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NESCom to Launch New and Enhanced Degrees and Concentrations

NEW PROGRAM OPTIONS IN THE NEW ENGLAND SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATIONS

- Entertainment Production:
  - Theatre Production
  - Audio/Visual Engineering
- Video Production:
  - Film Production
- Audio Engineering:
  - Live sound Production
  - Music Production
  - Post Production
- Graphic/Visual Design

The communications industry is constantly changing. In order to ensure our graduates continue to earn relevant degrees that are consistent with the needs of professional media, entertainment and communication organizations, Husson University's New England School of Communications will be adding a new degree and enhancing some of our existing educational offerings starting in Fall 2020.

Next fall, students will also be able to enroll in a new Bachelor of Science program with a focus on graphic and visual design. This program will provide students who want to become graphic designers with an opportunity to develop their visual communication skills. The curricula will include courses that teach traditional art and design, illustration and typography, as well as information design, user experience and web imaging, animation, and augmented reality. This diverse curriculum will make sure students are qualified for a broad assortment of career opportunities in a variety of related fields.



Our Bachelor of Science in audio engineering has been recalibrated to more closely align the program with the audio industry's changing needs. Building on the foundation established by Husson's previous audio programs, students will gain experience in recording, mixing, editing, and sound reinforcement. They'll also be provided with an in-depth understanding of the physics of sound, audio technology, and signal flow. Specific concentrations will be available in three areas: live sound production, music production and post-production (sound for television, film, and video games).

Fall 2020 will also see a reimagined Bachelor of Science in video/film production. With an established reputation for excellence in this area, this program will help students become video and film professionals who can successfully tell stories about people, companies, and sports. Students will acquire the skills they need to work on films, broadcast television, or commercial videography.

Two new concentrations have been added to our bachelor's degree in entertainment production this year. The first focuses on theater production. Students enrolled in this program gain the technical and theoretical knowledge needed to be successful stage technicians, designers and managers. The second concentration focuses on audio/visual engineering. This program is designed to prepare students for work as specialists skilled in the principles, technologies, operations and maintenance of the audio/video equipment used in the live entertainment industry.

Adding these new and redesigned programs to our existing mass communications programs in journalism, sports journalism and marketing communications makes the New England School of Communications one of the leading educators of media, entertainment and communication professionals. To learn more, visit **www.husson.edu/nescom**.

Cover photo: Using the knowledge, skills, experience, creativity and critical thinking that comes with an education from the New England School of Communications, students and faculty worked together to capture this exceptional photograph of Husson University's new Wellness Learning Center. Photo Credit: **Larry Ayotte**, photography instructor; **Steve Vachon**, video/photo instructor; **Nathan Brown**, student and **Matt Jacobson**, student.

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Dear Alumni and Friends,



Fall is always a special time on our Husson University campus. It's a season when alumni from all over the world, return to Bangor.

During Homecoming, when Husson graduates reconnect with old friends and reminisce about the many great experiences they had as students at the University. These years included challenging professors, joyful celebrations, activities that captivated the imagination, and the beginning of lifelong friendships.

I often hear how amazed alumni are at the physical transformation of our campus. Within just the past few years, we have built new townhouses, completed a new Wellness Learning Center, and undergone numerous renovations.

While the campus keeps changing, many things remain the same. The university is still dedicated to providing students with an outstanding education at an affordable price. We continue to transform students' lives so they can achieve professional career success, just as we always have.

Past, present and future graduates share in our Husson traditions of first day convocations, late night breakfasts, and commencement celebrations. Our traditions and our experiences bind all of us together as Husson Eagles, regardless of the year we graduated.

We share a bond as a community that takes pride in being a Husson graduate. This bond is not just with those who were part of our graduating class. Instead, it is something that transcends the generations. At Homecoming, we are all one. It is a time when we reconnect with the best part of ourselves and strengthen our ties to the University that had such an enormous impact on our lives.

