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HUSSON UNIVERSITY SPORTS HALL OF FAME

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Around the Circle

Husson University announced faculty awards in May 2025



Kimberly Davis, OTD, MS, OTR/L, FAOTA, a professor in and director of the School of Occupational Therapy, received the Distinguished University Service Award for her demonstration of outstanding service to Husson University. Over Davis's more than 20 years as a professor in Husson's OT department, she has earned recognition for her efforts in student advising and advocacy for the OT profession in Maine. She served as the president of the Maine Occupational Therapy Association (MEOTA), during which time membership grew by 58%. She was also named a Fellow of the American Occupational Therapy Association, received the AOTA Student Membership Certificate and helped facilitate a variety of OT-related state-level policy changes.



Dajung Jun, Ph.D., an assistant professor in the School of Business and Management, received the Distinguished Research Award as recognition by her peers for her achievements in academic research. Jun was chosen for this award due to her research in health and labor economics, which includes analyses of how Medicaid expansion impacts various age groups and demographics. Prior to her time at Husson, Jun served as a research fellow at the University of Melbourne, Australia, and saw her work published in multiple peer-reviewed academic journals.



Rachelle Smith, Ph.D., a professor in the College of Science and Humanities, received the Advising Award for demonstrating excellence in academic advising and a dedication to mentoring and supporting students. As an advisor, Smith has empowered students to take ownership of their academic and personal development. She has been lauded for her ability to effectively communicate with advisees and engage with students both within and beyond the classroom. In addition to her role as a professor, Smith serves as an advisor to the Psychology Club and the Husson branch of the Psi Chi International Honor Society in Psychology.



Cavenaugh Kelly, Ph.D., MS, OTR-L, an assistant professor in the School of Occupational Therapy, received the Global Scholars Program Award. The Global Scholars Program, developed by former Husson University President Robert A. Clark, Ph.D., is designed to support faculty-led initiatives, such as curriculum development and travel/research activities, that bring a global perspective to the classroom. As part of his international initiatives during his time as a faculty member at Husson, Kelly has facilitated academic collaborations between his students and members of the OT program at the University of Brighton in England. Beyond his accomplishments as an OT professional and educator, Kelly is also an award-winning newspaper journalist and published short-story author.



Sarah Bedi, DNP, FNP-C, an assistant professor in the School of Nursing, received the William H. Beardsley Teaching Excellence Award for demonstrating distinction and high performance as an educator. In her role as a faculty member at Husson, Bedi has excelled at fostering active participation among students and creating an environment that inspires curiosity and learning. Outside of her work at Husson, Bedi has served in various nursing roles within the mental health field, including as a family nurse practitioner at an inpatient psychiatric hospital. She is also a member of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners, the Maine Nurse Practitioner Association and Sigma Theta Tau International.



The Nite Show Wraps After 15 Years of Experiences for NESCom Students

Long before the roar of the audience, before Danny Cashman in a suit and tie stepped out onto the stage with a wave, before The Gracie Theatre was transformed on April 23 for the last regular taping of The Nite Show with Danny Cashman, the crew was there.

Sets had to be built. Audio cables had to be run. Cameras had to be set up. Then the testing process began, ensuring that every cable, mic, connection and moving piece would run as intended.

That crew was composed entirely of students, staff and faculty of the New England School of Communication, as it had been since the show returned to broadcast 15 years earlier.

The Nite Show has been a fixture of Maine late nights since 2010. And since then, the synergy between NESCom and the show has given countless students a real-life look at broadcasting.

"It's leaving an amazing legacy behind, and it's something that students throughout the decades that have been involved will always remember," said Katie Benson, a fourth-year video production major at Husson, who directed the show in its final year including the final episode taped on Saturday, April 26.

That night's taping included three shows each featuring a guest Cashman hand selected for this final season: actor, singer and game show host John Davidson; TV personality Marc Summers, a longtime friend of the show; and Cashman's ultimate pick: former late night host David

Letterman, who inspired Cashman to create his own show.

The show has been a unique part of Husson's curriculum – a professionally-recognized statewide broadcast that reached an audience across Maine, regularly outperforming national programs like Saturday Night Live! for local viewership. That fact was huge for students trying to find a start in the media world.

"It was so fun that for 12 hours a month you could work with your friends and make statewide TV," said Cindy Miller, a 2020 Husson alum who worked as a director for the show. "That's a cool thing to say for most people in their late teens to early 20s. It was really fun to say that at such a young age I was directing a show that the state of Maine would see."

Early History of The Nite Show

The Nite Show first launched in 1997 when Cashman was a student at the University of Maine. It was a small production that garnered a small following. That version ended in 2002 after Cashman graduated.

By 2009, Cashman had worked in radio, lived outside the area and was back. That's when an opportunity presented itself to revive the show. His friend John Easton, an instructor at NESCom, asked NESCom's Director of Operations Rodney Verrill if the school would be interested in running production on a new iteration of The Nite Show. It would have a statewide audience and could be a good learning tool.

Verrill was reluctant to agree, and wanted to have a conversation with Cashman.

