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Certificate Programs: Opening the Door to Career-Advancing Knowledge and Degrees

For many people, including working adults, the time commitment and demands of a full-degree program can be problematic.

While individuals want to develop and update their skills, increase their expertise in a given field, and position themselves for career advancement, pursuing a bachelor's or master's degree isn't always an option.

Certificate programs fit the needs of these students by offering in-depth education on specific topics. They're a great way to show employers that one has obtained the knowledge needed to handle specific jobs.

Credits earned in certificate programs can also count toward bachelor's degrees; which is helpful if students decide at a later date that they want to continue or further their education.

There are a number of benefits to completing a certificate program at Husson. Completing a certificate helps prospective job applicants distinguish themselves from those without any college education or training. They also help people interested in changing careers. Certificates help students get the knowledge they need, without having to go back to school for four years or more.

Interestingly, completing a certificate can help increase an individual's earnings. "According to a report from the Center on Education and the Workforce at Georgetown University, a postsecondary certificate adds almost $117,000 in lifetime earnings (measured in 2004 dollars) over a high school diploma, particularly for those who have no other degrees."[1]

For anyone watching their budget, certificate programs are cost effective. Tuition for certificate programs at Husson University are less expensive because they require fewer courses than lengthier undergraduate or graduate degrees.

Finally, people with busy lives like certificates. While they're not as comprehensive as degrees, they do fit well into the lives of people with families and full-time jobs.

If you're interested in learning more about whether a certificate program at Husson University is right for you, call 1-800-4HUSSON or email us at admit@husson.edu.

Certificate Programs at Husson University

Undergraduate

Accounting
Advanced Live Sound Technology
Audio Engineering
Business Administration
Counter Terrorism and Security
Data Analytics
Digital and Social Media Marketing
Elementary Education Pathways II
Entertainment Design and Technology
Entertainment Production
Entrepreneurship
Fundamentals of Live Sound
Graphic Design
Hospitality
Marketing Communications
Paralegal - Advanced Civil Practice
Paralegal - Advanced Criminal Practice
Paralegal Studies
Photography
Sales
Secondary Life Sciences Pathways II
Secondary English Pathways II
Small Business Management
Web Design
Web Media

Graduate

Counter Terrorism and Security
Data Analytics
Nursing - FCNP - Post Masters
Nursing - PMHNP - Post Masters

[1] *The Newest College Credential, The New York Times, January 7, 2011, https://www.nytimes.com/2011/01/09/education/edlife/09certificate-t.html*

www.husson.edu/academics/degrees

A Decade of New Program

Visitors to Husson University are often impressed by the increased number of campus buildings and facilities available to students. What is not as visible, but equally impressive, is the growth of program offerings Husson University makes available to students.

This timeline shows all of the new programs our University has launched within the last 10 years. It represents just a sample of the 61 undergraduate programs and 19 graduate and professional programs, including concentrations, that we offer to Husson University students.

2009

Doctor of **Pharmacy**

Master of Science in **Clinical Mental Health Counseling** (Formerly Counseling Psychology, 2006)

Master of Science in **Human Relations** (Formerly a concentration under Counseling Psychology, 2006)

2010

Master of Business Administration (MBA) (Formerly Master of Science in Business, 1978)

Master of Business Administration concentration ***Hospitality Management***

Baccalaureate in **Educational Studies**

Baccalaureate in **Elementary Education**

Baccalaureate in Business Administration concentration: ***Interdisciplinary Program of Study***

Baccalaureate in **Legal Studies** concentration: ***Pre-Law***

2011

Master of Business Administration concentration: ***Health Care Management***

Baccalaureate in **Environmental Science**

2012

Baccalaureate in Business Administration concentration: ***Entrepreneurship and Small Business Management*** (Formerly Small Business Management, 2000)

Baccalaureate in **Forensic Science**

Baccalaureate in **Hospitality and Tourism Management**

2013

Baccalaureate in **Sport Management**

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2014

Baccalaureate in **Business and Professional studies** (Formerly Business & Technology, 1997)

Baccalaureate in **Communications Technology** concentrations:
- ***Audio Engineering***
- ***Live Sound Technology***
- ***Video Production***

Baccalaureate in **Entertainment Production**

Baccalaureate in **Health Sciences**

Baccalaureate in Hospitality and Tourism Management concentrations:
- ***Sales and Marketing***
- ***Small Business and Entrepreneurship***

Baccalaureate in **Liberal Studies** (Formerly Science & Humanities, 1997)

Baccalaureate in **Mass Communications** concentrations:
- ***Journalism***
- ***Marketing Communications***
- ***Radio Broadcasting***
- ***Sports Journalism***

2015

Master of Business Administration concentration: ***Organizational Management***

Baccalaureate in Business Administration concentration: ***Healthcare Management***

Online RN-to-BSN

2016

Master of Business Administration concentrations:
- ***Biotechnology and Innovation***
- ***Risk Management***

Master of Science in **Pharmacology**

Baccalaureate in **Biochemistry**

Baccalaureate in **Business and Liberal Studies**

Baccalaureate in **Data Analytics**

Baccalaureate in **Exercise Science**

2017

Master of Business Administration concentration: ***Athletic Administration***

Baccalaureate in Business Administration concentration: ***Financial Planning***

Baccalaureate in **Integrated Technology** concentrations:
- ***Computer Information Systems***
- ***Software Development***
- ***Web Design and Development***