If you couldn't attend Homecoming this year, I hope you'll make it a point to join us in 2020. While you may no longer be attending class on campus, you will always be part of our Husson family.

Sincerely,



Robert A. Clark, PhD, CFA
President



Who was your "person" at Husson? Was it a professor, a dining hall staff member, a security officer, your resident assistant, or maybe a fellow student? Connections made at Husson can make a profound difference. This became apparent in a story told at this year's Women's Philanthropy Council Scholarship Luncheon.

They met their first day and in their very first class at Husson. The connection was instant and a close friendship soon followed. Even though they grew up near each other, their paths never crossed until that first day. Each was dedicated to helping others through occupational therapy. Their names were Cassidy and Abigail.

The summer before her junior year, Abigail died in a tragic accident. To ensure her friend's memory would endure, Cassidy decided to help create a permanent scholarship in Abigail's memory. It would be awarded each year to an occupational therapy student who was dedicated to the profession, had financial need, and demonstrated academic merit. Raising the funds for this scholarship became the first project of Husson's Civic Engagement Club.

At times, the goal seemed unreachable. They needed to raise a minimum of $25,000 to provide a $1000 scholarship each year. At this year's luncheon, Cassidy shared memories of Abigail. She talked about her best friend's dedication to excellence. Abigail was dissatisfied by "only" making Dean's List her first semester. Consequently, she made sure to make the President's List every other semester, earning an impressive 3.9 GPA. Her resolve helped motivate the club members to succeed.

At the luncheon, Cassidy announced that the Club had successfully raised over $29,000, and that the first student scholarship recipient had been chosen.

Cassidy's life has been enriched because she connected with Abigail on her first day at Husson. She has ensured that Abigail, through this scholarship, will enrich the lives of future students.

Best Regards,



Sarah Cary Robinson
Vice President for Advancement

Around the Circle

Accomplishments, events and items of note happening at Husson

Campus-wide News

The Center for Student Success now has a newly renovated testing space. The new space allows the Center for Student Success to proctor up to 24 students at a time. The space is ideal for students who need testing-related accommodations, including the use of assistive technology.

College of Business

Bangor Chamber of Commerce Award Goes to Lee Speronis



Lee Speronis, JD, CHE, CHIA, an associate professor and the director of the School of Hospitality, Sport and Tourism Management will be receiving the prestigious Arthur Comstock award for his professional service to the Bangor community at the Bangor Region Chamber Dinner in January 2020.

National Law Enforcement Magazine Publishes Article by Michael Kamorski

POLICE magazine published an article written by Assistant Professor **Michael Kamorski**, EdD, on "Five Essentials of an Effective Arrest" in October.

Faculty Speak at Seminar about Strategic Planning and Meetings



Dr. David Haus, associate professor and director of online and extended learning and **Dr. Marie Hansen**, dean of the College of Business and the New England School of Communication shared their insights into "Strategic Planning and Getting Meetings to Work: Moving Beyond Robert's Rules." The seminar, sponsored by the Bangor Region Leadership Institute was held at the Richard E. Dyke Center for Family Business on October 25, 2019.

POD Program Graduates Recognized

On August 27, 2019, Husson University celebrated the graduates from Northern Light Health's Professional and Organizational Development program. The POD program is a partnership between Husson University's College of Business and Northern Light Health that helps develop leadership skills; increase understanding of the healthcare industry and systems management; and provide networking opportunities with participants from a variety of hospitals in the Northern Light system.

College of Health and Pharmacy

Pharmacy Faculty Earn Prestigious Grants



Dr. Tao Zhang an assistant professor of basic pharmaceutical sciences will receive $264,000 over two years as part of a grant from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to study "InVitro Cell Permeation Model and Drug Classification for the Production of Drug Transfer into Human Milk."