"It became clear to me that this wasn't about Dan and his ego and his desire to have his own show," said Verrill. "It was as much about providing our students the opportunity to learn in a way that we historically have taught. And that's a very tactile road to their education, that experiential learning process has been a cornerstone of what has made our students so successful."

Planning began with trying to find out exactly how The Nite Show could be brought to the whole state of Maine. In late 2009, Cashman signed on with MyNetworkTV, a national programming service for local content between 11pm and 1am.

The show was initially taped at Next Generation in Brewer, a unique venue located in the back of an antique shop. The whole process meant 16-hour days for students and staff. Due to the small space, there was a lot less control over the five cameras used for production as well as the audio. There was also less room for an audience than was typical for national night shows. The venue could only hold around 75 to 85 people, including the students, staff, band and guests.

In 2014, the show moved to The Gracie Theatre on Husson's campus, sparking a new era for the production in which the show's production equipment could be set up and tested in advance. NESCom was able to upgrade to an eight camera system streamed directly to the NESCom Mobile Productions unit via Husson's newly built fiber infrastructure. The two meager audio boards used at the previous venue

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turned into a set of four kept in-house with the capabilities to audio mix the host and guests, band performances and audience reactions to fit the show however needed.

Students could work in their roles much more effectively too. With a much more controlled educational environment behind the scenes, students took positions as audio techs, camera operators, producers and even directors of the show.

"I learned everything there," said Miller. "It was one of my first real exercises of 'this is how TV is done.'"

After the move, recording days usually began at 8am, when Eric Ferguson, an audio professor, would arrive with a team of audio engineering students to set up the audio boards for the show. They would work until 1pm, when the video team would arrive to set up the cameras and test the broadcast. At 4:30, the house band and musical guests would arrive for practice and sound checking, and the doors would open for audiences at 5:30. Cashman would enter on stage at 5:55, and the recording would start at 6pm sharp each taping.



After The Nite Show

When the show's final episode aired on Saturday, May 17, Danny Cashman's The Nite Show was the last of its kind in the United States. No other locally-operated late-night talk shows are being filmed in the US. But Cashman believes that his show style won't end with him.

"If there's somebody out there who wants to pick up the torch like this and run with it, I would be as supportive as anybody to help," said Cashman. "It's a lot, but it's incredibly rewarding if you grew up wanting to do it."

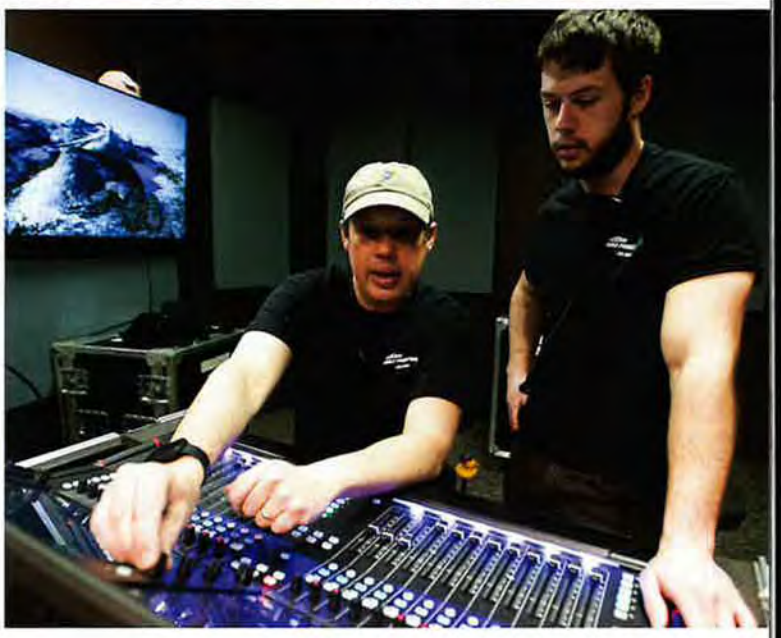
The Nite Show leaves a lasting impression on Husson. The show has been a unique part of Husson's curriculum. The professionally-recognized statewide broadcast reached an audience across Maine, regularly outperforming national programs like Saturday Night Live! for local viewership, while also giving students real life experience in television production.

"Just because the Nite Show will be in its twilight and going away, that doesn't mean that we're not going to continue that same type of educational experience for our students like we've been doing for decades," said Verrill.