Baccalaureate in Legal Studies concentration: Pre Law ***3+3 0ption with the Maine School of Law***

Associate of Science in **Integrated Technology**

2018

Master of Business Administration concentration: ***Data Analytics***

Master of Science in Nursing concentration: ***Educational Leadership*** (Formerly Nursing Education, 2009)

Baccalaureate in Criminal Justice concentrations:
- ***National/ Corporate Security***
- ***Psychology***

Baccalaureate in Entertainment Production concentrations:
- ***Audio/Visual Engineering***
- ***Theatre Production***

Baccalaureate in **Healthcare Administration and Public Health** (Formerly Healthcare Studies, 2007)

Moving Forward with Advanced Degrees



Husson University offers 19 graduate and professional programs for individuals who want more knowledge after completing their bachelor's degrees.

"In order to be successful in today's society, having the ability to understand and apply legal policies and procedures is vital," said **Jessika Kovach '18**. "I was looking for an advanced degree that also gave me insight into communication, interpersonal relations, psychology and leadership. Husson's Master of Science in criminal justice administration (MSCJA) program gave me all that and much more."

The MSCJA and Husson's other master's and doctoral degrees provide in-depth knowledge into specific career fields. Some degrees, like the MSCJA, provide added information that allows individuals to get their ideal job or move their career to the next level. Others are necessary in order to become a qualified practitioner in a specific field.

Many healthcare disciplines require individuals to complete advanced education before they're allowed to serve the public. For example, practicing pharmacists are required to complete a rigorous Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) program, and pass stringent board exams before they can begin dispensing medication and discussing individuals' personal health.

"I love studying pharmacy at Husson. The faculty care about keeping the program current. While the board exams keep getting harder every year, the school is definitely meeting our needs and supporting the students," said **Caitlin Brittelli '19**.

Brittelli also likes the small class sizes available at Husson and the close personal relationships she has been able to cultivate with her peers. "We all support each other. Since we all know each other, I never feel afraid to go talk to someone and ask them for help. It's really nice. We all work together and know what each of us is going through."

Physical therapy is another discipline that requires an advanced degree. **Christine Davis '17**, a Husson Doctor of Physical Therapy graduate, felt that the experiential focus of the program contributed significantly to her educational success. Husson requires physical therapy students to participate in clinical rotations with practicing professionals. This gives students the opportunity to work with real-life physical therapists and actual patients. "The clinical experiences have been enormous growth opportunities for everyone in our class," said Davis.

Those with advanced degrees, like pharmacists or physical therapists, can command higher incomes. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics' *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, the median pay for practicing pharmacists in 2016 was $122,230 per year[1] while the median pay for practicing physical therapists that same year was $85,400 per year.[2]

It's no surprise that education has a significant impact on personal earnings. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, "the average earnings in 2016 for those ages 25 and older whose highest educational attainment was high school were $35,615. The average

1 *United States Department of Labor,* Occupational Outlook Handbook, *"Pharmacists,"* https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/pharmacists.htm
2 *United States Department of Labor,* Occupational Outlook Handbook, *"Physical Therapists,"* https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/physical-therapists.htm



"The clinical experiences have been enormous growth opportunities for everyone in our class."
Christine Davis '17 DPT



"I want the opportunity to lead others."
SaraEllen Gilden '18



earnings for those with a bachelor's degree were $65,482 compared with $92,525 for those with an advanced degree."[3]

In addition to increased earnings, graduate degrees at Husson University open the doors to career opportunities. "I want the opportunity to lead others," said **SaraEllen Gilden '18,** a student earning a Bachelor of Science in accounting and a Master of Business Administration (MBA). "To do that, I needed to learn more about management, finance, and how to drive success in organizations. And thanks to Husson, I'll be able to earn a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Business Administration in just five years.

People sometimes wonder if an advanced degree is worth the time and expense. Employment statistics show that individuals with advanced degrees experience less unemployment than those with less education.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics recently looked at unemployment rates and earnings in 2017. Individuals who were able to complete high school experienced a 4.6 percent unemployment rate.[4] Those with a bachelor's degree have an unemployment rate of 2.5 percent, while those with a doctoral degree have an unemployment rate of only 1.5 percent.[5] The more education you have, the lower the unemployment rate.

Students who complete master's and doctoral degrees have advantages over their peers. Having completed more education, these students experience higher earnings, lower levels of unemployment, and greater career flexibility.

Students who earn an advanced degree from Husson learn from knowledgeable faculty who have work experience in the fields they teach. The small class sizes, supportive community, and real-world focus of Husson's program make our master's and doctoral degrees accessible and relevant.

If you're interested in learning more about graduate degrees at Husson University and how they can benefit your career, call our Graduate Admissions Office at 207-404-5661 or email us at graduateschool@husson.edu.