In addition, **Dr. Shuhua Bai** an associate professor of pharmaceutics, will receive $145,000 over two years as part of a National Institutes of Health (NIH) study called "Cell Homing Exosomes as a Drug Delivery Carrier for Overcoming Multiple Drug Resistance." This is the University's first NIH grant. According to Dr. William Lindblad, "The scientific review places this study in the top eighth percentile of grants reviewed by the NIH study section in that round."

Post-Doctoral Residency Program

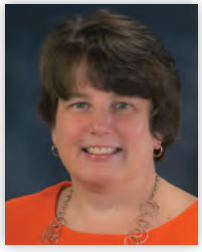
Husson is the first Maine university to have a physical therapy (PT) post-doctoral residency program. The residency is with Select Medical, a practice owned by one of our PT alumni. The resident is working with Husson athletes.

Maine Pharmacy Association Presents Award to Dr. Dan Robinson



Maine Pharmacy Association bestowed the Douglas H. Kay Distinguished Pharmacy Educator Award on **Dr. Dan Robinson** at their fall conference on September 14, 2019. Dr. Robinson has an impressive 50-year work history. In addition to serving as executive associate dean for six years at the University of Florida before being appointed in 2010 as a fellow at Husson University and a professor of Pharmacy Practice for Husson's School of Pharmacy, Robinson has published over 100 scientific articles, authored two healthcare books, and recently co-authored a spiritual guidance book. A Vietnam veteran, Dan continues to serve veterans through the Wounded Warriors Program and Grow Your Heart Retreats designed for returning Veterans suffering from posttraumatic stress disorder and bodily injuries.

Valerie Sauda Named Distinguished Educator in Gerontological Nursing



The National Hartford Center of Gerontological Nursing Excellence (NHCGNE) has recognized **Valerie Sauda**, PhD, MSN, RN-BC, MGSF, an assistant professor in the School of Nursing as a Distinguished Educator in Gerontological Nursing. The award was presented at the NHCGNE Leadership Conference on Tuesday, November 12, in Austin, Texas.



OT Faculty Member Presents at National Conference

Kimberly Davis, OD, MS, OTR/L presented two posters at the American

Occupational Therapy Association's (AOTA) specialty conference on mental health and opioids on September 13-14 in Rosemont, Illinois. The subjects of the posters were "Interventions for Substance Abuse Disorder: A Review of the Evidence" and "Reviewing the Evidence on Obtaining Employment for Individuals with Schizophrenia."

Clinical Education Director Selected as an Arthritis Advocate



Kimberly Steinbarger, PT, MHS, the director of clinical education in Husson University's School of Physical Therapy was chosen to be an Arthritis Advocate for the American College of Rheumatology.

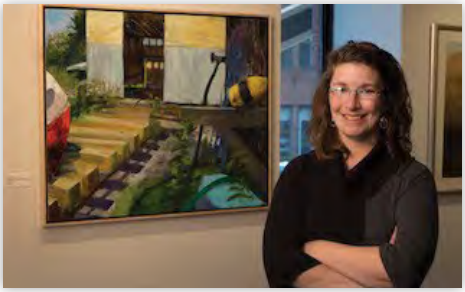
College of Science and Humanities

Counseling Faculty Attend Accreditation Training





Dr. Jade Letourneau and **Dr. Kristen Lister,** assistant professors in Husson's Counseling and Human Relations programs, were chosen to participate in accreditation site visitor training sponsored by CACREP (the Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Education Programs.)



Smith Exhibits Paintings in Portland
A three-artist show featured the work of Assistant Professor of Studio Arts and Art Appreciation **Kathi Smith**, MFA. The show, "Real and Remembered," took place at Cove Street Art in Portland.

Guthrie Speaks at Social Workers' Conference
Professor and Chair of Humanities



Cliff Guthrie, PhD, spoke at the Society for Social Work Leadership in Healthcare conference on September 27, 2019. His two presentations were called "Social Morality for Social Workers" and "When Social Media Gets Too Social: Banes, Blessings and Boundaries."