— Sarah Walker Caron & Rin Gately



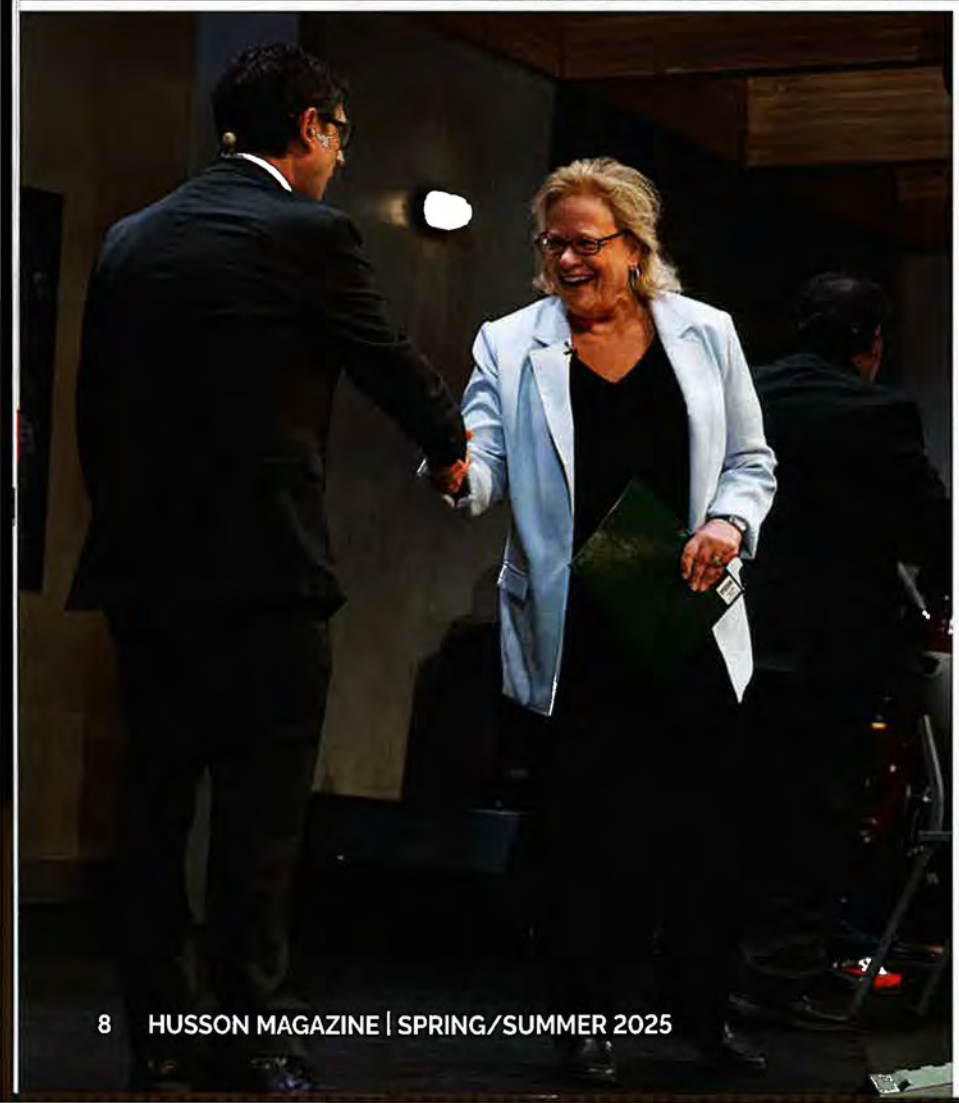








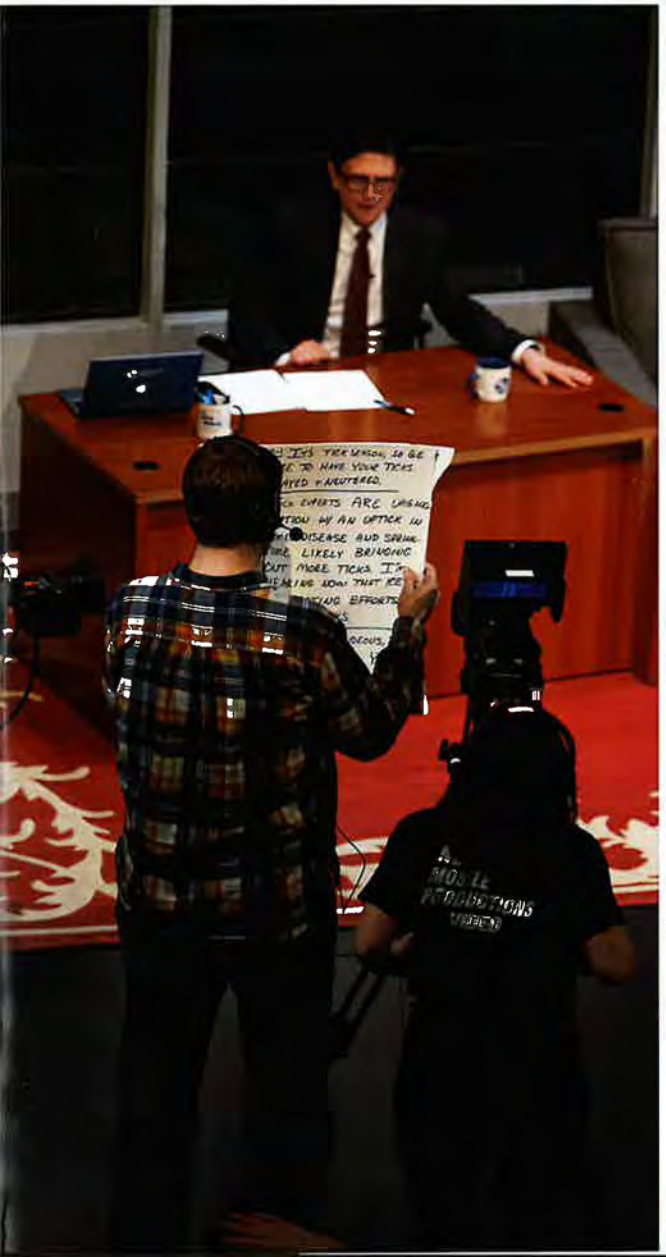







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Husson Unveils New Strategic Plan