3 "Highest Educational Levels Reached by Adults in the U.S. Since 1940," United States Census Bureau, https://www.census.gov/newsroom/press-releases/2017/cb17-51.html

4 "Employment Projections," United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, https://www.bls.gov/emp/ep_chart_001.htm

5 Ibid

Graduate Professional Programs at Husson

Doctoral Programs

Doctor of Physical Therapy (3-year DPT)

Pharmacy (6-year Pharm.D)

Masters Programs

Master of Business Administration (MBA)

Concentrations in

- Athletic Administration
- Biotechnology and Innovation
- Data Analytics
- General
- Health Care Management
- Hospitality Management
- Organizational Management
- Risk Management

MS Clinical Mental Health Counseling

MS Criminal Justice Administration

MS Human Relations

MS Nursing

Concentrations in

- Family and Community Nurse Practitioner
- Educational Leadership
- Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

MS Occupational Therapy

MS Pharmacology

MS School Counseling



Classes that click

It was just three years ago that Husson University introduced its online degree program for both baccalaureate and master's degrees. Today, nearly 250 students are opting for an online education at Husson with choices that include six BS degrees, four master's degrees and an undergraduate certificate program.

New Online Programs Coming Soon:

Fall 2018:
- MBA – Data Analytics concentration
- BS Healthcare Administration and Public Health/MBA – General or Healthcare Management concentration (5-year program)
- BS Business and Liberal Studies
- Graduate Certificate in Data Analytics

Spring 2019:
- BS Psychology

"It is extremely popular and growing day by day," said **Dr. David Haus**, director of online and extended learning at Husson University. "We just rolled out an online Bachelor of Science in healthcare studies and a certificate in data analytics which are already generating quite a bit of interest. And we're working on even more opportunities for next academic year."



Joey Page '17 has a simple answer when asked why he chose to take online college courses. "I needed to work," he replies. Page started out attending community college in Southern Maine. "But unfortunately, it's hard to find a full-time job and attend classes during the day," he says. "I needed the money, so work came first."

Page heard about Husson's online Bachelor of Science in business administration (BSBA) program from a friend. "I looked at the courses and liked what I saw," he says. "I called to enroll and it ended up being a super easy transition for me."

Page started taking online courses at Husson in the spring of 2017. "I was trying to get my degree as fast as possible," he explains. "I enrolled in the two summer semesters that are offered online. Because of that, I was able to graduate last fall."

Haus says the school purposely designed its online courses to last just seven weeks. "Our online students don't take all of their courses over the traditional 15-week period," he explained. "You might take two courses in the first seven weeks, and two courses in the second seven weeks. You still take your four classes but work wise, it's a little more spread out and a little more manageable. It also works well with people who have different schedules. So sometimes students will take courses in the first session, skip the second session, and come back for the third and fourth."

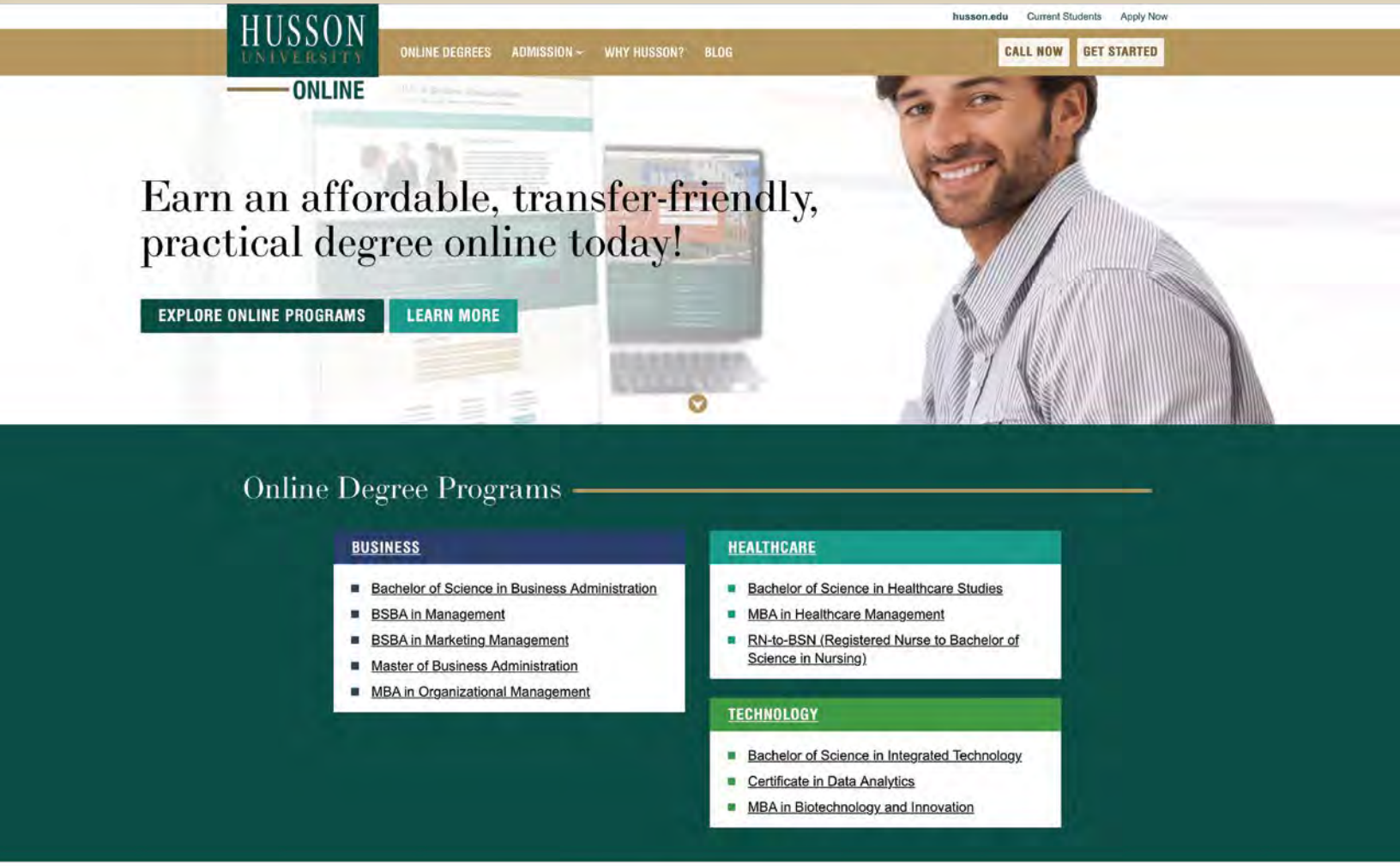
Page initially had some concerns about the lack of face time with his professors, remembering his experiences with other online schools. "It would take 24 and sometimes 48 hours to get back to me with questions," he says. "At Husson, every single one of my professors was getting back to me right away. I was always communicating with them."