Crowley Accepts Popular Culture Association Leadership Position
Associate Professor **Adam Crowley**, PhD, has been named the area chair for the newly formed Regional Cultures and Literatures division of the Popular Culture Association (PCA). This division includes New England Studies, Midwestern Literature and Appalachian Studies.

Drew Presents Workshop at Conference



Deborah Drew, EdD, director of the graduate counseling and human relations programs spoke at the Penobscot Regional Education Partnership (PREP) conference on August 20. Her workshop was entitled, "Your School Counselor: Your Ally in Social Emotional Learning." The conference was attended by PreK-12 educators, higher education partners and members of the Maine Department of Education.

New England School of Communications

Vachon is Licensed Commercial Drone Pilot



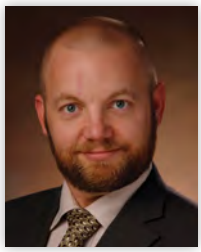
Video Instructor **Steve Vachon**, MEd, passed his Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) commercial drone exam. He is now a licensed commercial drone pilot. The knowledge he now possesses in drone photography will be passed along to students in his video production classes.

Halloween Radio Adaptation of Poe Ghost Story
The award-winning old time radio drama, "Tales of Mystery and Imagination" was broadcast from the Gracie Theatre on October 30. This years' production was an adaptation of Edgar Alan Poes' famous ghost story, "MS Found in a Bottle."



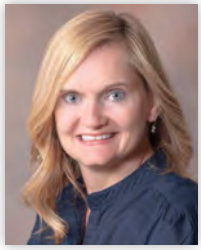
The show is written and directed each year by Instructor **Ken Stack**, the program coordinator for Husson's entertainment production program.

WHSN-FM Wins Five awards from Maine Association of Broadcasters



The Maine Association of Broadcasters recently presented WHSN 89.3 FM, Husson University's student radio station, with five awards. The station took home a first place award in the self promotion category, and second place awards in the feature, locally produced program and public service unsponsored radio categories. In addition the station took home third place in the social media with an entertainment focus category. **Mark Nason**, MEd is the manager of communications and internships at NESCom, the program coordinator for radio broadcasting and the station manager for WHSN-FM

NESCom Faculty Elected to Public Relations Universal Accreditation Board



Nancy Roberts, APR, marketing communications program instructor and coordinator, has joined the Universal Accreditation Board (UAB), which governs the industry certification for public relations professionals — the Accreditation in Public Relations (APR) —as the representative for the Maine Public Relations Council (MPRC) board. MPRC is one of only nine UAB participating organizations in the country.

Assistant Professor of Audio Engineering Publishes Article
Eric Ferguson, an assistant professor of audio engineering and live sound technology, had an article published in the September 2019 issue of Live Sound International: The Journal For Live Event Technology Professionals. The article is called, "Filling The Gap - A Range of Approaches and Variables with Front Fills."

Recognizing Alumni of Distinction

On Friday, October 18, 2019, five exemplary individuals were recognized during the University's Alumni Hall of Fame Ceremony in Peabody Hall's G. Peirce Webber Campus Center on our Bangor campus. All of these individuals have served their communities, their university and their professions with distinction.

Four of these individuals were inducted into the Husson University Alumni Hall of Fame. They included Michelle Osgood Montgomery, Albert Allen, Karen Clements and Dewey Martin.



Michelle Osgood Montgomery, DO, '11. This Young Alumna Award recipient and Alumni Hall of Fame inductee is from Northern Maine. Montgomery earned dual bachelor's degrees in biology and chemistry, with a minor in mathematics from Husson in 2011. She went on to earn her Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine in 2017. Following the completion of her doctoral program, Michelle married **Reed Montgomery**, whom she met at Husson, and became a resident physician in obstetrics and gynecology at Advocate Aurora Health Care in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where she currently resides and practices.