The Husson 2030 plan will guide the university into the future

The Husson University Board of Trustees approved the new Husson 2030 Strategic Plan at their April meeting. This five-year strategic plan is intended to guide the University through major disruptors facing higher education including demographic decline, decreased demand and concerns about academic debt. Husson 2030 is the roadmap forward, recognizing our core strengths and laying a bold vision for success.

The planning process for Husson 2030 began in May 2024 under the direction of the Husson University Board of Trustees. With the support of the Trustee Steering Committee, President Lynne Coy-Ogan developed the Financial and Steering Committee who oversaw the 10-month process involving the entire campus community. Four committees organized around pillars that reflect Husson's values of character and humility were convened to help develop sections of the plan: Academic Excellence, Innovation, Campus Culture, and Financial Resilience and Sustainability. The plan took shape between December 2024 and January 2025, bringing together the individual work of the committees.

The campus community was engaged in the process throughout the 10 months with surveys, meetings and feedback. A key portion of that involvement occurred in February and March 2025 when 10 listening sessions with faculty, staff, students, trustees and other community members were held. These were attended by more than 400 people who gave dozens of pieces of feedback. This feedback was incorporated into the final draft that was presented to the Husson Board of Trustees in April 2025.

The Husson 2030 plan is now available online for public viewing through the Husson website.



READ THE HUSSON 2030 STRATEGIC PLAN
www.husson.edu/strategicplan

Celebrating Husson's 126th Commencement

Husson University held its 126th Commencement at the Cross Insurance Center on Saturday, May 10, 2025, recognizing 798 students who earned a total of 851 undergraduate and graduate degrees.

In her first commencement as president, Dr. Lynne Coy-Ogan commended graduates for their work in rigorous courses, labs and internships, as well as exploring new areas of interest and preparing for future careers.

"We were proud to call you students of Husson University and today, we will be proud to have you join over 28,000 individuals as alumni of Husson University," said Coy-Ogan.

Commencement speaker Gregory Powell, chairman of the Alfond Foundation, spoke about the tumultuous times that students are graduating into and offered advice for navigating a changing world where artificial intelligence and other technological advancement will reshape the job market and the world.

"Artificial intelligence is looming and blooming and like other great transformative waves in human history, AI will bring change. According to experts, the wave of AI change will be extraordinary and will unfold at unprecedented speed, and much of that change will be good for humanity and truth, though no one can predict with certainty what that change will look like or where it will take us," Powell said.

Powell reminded graduates that change can be good, but it's important to hold onto humanity.

"It seems to me that real human relationships will matter even more to happiness," Powell said.

Powell also cautioned graduates to watch out for credit card debt but also to be optimistic despite the heaviness of the current domestic and national affairs.

"How you think about the world in your life is in your control," Powell said, referring to words from Winston Churchill: "The optimist sees opportunity in every difficulty."

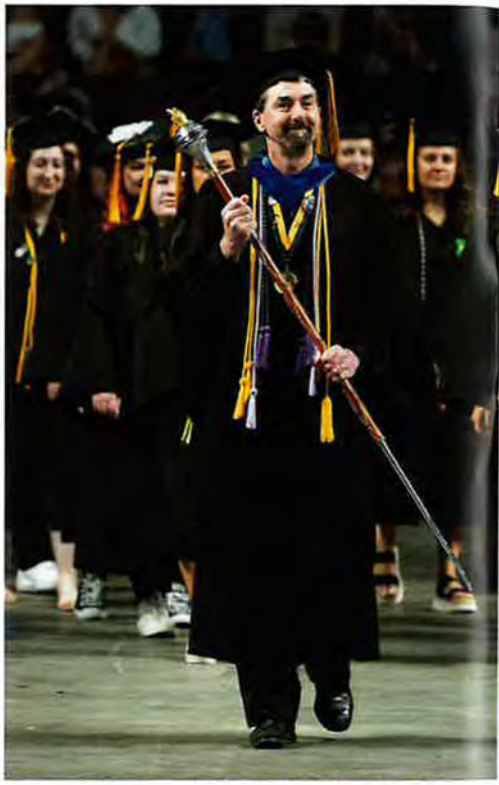
Honorary degrees were granted to Powell and to Kate Braestrup, bestselling author and chaplain to the Maine Warden Service.

Husson's seven valedictorians, Ashley Blais, Erin Beane, Madison Cyr, Kelsi Sheehan, Nex Staples, Carly Verrill and Katherine Worster were also recognized, as was Salutatorian Colby Folsom.