LeeAnn Towle '97 knows firsthand about Husson's Quality Matters standards, whether it's online courses or brick and mortar classes. She received an Associate of Science in business administration from Husson back in 1997. Towle is now pursuing her BSBA online at Husson University, with a concentration in marketing.

"Having attended Husson in person, albeit many years ago, I feel that I am receiving as much of a top-notch education online as I did attending classes in person," Towle says. "I currently work full-time so I needed a flexible, online program that worked around my schedule. After comparing a number of online college programs, I decided Husson was exactly what I wanted. Plus, I really liked the class requirements and selection. Some of the other colleges that I researched had some strange required classes that didn't seem relevant."

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The Husson Online Experience

Both Towle and Page give major kudos to their instructors. “Not only did we have our textbooks online, not only are they posting useful documents to help us with the assignments, but then all of my professors posted videos too,” says Page. “That three-way combo really helped me along. I can’t tell you how awesome those videos were.”

All virtual courses at Husson are taught by the same faculty providing the campus classroom content. “So whether that’s a full time faculty member or any number of our experienced adjuncts,” says Haus, “we hire them to share their expertise with our students along with their professional connections. What you get face-to-face is the same as what you get online.”

All students at Husson, including those taking courses online, are assigned a success advisor. Page says having that connection was invaluable to his online education. “They were reaching out to me every other week, just making sure I was doing alright,” he says. “I really appreciated those calls. Towards the end of my studies, I was stressing out a bit and I reached out to them for help. They really calmed me down.”

Haus says the demographics of online students may surprise some. “For many years, people thought that online programs were really for a small group of people or for non-traditional students who already had careers,” he explains. “And we certainly have a number of students who fit that description. We also have students taking classroom courses side-by-side with online courses in order to fit in an internship or other experiential-type program. It’s impressive how many people are interested in this modality.”

The University's online programs are extremely competitive when it comes to affordability. “Husson is always transparent about our tuition costs, and we're sensitive to the needs of our community,” Haus says. “Our tuition is a 'what you see is what you get' price.”

As Husson University’s online program continues to grow and expand, so too does the school’s commitment to its institutional identity. “It’s very important to have online programs in a modern university simply because student populations are much more complex in their needs and preferences,” Haus says. It behooves us to offer online choices to students to help us fulfill Husson’s mission.”

Athletic Awards



Smith Named All-American

John Smith was recently been named to the 2017 American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Division III Coaches' All-American First Team. A week after becoming the first player in program history to be named the New England College Division Player of the Year, Smith became the first Husson football player to earn AFCA All-American honors.

In 43 career games played, Smith ran for 7,205 yards on 1,170 attempts. He scored 81 touchdowns on the ground and caught 34 passes for 370 yards. He broke 55 University and New England Division III records.

Smith reached new heights in his final season in a Husson uniform, by becoming the first tailback in program history to surpass the 2,000-yard rushing, total offense mark. This was the third consecutive year he earned Eastern Collegiate Football Conference (ECFC) Offensive Player of the Year honors.

He is the only player in ECFC history to be named to the AFCA All-American First Team, Offensive Player of the Year in back-to-back-to-back seasons, named a semifinalist for the Gagliardi Trophy, and the only player on the 2017 All-NEFW (New England Football Writers) squad to be named to the team for four straight seasons.



Anderson Honored for his Athletic Contributions

Husson senior guard **Raheem Anderson** has had an outstanding season. Among his many honors, he has earned a spot in the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) 2018 Reese's Division III College All-Star Game. He was also recently named to the D3hoops.com 2018 men's all-region second team. He is now the first player in Husson's history to earn back-to-back nods from D3hoops.com.

Selected by member coaches of the NABC in NCAA Division III, Anderson was also named to the second team of the 2018 NABC Coaches' Division III All-District teams. He was also recently named the North Atlantic Conference (NAC) Men's Basketball Player of the Week for the first time this season.