Albert W. Allen, CPA '86. Allen is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and earned his bachelor's degree in public accounting from Husson in 1986. Following graduation, he worked in the audit division for the international CPA firm Arthur Andersen in Boston. He went on to hold senior leadership positions at ZF Lemforder's North American Operations Division and Pioneer Plastics. In 1995, Allen and two partners started ABM Mechanical, Inc., a mechanical contracting firm, in Bangor, Maine. In 2005, he joined ABM Mechanical full time as a part-owner, vice president and chief financial officer. Allen is responsible for the administrative, financial, information technology, human relations and legal functions.

Plaques honoring this year's Alumni Hall of Fame recipients are prominently displayed, along with plaques of other past honorees, in a hallway adjacent to the Campus Center on the ground floor of Peabody Hall. This hall features every Alumni Hall of Fame recipient since the award's inception.





Karen F. Clements, RN, ’04G. Karen Clements has been the chief nursing officer of Dartmouth-Hitchcock (D-H) since June of 2016. She joined D-H in July of 2013 and has held several pivotal roles within the medical center. Before joining Dartmouth-Hitchcock, Clements worked with Eastern Maine Healthcare Systems (EMHS) in Bangor, Maine for 23 years. During her final three years at EMHS, Clements was the chief nursing officer and vice president of patient care services at The Acadia Hospital. In addition, Clements proudly served in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps from 1988-1999. She graduated from Husson University with a master’s degree in business.



Dewey Martin, MS, CPA, CMA,’19 professor emeritus, was named an Honorary Alumnus of Husson University at this event. He’s worked for two of the largest accounting firms in the world - most recently as a manager at PricewaterhouseCoopers in Boston. He was a full-time faculty member at Husson University for 39 years and retired in May 2019. The Small Business Administration recognized Martin as the Accountant Advocate of the Year for Maine and New England. In addition, the Maine Society of CPAs presented him with their Public Service Award. He is also a past president of the Maine Society of CPAs. Martin has testified before the Senate Finance Committee and House Ways and Means Committee in Washington, D.C. on small business tax reform.

Besides the four Alumni Hall of Fame inductees, one individual, Larry Homsted, was also recognized for his contributions to the University.



Larry Homsted ’64. Homsted received the Presidential Outstanding Service Award. He earned his Bachelor of Science in business administration from Husson in 1964. Prior to retirement, he worked in the banking industry for 31 years. He started with Merchants National Bank in April of 1961 and moved to Penobscot Savings in 1976. Penobscot Savings later became part of Peoples Heritage Bank. Homsted retired in 1992 as Peoples’ chief security officer and telecommunications coordinator. In retirement, Homsted volunteers at numerous campus events. He also enjoys making and delivering his homemade peanut butter fudge to friends on campus.

Homsted was an Eastern Maine high school football official for 21 years, working several games when Coach Gabby Price was on the sidelines. He has become a “groupie,” following the women’s volleyball team, and more recently, the soccer team. (see photo lower left of page 6).

In September, he established an annual award program in memory and honor of **Patricia ’63**, his late wife of nearly 52 years. The award program benefits graduate students in physical therapy and occupational therapy.

Husson University President **Dr. Robert Clark** said, “All of these special individuals are exemplary professionals who serve as role models to past, present and future students. The distinction they have brought to themselves and to Husson, as well as their support for our University and its mission, make them worthy of recognition.”



The women’s soccer team attended the Alumni Hall of Fame Ceremony in support of "groupie" Larry Homsted. L to R, Front Row: Willow Whitten ’23, Britney Bubar ’22, Emily Helgerson ’21, Victoria Azoury ’23, Sydney Drew ’22, Katie Raymond ’23

Middle Row: Alyssa Driscoll ’22, Lizzie White ’21, Alexa Lynham ’20, Alexa Thayer ’23, Coach Amanda Cummings ’12, ’16G, Jaley Martin ’22, Britney Duchesneau ’22, Mackenzie St. Pierre ’22, Maja Hoglund ’22