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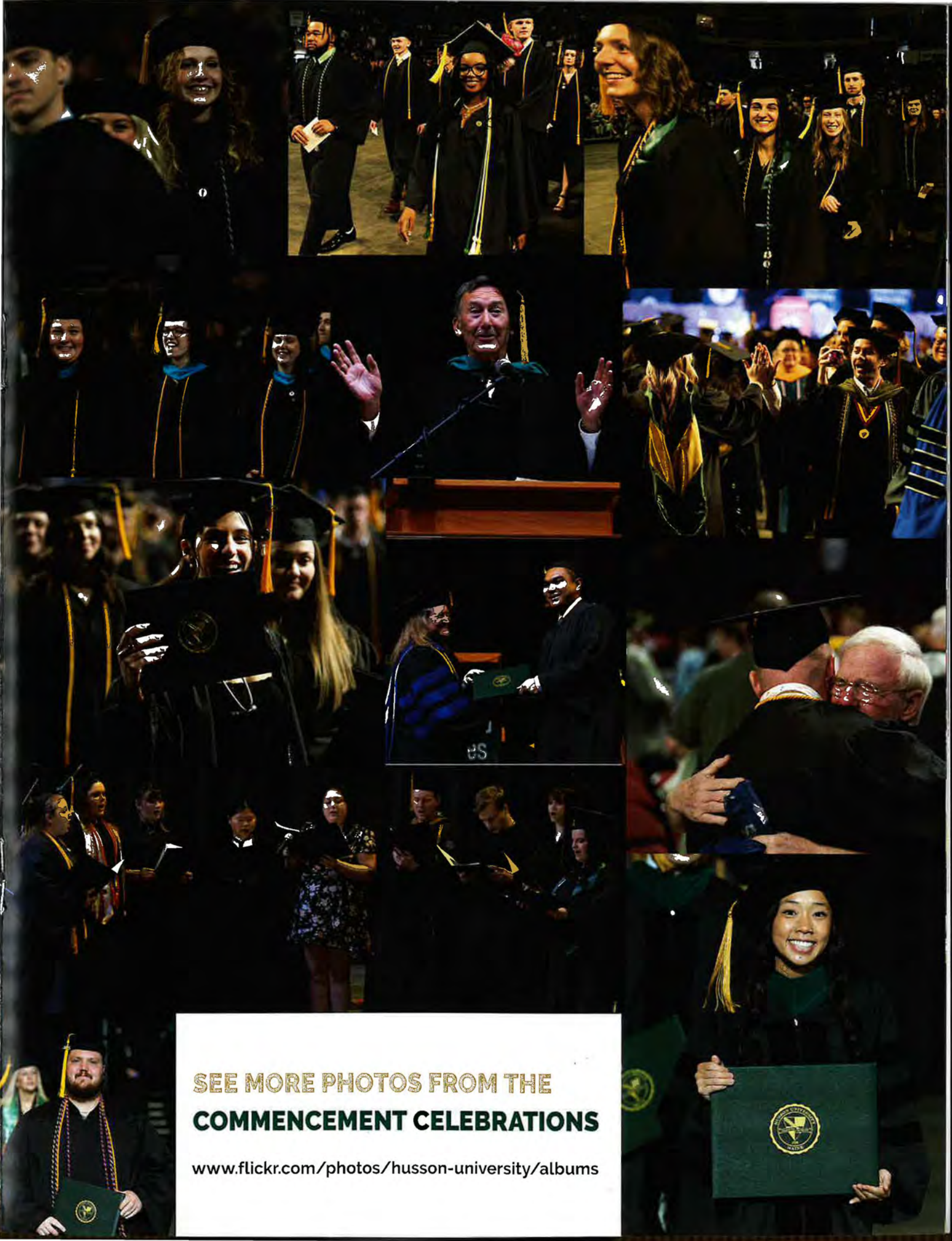




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More Ways Husson Celebrations Mark the Occasion

Commencement was one of several events held for the Husson community over several days.

On Friday, May 9, the university also held its nurses pinning ceremony to honor the graduates of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) and Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) programs.

The graduate hooding ceremony was held in Newman Gymnasium on May 9 to honor those receiving master's and doctoral degrees. During a hooding ceremony, faculty members place a hood on the graduate to signify the successful completion of their degree.

There were also numerous celebrations recognizing graduates of the College of Business, the College of Science and Humanities and all the individual schools.