Sarett Wins at GNAC Championship



Husson University senior **Lara Sarett** won the 200 breaststroke for the Eagles at the Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) championship held at Simmons College.

The senior was one of two swimmers at the championship to finish under the previous GNAC record in the 50 meter breaststroke. Sarett placed second at 31.1 seconds, the seventh fastest time this season in NCAA Division lll.

Sarett also became the first Eagle swimmer in program history to swim in back-to-back-to-back Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Open Championships.

Price, Smith & Soyini Earn New England Football Writers Awards



Left to right: Quan Soyini, Coach Price, John Smith, Coach Clark

After leading Husson University to its most successful season in program history, **Gabby Price** has been named the New England College Division Coach of the Year and senior tailback **John Smith** was named the season's Division II/III Gold Helmet Award winner. The awards were presented by the Jack Grinold/Eastern Massachusetts Chapter of the National Football Foundation. Additionally, Smith and junior cornerback **Quan Soyini** earned spots on the NEFW DII/DIII All-New England Team for their efforts this fall.

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The Husson Ledger

A Blast From the Past

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While this issue of *The Ledger* has focused on programs that were launched within the past 10 years, it's important to remember that Husson University has always been an educational innovator. We continue to offer degrees that lead to career success.

This article from a 1979-1980 edition of *The Husson Ledger* talks about the awarding of our first master's degree. While we've come a long way since then, we're still creating new programs that suit the needs of today's workforce.

Graduate Degree

Twenty-five years after conferring its first baccalaureate degree, Husson College recently presented Joseph Armstrong of Brewer with the School's first master's degree.

By completing the report "Financial and Economic Considerations in Investments in Timberland in Maine," Armstrong gains the distinction of being the first to complete the fifteen-month-old program and earn a Master's of Science in business degree.

Graduating from Pennsylvania State University in 1969 with a degree in forestry management, Armstrong served as a helicopter pilot in Vietnam prior to joining Great Northern Paper Company as a foreman and operations forester.

It was after he become a district forester for St. Regis Paper Company that he became interested in graduate school. "I felt that if I were going any further in the forest products industry, I was going to have to learn more about the business side of the industry. So I decided to return to school full time."

According to Armstrong, he selected Husson's graduate program because it accommodated those individuals without prior formal training in business.

"They were interested in people like myself who have good work experience, but not necessarily the business education."

Dr. David O'Gorman, dean of graduate studies at Husson, contends that this program is growing rapidly because it has been designed for students like Joe Armstrong. "We don't think it makes much sense to have mature, experienced, highly motivated individuals sitting through a series of undergraduate pre-requisites prior to starting graduate courses. So we designed a two-track program—one for those with prior business courses and another for those with undergraduate degrees in other fields."

"We felt that there was a need for this type of program in this geographic area. Eighty percent of our students are people who are working full time in a wide variety of occupations and are pursuing a master's degree part-time."

Armstrong praises the program because of the background diversity of its students.

"The diversification of backgrounds of the students is unbelievable. You might be sitting next to the president of a local company and you can swap ideas on industry differences on a number of issues. In this type of situation, you can draw the best from the text, the professor, and other students. It is a much more mature approach to graduate education."

Armstrong plays down the importance of being Husson's first master's degree recipient.

"While it makes me feel good, I went into the program for the education and not the degree," he claims. "Being the first graduate, I am getting the opportunity to give input back into the program and I think that is valuable both for me and the program."

Ironically, without the support of Husson's first B.S. degree recipient, there would be no graduate program at Husson today. The man who received that degree 25 years ago is Delmont N. Merrill, now the president of Husson College.



Joseph Armstrong Jr., at the 2018 presidential inaugural parade in DC, which the North Carolina Vietnam Helicopter Pilots participated in.

UPDATE: Joseph Armstrong, Jr. '80G

When Joseph Armstrong arrived at Husson, he was a forester with Great Northern Paper and the St. Regis Paper Company. After earning his degree, he was able to become a district forester for Champion International, a firm that was later bought by International Paper. In this job, he was responsible for planting and harvesting 130,000 acres of land here in Maine. "The local vice president wanted someone with experience. The corporate office wanted someone with a business degree. My MSB made me the perfect fit for this job," he said. Today, Armstrong lives in North Carolina and is the owner of Scientific Forest Management where he works with private land owners as a consulting forester. "Husson opened the door for me. I was glad I got my MSB."

May 2018 Commencement

Husson University held its 119th Annual Commencement at the Cross Insurance Center in Bangor, Maine, on Saturday, May 5, 2018. Over 7,000 people were in attendance. Graduates receiving recognition included students from the University's College of Business, College of Health and Education, College of Science and Humanities, New England School of Communications (NESCom) and School of Pharmacy. With 810 graduates earning 908 degrees, this was the largest graduating class in Husson University's 120-year history.

Peter G. Vigue, chair of the board of directors of the Cianbro Companies delivered the commencement address to the Class of 2018. "As the leader of a world-class company, Peter Vigue understands that organizations cannot stand still in order to be successful in today's competitive business environment. Similarly, Husson University continues to grow and evolve. We are constantly reevaluating our programs, developing new offerings, building new facilities and hiring knowledgeable faculty members who can help our students find career success in today's global economy," said Husson University **President Robert A. Clark, PhD**.