Back Row: Arianna McKinnon ’20, Shie Smith ’21, Miranda Lewis ’23, Matija Mamula ’22, Alli Carey ’20, Riana Winslow ’21, Shannon Dowd ’22, Larry Homsted ’64, Colby Brown ’21, Caylee Brown ’21, Jenna Dietenhofer-Diamond ’23, Lydia Boucher ’23, Coach Randy Gifford

Welcoming a New Era of Wellness to Husson University



In September, a ribbon cutting marked the official opening of the new Wellness Learning Center



Groundbreaking on the new Wellness Learning Center took place in October 2018. But construction wouldn't actually start until Thanksgiving due to design cost adjustments. Just when crews from Nickerson & O'Day thought they were back on track, "Mother Nature decided that last winter would be the coldest and snowiest weather seen in decades," says President and CEO **Karl Ward**.

Thanks to some innovative winterizing of the building, workers were able to complete the project in time for incoming students this fall. The 6,750 square foot facility is located between the Gracie Theatre and O'Donnell Commons, both of which were also built by Nickerson & O'Day. "By placing this building in one of the most visible locations on our campus, we send our entire university community the message that we are deeply committed to the health and wellness of our students and to our healthcare academic programs," said **Dr. Robert Clark**, president and CEO of Husson University.

Tom Warren, associate vice president for Husson auxiliary services and **Monica Woodside**, auxiliary business analyst, worked with SMRT Architects and Engineers in Bangor to design the building. It houses both Husson Student Health and Counseling Services in one section of the single story building. Until now, the medical and mental health services were operating out of a temporary facility between Bell Hall and the Center for Family Business. The new building more than doubled their previous space and features a private check-in area.

"The Wellness Center's mission is to enhance the academic experience of students by providing quality healthcare services in a nurturing and cost-effective manner," says **Pamela Kropp-Anderson**, dean of Student Life. "Whether you are sick or injured, managing a mental health challenge or working to develop a healthier lifestyle, we are here to help you."

The Wellness Center is also home to four new state of the art simulation bays. Each one features lifelike manikins, which are models of humans specifically created for medical instructional purposes. They will provide students in nursing, occupational therapy, physical therapy, counseling and pharmacy programs with the most up-to-date experiential learning.

"In years past, a student would earn an undergraduate degree after learning theoretical knowledge and passing exams in a classroom setting," says **Diane Jenks**, School of Nursing simulation coordinator. "These manikins talk, they have a pulse, they breathe and they blink. In programmed situations, they give students the opportunity to experience the full range of bodily functions and patient reactions to help them better understand how to apply what they learned in the classroom to patient care in professional settings."





Each of the simulation bays is connected to a control room when technicians program the lifelike manikins with specific ailment symptoms.





The new Wellness Learning Center has a private lactation space for nursing mothers.



Most importantly, the students learn in a safe space. "The challenge in delivering hands-on healthcare experiences has to do with the need to protect patients," explains Jenks. "Students here are free to learn and make mistakes without putting themselves in situations where they could make errors that affect patients' health."

Additionally, the two simulation bays in the O'Donnell Commons will be upgraded to focus on maternal health. One will be similar to a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. The other will feature a new lifelike manikin who can give birth. "Experiences like these are why Husson University graduates are recognized by leaders of the local healthcare community as the best in their field," says Jenks.

Nick Eddy '20 calls it a dress rehearsal for the real world. The senior nursing major is especially excited about the debriefing room in the Wellness Learning Center. Students go there after the simulation lab to review what took place on video. "The learning that takes place in the debriefing room will help me to develop and deliver healthcare in a way that will become second nature," says Eddy. "The debriefing room is where I'll learn to be the best I can be, and the simulation center will allow me to practice my skills until I don't have to think about them. Making good practices a part of my regular skill set will help me to deliver quality care each and every time."