Graduate Hooding Ceremony









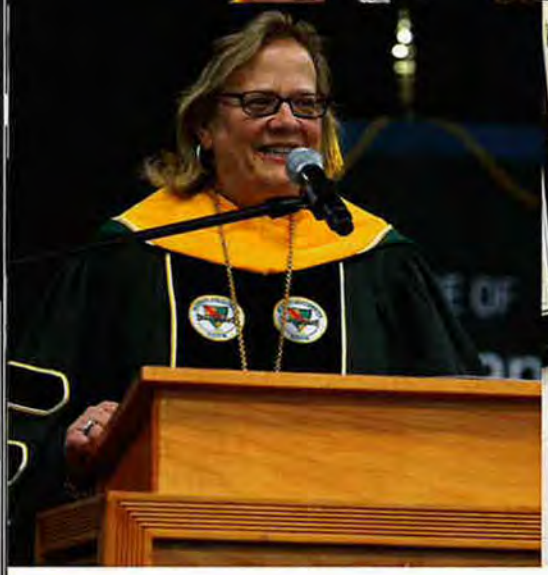






















Meet Husson's 2025 Honorary Degree Recipients

In the long-standing tradition of honorary degrees around the world, Husson University's honorary degrees recognize individuals who reflect our values of character and humility as well as embrace a standard of excellence, integrity and service to their community. At the 126th Commencement, Husson recognized two individuals with this honor.



Kate Braestrup — Honorary Doctor of Public Service

Bestselling author and chaplain to the Maine Warden Service

Through her words and her actions, Kate Braestrup has chosen a life of service to others, transforming her grief into a gift for many others. Educated at the Parsons School of Design/The New School and Georgetown University, Braestrup was inspired to become a minister – and to write several of her books – after losing her husband in the line of duty in 1996. As a widowed mom of four children, she entered the Bangor Theological Seminary in 1997, and was ordained in 2004. Since 2001, she has served as chaplain to the Maine Warden Service, joining the wardens as they search the wild lands and fresh waters of Maine for those who have lost their way, and offering comfort to those who wait for loved ones to be rescued, or for their bodies to be recovered. She married artist Simon van der Ven in 2006, and together they have six children.

Braestrup is also a popular public speaker around the country and abroad, entertaining and educating interested audiences with her characteristic honesty, good humor and poignancy.



Gregory W. Powell — Honorary Doctor of Public Service

Chief Executive Officer and President of Dexter Enterprises, LLC., and Executive Chairman of the Harold Alfond Foundation

Through his work and words, Gregory Powell has demonstrated what it means to believe in a greater good, overseeing tremendous philanthropy efforts that have bettered the lives of many.

Powell is the chief executive officer and president of Dexter Enterprises LLC and executive chairman of the Harold Alfond Foundation. After graduating from Wesleyan University and the University of Maine School of Law, he practiced law for 15 years, concentrating in litigation. He currently serves as an officer of the Bill and Joan Alfond Family Foundation, president of Dexter PTC LLC, director of Maine Hardware, and Count and Crush Systems LLC, and is a former director of Fairholme Trust Company, Spinnaker Trust, and the University of New England where he served as vice-chairman.

Powell co-founded Dexter Enterprises LLC, a wealth management company, with Harold Alfond in 1996. Appointed to the board of trustees of the Harold Alfond Foundation in 1996, he became chairman in 2005.



Meet Husson's 2025 Valedictorians and Salutatorian

Ashley Blais: Husson Valedictorian, 2025

Valedictorian Ashley Blais of Belfast, Maine, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Audio Engineering - Live Sound Production as well as a Certificate in Business Administration.

Blais credits working on shows in the Gracie Theatre as an event lead and mixer as being integral to her studies at Husson. Among the shows she worked on was the April 23 taping of The Nite Show with Danny Cashman, which featured David Letterman, Mark Summers and John Davidson.

"I also had an amazing time going to New York City for the Audio Engineering Society convention in 2023," Blais said.

In addition to her work behind the scenes, Blais also performed the National Anthem at the Inauguration of Dr. Lynne Coy-Ogan as Husson's seventh president in October 2024.

After commencement, Blais plans to work full time as a manager to gain skills in leadership and organization.

Erin Beane: Husson Valedictorian, 2025

Valedictorian Erin Elise Beane of Newport, Maine, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Conservation Law as well as a Certificate in Criminal Justice.

For Beane, making new friends, laughing with professors and "overall just knowing that I have gained connections that will last a lifetime during my time here at Husson," are highlights of her college experience.

"I am currently in the process of applying to conservation agencies within the state of Maine," Beane said.

Madison Cyr: Husson Valedictorian, 2025

Valedictorian Madison Nicole Cyr of Bucksport, Maine, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education.

Meeting new people and spending time with her friends have been notable elements of her time at Husson.

Cyr plans "to work as an elementary classroom teacher."

Kelsi Sheehan: Husson Valedictorian, 2025

Valedictorian Kelsi Nicole Sheehan of Laconia, New Hampshire, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice and Master of Science in Criminal Justice Administration with Certificates in Forensics, Counter Terrorism & Security, and Leadership.

Sheehan credits her involvement in the Legal Studies Organization for the last three years of her college career with being a highlight of her Husson education.

"I've had the opportunity to hold several leadership positions. These roles have allowed me to help foster a supportive community for members, encouraging them to step outside their comfort zones and grow as individuals, as well as growing as an individual myself," Sheehan said.

The meaningful connections she has formed with professors who have helped shape and guide her through coursework and mentorship.