Honorary Degree Recipients

Peter G. Vigue, the chair of the board of the Cianbro Companies, received an honorary Doctor of Business degree in recognition of his leadership abilities, his dedication to employee health and safety, and his devotion to the people of Maine.

The University of Maine's first woman president, **Dr. Susan J. Hunter**, also received an honorary doctorate. She was the 20th president of the University of Maine and the president of the University of Maine at Machias, now a regional campus of UMaine.

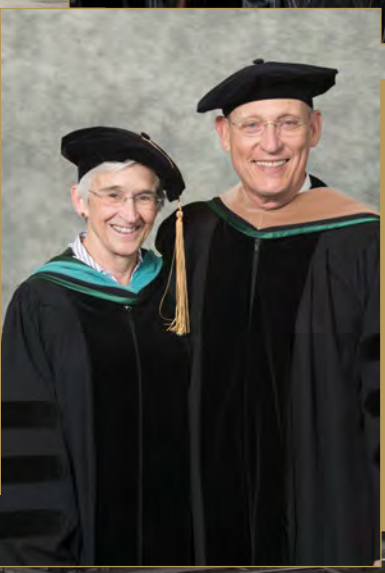
Congratulations to all






Chesley H. Husson Sr. Award

This year's award was presented to Professor Emerita **Dr. Teresa Willett Steele** at the annual graduate Hooding Ceremony on May 4, 2018. Named for Chesley H. Husson Sr., the founder of Husson College, the award recognizes individuals who personify academic integrity, hands-on education, and community service. Steele devoted more than 30 years to Husson University as a School of Nursing faculty member, dean, fellow, and interim dean.










of our graduates!

Valedictorians

Chase W. Allen
Accounting/MBA

Weston R. Ranalli
Accounting/MBA

Kirsten R. Wood
Kinesiology

Salutatorian

Robbie C. Chamberland
Accounting/MBA









Class News & Notes

Promotions, engagements, weddings, birth announcements and other accomplishments. Class notes can be found online at **husson.edu/class-notes**

1950s

Del Merrill* '48, '54, '85H will be inducted into the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame as part of the Class of 2018. Before he was president of Husson, Merrill was an athletic director and basketball coach. His teams went on to win seven league championships and two state small-college titles from 1955 to 1968. He also acted as the state basketball commissioner and was inducted into the Maine Sports Hall of Fame in 1997.

**Deceased*

1960s

Entering the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame as a "Legend of the Game" will be **Thaxter Trafton '61**, former president of the Cleveland Cavaliers and a standout player at Morse High School in Bath and at Husson University.

1970s

Michael Kilroy '72 has been re-elected as town supervisor for the Town of Harrietstown for a four-year term, without opposition. He has been with the town since 1989 and plans to retire once he has completed his new term.

1980s

Keith Ogden '83 will be inducted into the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame as part of the Class of 2018. Ogden led his Bucksport High School team to State Class B Championships in 1978 and 1979 and played three years at Husson, leading to his induction into the Husson Sports Hall of Fame in 2003.

John Kolasinski '85 was named the first vice president of the American Baseball Coaches Association at their 2018 ABCA Convention in January 2018. Kolasinski currently serves as the head baseball coach for Siena Heights University.

Tom Clarke '85G is leading the process of restarting the former Essar Steel Minnesota project as Mesabi Metallics, a combined taconite mine, processing center and iron plant. Tom still serves as founder and CEO of Kissito Healthcare Inc., while also devoting time to his non-profit, health-care initiative in sub-Saharan Africa.

Basil Closson '89 has been appointed as the new CEO of Bangor Federal Credit Union, where he previously served as the chief financial officer.

1990s

Sheryl (Parker) Carpenter '91, a self-employed accountant/ bookkeeper and long-time fitness instructor at The Club at the Samoset Resort became its new health club director as of 2018.

Hannah Lord Davis '92 has joined Global Jet Capital as vice president of sales for the Mid-Atlantic. Hannah has over 25 years of commercial equipment finance industry experience.



Ko-Ichiro Kaneko '93 and his wife and children wishing Paul Husson a Happy New Year!

Amy Langley '94G received the 2017 Maine Primary Care Association's (MPCA) Nurse Practitioner Excellence Award. This award is presented to a clinician who exemplifies excellent primary care medicine by providing high standards of quality care and who advances innovation for success.

Al Tripp '94 is the automation group manager for the western region of Electric Equipment Company in Roanoke, VA.



Fumikazu Kato '96 and Wakako Wakasa visited Husson University in October on their way back to Rhode Island from Quebec. Kato and Wakasa recently sold their business in Providence and are making plans for the future.

Debora Strout '96 is senior account executive at Voltaire, Inc. She is also owner of FreezeFrame Photography in Portland.

Timothy Goff '97 has joined Machias Savings Bank as the branch manager in Presque Isle. He previously served as the marketing and economic development director for the town of Fort Fairfield.

Dean Michaud '97 continues to find success as president of Michaud Accounting Solutions, where he focuses on project management and accounting software implementation, primarily as a value added reseller of Sage Intacct Cloud ERP software.

Eric MacDonald '99, '14G, ΚΔΦ and **Jody (Vail) MacDonald '03, '06G, '14G** got married in Nashville, TN on October 7, 2017.