"After graduation, I plan to pursue a career in law enforcement. My goal is to gain valuable experience in the field as a patrol officer before transitioning into specialized units, such as the Crime Scene Unit and working as a field training officer," Sheehan said. "Ultimately, I aspire to transition into a Criminal Investigation Division, where I can use my skills to directly support victims and their families while ensuring justice is served."

Nex Staples: Husson Valedictorian, 2025

Valedictorian Nex Staples of Vassalboro, Maine, has earned a Bachelor of Science degree in English with a Certificate in Graphic Design.

Staples has been active in Husson University Theatre and most recently appeared in She Kills Monsters in the Husson Black Box Theatre.

"All of my favorite college memories are rooted in Husson University Theatre and the relationships I've built through the club. Movie viewings, second-chance prom dates, trips to Fielder's Choice, mac and cheese dinners – every good thing to come out of college has been due to my theater friends, and I love all of them infinitely," Staples said.

After commencement, Staples plans to "save money for the largest bookshelf I can find and to fill it with stories and lifetimes, as well as to intern with the state of Maine and continue work editing their novel."

Carly Verrill: Husson Valedictorian, 2025

Valedictorian Carly Marie Verrill of Hermon, Maine, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice.

"The highlight of my time at Husson has been interning with the U.S. Probation and Pretrial Services Office and getting some real-world experience in my field," Verrill said.

Post-graduation, she is applying for jobs in the criminal justice field.

Katie Worster: Husson Valedictorian, 2025

Valedictorian Katie Worster of Greenville, Maine, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing.

Worster credits running study sessions for her classmates and being awarded the DAISY award for extraordinary nursing students.

"My senior partnership clinical on Maternity & Peds was a life changing experience," Worster said.

She is working as a labor and delivery nurse in Maine.

Colby Folsom: Husson Salutatorian, 2025

Salutatorian Colby John Folsom of Old Town, Maine, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Sport Management and Master of Business Administration.

Folsom said that he was part of a great community at Husson.

"I really enjoyed learning with my peers in the Sport Management program, and participating on the golf team. During the 2023-2024 season I received the Eagle Award for the men's golf team, which was a huge honor for me. I also was honored to receive the Dr. John Winkin Excellence in Sport Management award," Folsom said.

He's now working his second season with the Boston Red Sox.

From Refugee to Leader: Hamza Abdulrahman's Journey to Success

When Egyptian refugee Hamza Abdulrahman stepped off an airplane at John F. Kennedy Airport in New York with his family in 2016, he didn't speak English. He also didn't know how to play basketball or expect to graduate high school – let alone college and graduate school. Nine years later, that's all changed.



Abdulrahman graduated in May with a master's degree in business administration from Husson University, after distinguishing himself on the basketball court as an Eagle. His stats tell the sports story, but it's his personal journey to success that makes him a standout.

Abdulrahman came to the United States as a refugee with his family from Egypt, landing first in New York City before making their way northeast to Concord, New Hampshire.

"When we finally got picked to come to the United States, it was probably the best moment of our lives," Abdulrahman said.

The family knew little about the country when they arrived. Their first impression was simple: culture shock.

"I never got used to people smiling at me randomly," Abdulrahman said. "The stores were different. We didn't have Walmart or stores like those. Everything was just different. The area I grew up in was super positive and the community was very close-knit."

The family's goal in coming to America was to build a better life. Once opportunities came Abdulrahman's way, he made sure to seize them.

"I never thought I would actually finish high school," Abdulrahman said. "Then when we got the opportunity to go to high school for free, I had to take it."

In Egypt, middle and high school were common, but not necessarily a path toward long-term goals. In the U.S., Abdulrahman discovered a different philosophy.

"People here go to school to reach goals, to get into college or university, to play the sport they love and build a better life," he said. "They don't have to worry as much about street life or where their next meal will come from. The path is clearer. It's not always easy, but at least there's a vision and a purpose. That's why I'm passionate about achieving my goals."

When it came time to choose a college, Abdulrahman wanted to stay close to home. When a childhood friend from his hometown chose Husson, the decision became easier.

"Mosi [Masimango] and I grew up in the same area and worked in the same place before coming here," Abdulrahman said. "I asked him where he was going to school and he said, 'I don't know. Apply to Husson and I might go there.' That gave me a boost."

In addition to being close to a friend, financial aid from Husson made attending college possible. He also described a "connected feeling" when he first visited the campus.

Abdulrahman's journey didn't stop there. He found an unexpected route to joining the men's basketball team.

"I wanted to join the team, but they told me there were no walk-







ons because I wasn't recruited," Abdulrahman said. "So I decided to talk to the football coach since I had some good film from high school. Right after that meeting, I saw the basketball team playing, so I just decided to jump in. Apparently, I did well because they came up to me and asked if I wanted to play."

During his time on the team, Abdulrahman made a profound impact through leadership.

He was named a team captain after his sophomore year. Head Coach Warren Caruso praised his influence in the locker room, on the practice court and in the weight room.

"I don't even call myself a leader, but it's given to me," Abdulrahman said. "It means a lot because if I'm seen that way, I want to pass that down – lead them as teammates, as friends or as a brother."

Though Abdulrahman was part of three conference titles and NCAA tournament appearances during his five years at Husson, he credits Coach Caruso with shaping him as a person.

"The program is perfect," he said. "The way Coach Caruso runs things is top-notch. In my eyes, he's the best coach I ever had. His coaching doesn't just build you as a player, it builds you as a person. I never thought I was a leader, but Coach Caruso always believed in me. My leadership skills grew because of him."

Abdulrahman appeared in 50 games over five seasons, making eight starts and recording 44 points, 39 rebounds, 11 assists, 14 steals and one block. He was named to the NAC All-Sportsmanship Team in his final season.

After completing the second phase of his internship he is now employed full-time at the Hollywood Casino in Bangor. His long-term dream: to start his own business.

REGIONAL EVENTS

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A Warm Escape via the Annual Florida Trip

In March, President Lynne Coy-Ogan escaped the Maine winter chill and met with alumni throughout the sunny state of Florida for our annual alumni and friends trip. Eight events, hosted throughout the state, welcomed alumni of all ages to connect, reminisce, and build new friendships. Adam Kohler '01 hosted a luncheon in Sanford, Joe and Sue Cyr '20H/'65,'20H welcomed alumni to their condo for brunch in Daytona Beach Shores, Michael Luciano '93 hosted a luncheon in the Villages, Bruce MacGregor welcomed alumni back to his golf club house in Naples; Vincent Gismondi '72 hosted alumni at his restaurant in Boca Raton; and Betty Constantine Floris '23HA hosted a luncheon in Jupiter. The trip was rounded out with our second annual luncheon in Sarasota, and of course, an opportunity to cheer on the Red Sox in Fort Myers. Over the course of the week's events, alumni enjoyed engaging conversations with the university's new president and proved yet again why it's a highlight of the year for so many in our community.

Celebrating the Next Generation at Senior Celebration

The Senior Celebration, one of our favorite traditions, is where alumni celebrate and welcome the graduating class into the Husson University Alumni Association. At this year's energy-filled event, seniors mingled with alumni, sharing stories and advice about the transition from student to professional life. Together, we toasted their accomplishments and the exciting journey ahead as they officially join Husson's proud alumni family.

See more Senior Celebration photos on Flickr









Celebrate Husson: A Week of Events and Memories

Every spring, Celebrate Husson Week allows us to celebrate everyone who makes Husson so special. This year's lineup featured a mix of events both on and off campus. The week started with skyboxes for Husson alumni, friends and families to cheer on the Portland Sea Dogs. Next up, a group of Husson alumni and employees gathered at Geaghan's in Bangor, where we thanked outgoing Husson Alumni Association President Amy Clark '12G and welcomed incoming President Ryan Bartlett '15. The week concluded with a family dinner for the entire Husson community to enjoy at the Dickerman Dining Commons.

Looking Ahead

Mark your calendar for **Homecoming, Saturday, October 18**. This family-friendly day of on-campus festivities will feature a carnival, tailgating, football, field hockey, mens and womens soccer games, and more. Check out husson.edu/homecoming for more information.

Stay tuned to **www.husson.edu/alumni**, or our social media pages on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn for upcoming events in your region! Husson University is always looking to expand our reach and bring our alumni together wherever they are. And, feel free to email us at **alumni@husson.edu** if you would like to host or help us with upcoming events.

MEMORIAM

Husson University wishes to acknowledge the passing of several distinguished academic members of our community.

Chief Data Officer Travis Allen

Chief Data Officer Travis Allen passed away in January 2025 after a courageous and hard-fought battle with cancer. He was a valued member of the Senior Cabinet and longtime member of the Husson community. Travis joined Husson in 2001 and served in many roles at Husson including as chair of the School of Education, assistant dean in the School of Pharmacy, director of assessment and assistant provost for Assessment and Accreditation. Last fall, he was promoted to chief data officer.

Professor Emeritus and Fulbright Scholar Marek Sitarski

Professor Emeritus and Fulbright Scholar Marek Sitarski passed away in May 2025. Marek was a dedicated and passionate chemistry professor who shared his knowledge with countless Husson students with his engaging and accessible teaching style. His legacy of knowledge and mentorship will be fondly remembered.

Professor Emeritus Ken Lane

Dr. Ken Lane, professor emeritus in the College of Science and Humanities, passed away in February 2025 after a courageous battle with cancer. Ken dedicated over 20 years to teaching mathematics at Husson before retiring in 2022, leaving a lasting impact on our students and faculty. He was a respected colleague known for his dedication and passion for teaching.

Professor Emeritus Bob Goodwin '62

Professor Emeritus Bob Goodwin was a proud Husson alumnus and a devoted professor for more than 40 years at Husson. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, he supervised the Computer Center on campus.

Professor Emeritus Bill Read '16H

Professor Emeritus Bill Read, an honorary alumnus and our longest-serving professor, dedicated over 50 years to teaching courses in business and law management. He made Husson his home in 1965 – first teaching in the downtown Bangor location before transitioning to our current campus in 1968.

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