2000s

John Murray '00 has joined Stowe Mountain Club as the director of golf and member relations. Murray spent the last sixteen years in Florida as a golf pro and has over 7000 hours of golf instruction.

Mohamed Dahlan '02G is sales manager at Rajhi Steel in the Al Riyadh area of Saudi Arabia.

Ben Prunty '03 composes sound for games and films, most recently for the new game *Into the Breach* and the documentary *Banking on Bitcoin.* He was recently featured in a NESCom blog post where he discusses his education and career.

LuAnn Ballesteros '05 has been named vice president for external and government affairs at The Jackson Laboratory. She first joined the laboratory in 2005 as a senior development officer.

Jeffrey Pangburn '05G has joined the commercial sales team at TD Bank as a vice president, and relationship manager. Previously serving as a commercial lender in Presque Isle, Pangburn will relocate to the bank's Bangor location.

Col. Robert A. Williams '08 has been named director of security at Colby College, following seven years as head of the Maine State Police.

Zach Schmesser '09G joined Our Town Belfast at the beginning of 2018 as the new executive director. Our Town Belfast is a community-driven and nationally accredited Main Street organization focused on growing and sustaining the historic downtown Belfast area.

Michelle Silke '09, '11 has returned to Bangor to serve as the clinical manager and physical therapist at Absolute Physical Therapy. Silke specializes in treatment of oncology and lymphedema and looks forward to making a difference for patients in the Bangor area.

Erald Sino '09 is a commercial banker, middle market banking at JPMorgan Chase in Greenville, SC. Sino started his career at the bank in 2010.

2010s



Amanda (Missler) Bartlett CPA '10 received the Woman to Watch Award from the Maine Society of CPAs on Friday, November 17, 2017. She currently serves as the assistant treasurer for Dead River Company.

Michelle Curtis '10 has accepted a new role of senior vice president and treasury services sales officer at Bar Harbor Bank & Trust. Curtis first joined the bank in 2011, and was most recently a senior vice president and regional market manager.

Craig Pendleton '10 was awarded the 2017 Professional of the Year Award by the Maine State Chamber at their annual dinner in November. Pendleton is the executive director of the Biddeford & Saco Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

Mama "Papi" Sora '10 is a customer services manager at Athenahealth in Waterboro, MA. He and his wife and 11-year-old son live in New Hampshire.

John Houghton '11 recently celebrated five years of marriage to **Shantelle (Charette) Houghton '11** and the first birthday of their daughter, **Serenity Houghton**.

Mike Bachelder '12 was sworn in this February as a new department detective for the Skowhegan Police Department.

Last July, **Caitlin DeVore '12** joined Epic Marketing as an appointment setter, while maintaining her own business, Caitlin Jean Photography, in Utah.

Heather Doyle '12 has started at Anthem as a benefits analyst this past February.

Kimberly Grindle '12 was recently promoted to senior marketing strategist at Dream Local Digital.

NESCom alumni **Andrew King '13**, **Ryan Carignan '15**, and **Nick Barrows '12** worked the Winter Olympics this year in Pyeong Chang. King worked the NBC Booth A2 for the ski jump and snowboard big air events, while Carignan and Barrows, as part of EVS, lent support to figure skating, hockey, speed skating, and alpine extreme sports respectively.

Gabrielle Duke '14 has helped create a new fitness program at CJ Strength and Conditioning in Rockland called Family Fitness Saturdays, using her experience with children as a physical education teacher in Rockland. The new program will focus on kid's health and skill learning.

Dylan Foster '15 now works at Bowdoin College as a systems and data analyst.

Taryn Pineo, DPT '15, '17 has joined the staff at Brewer Medical Center as a physical therapist.

Buffie McCue Quinn '15G has been named adjunct professor at Eastern Maine Community College.

Michael Bunker '16G has opened Lucky Clover Hospitality Travel Agency in December 2017 in Bangor.

Jordan Hersom '16 has been elected as the new football coach for York High School. Hersom previously coached at Gardiner High School and continues to serve as a health and physical education teacher.

Heather Littlefield '16 has joined The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics in Virginia as marketing coordinator.

Alicia Rea '16 has been elected to Lewiston's Ward 3 City Council Seat following the November election.

Chelsey Tilley '16 has joined Creative Digital Imaging in Bangor as a commercial print specialist.

Alannah Healy '17 joined Peak Physical Therapy & Sports Performance in Brockton, MA, as a rehabilitation aide. She also coaches softball and is a volunteer member of the Brockton High School Band Boosters Association.

Adeena Vogel '17 has begun her counseling career at KidsPeace as a clinician last December.

The engagement of **Corey White '17** and Melissa Freeman was recently announced, with a wedding in Hermon planned for later this year. White currently works in the pharmacy at Eastern Maine Medical Center.

Tyler Wood '17 started at the University of Kentucky as a materials management technician.

Steven Mahon '18 will join the Ellsworth Police Department this spring after completing training at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. He is the third-generation of his family to go into law enforcement, with both his grandfather and father serving in the Ellsworth Police Department.

Samara Oliver '18 has joined Bay View Collection, a small group of luxury boutique hotels in Camden, ME, as their new group sales & events manager. Oliver first began working for the company in Spring 2017 as a manager trainee intern.

Class NOTES

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IN MEMORIAM

1930s
Carolyn Delle (Quimby) Howard '37

1940s
Ruth I. (Kelliher) Troop '40
June (Dwyer) Glidden '41
Jane Kelley Harley '42
Charlotte I. Fay '43
Frances Martin Grant '46
Melva E. Grindle '46
Eleanor Brown Curtis '47
Ruth C. Houston '47
Kenneth H. Browne '48
E.H. Marcelle Coffin '48
Alice Wright Fitts '48
Harold F. Bell '49

1950s
Elizabeth Bradshaw Haldane Sawtelle '52
Pauline M. (Grant) Craft '53
Jane (Stevens) Johnson '53
Arthur A. Comstock '56, '12H
Betty Hastings '56
George Wright 'Red' Wallace '57
George M. Halpin '59

1960s
Lucy E. Folts '61
Terrance R. Robinson '61
John H. Stansfield '61
John Gordon Field, Sr. '62
Luere 'Lue' Deasy Hodgkins Glover '63
Karen M. Buckingham '64
Donna Marie King '66
David S. Ruksznis '69

1970s
Joel F. Patterson '70
Gregory A. Marshall '71
Herbert Leslie Frost '72
Thomas "Tom" Raymond McBean '73
Jeffrey B. Johnson '76, aka JJ
Dennis Roger Clark '78
David L. Iles '78
Robert H. Stevenson, Jr. '78
Faith (Pendleton) Walsh '78
Anne R. Gannon '79

1980s
Linda Mary Tukey, RN '80, '88
Robert L. "Bob" Kennedy Jr. '83
Eileen "Jackie" Marie Frost '84
Col. James A. Elliott, Jr. '86

1990s
Franklin T. Gish '95

Attended
Alice Ann Berry
Shirley C. Braveman
Alan Ernest Brown
Robert Eugene 'Bob' Callnan
Harold E. Gallant (MSC)
Judith Giggey Patterson
Robert H. Prestwood
Scott A. Spohrer
Bettie Jean Wells

Unknown Class Year
James W. Cunningham, Jr.
Priscilla Mary Edgecomb
Emma (Lobley) Regele

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Alumni Spotlight

Meet our Alumni Board Chairs!



Ryan Bartlett '15 graduated from Husson with a degree in business administration where he earned the Finance Honor Award for Excellence. Bartlett is currently pursuing the CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ practitioner designation. He is a financial advisor at VanceGray Wealth Management, Inc. in Bangor and Ellsworth. His particular focus within the firm is new client relationships, and investment analysis. Bartlett has been a member of the Husson University Bangor Alumni Board since 2016 and was recently elected into a two-year position as president/chair of the board. He can also be found hunting, fishing, golfing, or enjoying the great Maine outdoors on his ATV or snowmobile.



Roger A. Daigle has been affiliated with New England's hospitality industry for over 35 years. Over the course of his career, Daigle has served on various committees and boards as a member and chairman of several organizations, including the Maine-Canadian Affairs Legislative Advisory Council, Junior Achievement of Southern Maine's Board of Directors, and Portland's Serenity House Board. He now chairs Husson University's Southern Maine Alumni Board.

Daigle Commercial Group's real estate brokerage practice specializes in the sale of numerous hotel/motel properties and inns of every type and size, from Madawaska to York, including many of Maine's well-known resort and historic hotels.

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- **IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVERS.**
  If you are 70½ or older, you can make an outright gift of up to $100,000 from your IRA this year to help Husson. Gifts from your IRA are not reportable as taxable income and, therefore, are not included in your adjusted gross income.

- **CHARITABLE BEQUEST.**
  If you plan to include charitable gifts in your estate plans, consider naming Husson as the beneficiary of a portion of your retirement assets while leaving your cash and other investment assets to your heirs. Charities are tax exempt so unlike your heirs, Husson won't have to pay income taxes on IRAs and other retirement plans. Your assets will go farther.

- **CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY.**
  Some individuals prefer leaving their retirement assets to fund a charitable gift annuity that will benefit a friend or family member with a lifetime fixed payments with the remainder going to Husson. A gift annuity can be funded with as little as $10,000.

- **CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST.**
  Similar to a gift annuity but with greater flexibility, funding a charitable remainder trust with your IRA or other retirement assets as part of your estate plan can help you provide for your heirs and lessen their tax burden. The trust will pay your loved ones income over a number of years. Your heirs will pay tax on the income over time, as opposed to all at once. At the end of the trust, any remaining principal will go to helping Husson.

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June 22 & 23 - Celebrate Husson

- Husson Athletics Golf Tournament
- Lobster Bake featuring the Atlantic Clarion Steel Band
- All Alumni Reunion Honoring the Classes of 1968, 1993 & 2008
- Run for the Gold! 5k and Family Fun Run
- Cruising Steady: The Music and Friendship of Aretha Franklin & Smokey Robinson



Steel Drum Band—back by popular demand!



October 19 & 20 – Homecoming

- Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of One College Circle featuring the Arrowhead Lounge
- Second Annual Alumni & Friends Pub Crawl
- Alumni Hall of Fame Awards
- Tailgating
- Athletic Events
- And More!





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