Eddy says confidence is critical in today's healthcare fields. He believes the new facility will provide that and more to Husson students. "We'll feel ready to address health concerns because we've had the training and experience needed to resolve patient issues. And because of that, we'll create the important trust that must occur between healthcare providers and patients in order to help people back to wellness," he says.

"This new facility will ensure that students earning degrees in healthcare-related majors will get the best education possible," says Dr. Clark. "As a University, we are deeply committed to providing all of our students with an education that will allow them to be successful in the careers of the 21st century."

Husson University will now turn its attention towards the new College of Business building. The school hopes to break ground in the Spring of 2020 and open in Fall 2021.







Family Ties: A Lineage of Student Success

When **Susan Dubay '89** arrived at Husson in 1987, she wasn't sure what to expect. Her mother, **Judith Otis Ellis '64**, had earned a certificate in Office Management from the school when it was still located in downtown Bangor, and wanted her daughter to attend a college that was safe. Despite moving to Maine from Joplin, Missouri a few years earlier, Susan says, "I was inexperienced, and didn't have a worldview." Husson's small campus, and the fact that she wouldn't be just another student led her to fall in love with the school – and eventually, her future husband, **Dale Dubay '88**.


Dubay Family – Back row: Dale and Dustin. Front row: Susan and Samantha.

Susan and Dale's son, **Dustin Dubay '15**, wasn't thinking about his family legacy when he chose Husson several decades later. All he knew was he was interested in studying accounting, and he didn't want to break the bank to do it. A few years later, his younger sister **Samantha Dubay '18** joined him on campus to pursue a Bachelor of Science in health sciences.

The Dubays aren't the only family to have multiple generations of Husson alumni. **Will Wedge**, who earned his MBA in 1999, is the son of **Susanne Wedge '80**. His daughters, **Abby Hill '13**, and **Emily Garneau, DPT '13, '14**, are also alumni – as are their husbands, **Kevin DPT '12, '14** and **Josh DPT '14**, respectively. Will hopes that his young grandson Cameron will eventually choose to attend Husson.

So, what is it that draws multiple generations to Husson? Judging by the Dubay and Wedge families, it's the personalized education, affordable tuition, and opportunities for growth that have attracted them over the years.

"It's such a big gamble to attend a more expensive university and hope it pans out," said Dustin Dubay, noting that Husson's comparatively low tuition rates were a major factor in his choice. "I looked at other options, toured schools in Massachusetts, but it came down to the fact that my parents had gone to Husson and were successful and had done well."

In fact, if there's one thing that all generations can agree on, it's the quality of the education they received at Husson. Susan Dubay fondly remembers many of her professors – including one psychology professor who hypnotized the entire class. Will Wedge was also impressed with the professors and classes at Husson. "I enjoyed the experience, especially the smaller classes. I knew I was getting a well-regarded, great education."

Dustin, originally from Fort Kent and graduated with his degree in accounting and an MBA. He now lives and works in North Carolina in management consulting. He credits

Dubay family, left to right: Susan and Dale Dubay; Dale, Dustin, Judith Otis Ellis (Susan's mom), Susan, and Samantha; Samantha.









Wedge Family – Back row: Will, Kevin Hill, and Josh Garneau; Front row: Melissa, Abby Hill, and Emily Garneau.

much of his success to the education he received at Husson – and the influence of his father, a CPA who earned both his undergraduate degree and MBA from Husson. Will Wedge also credits his education for his career, noting much of his 40 years of success in the grocery business can be attributed to his education. "The time I spent at UMaine and Husson helped me become the good grocer that I am today," he said. Will also leveraged his experience to work as an adjunct instructor, teaching more than a dozen business classes at Husson over the course of a decade.

One unique aspect of attending the same college as your parents and grandparents are the insights you gain into the school and campus and the changes that have taken place over the years. Dustin Dubay notes, for instance, that Husson is far more diverse now than it was when his parents were students in the 1980s. "My dad thought of it as a business school," he said, noting the development of programs like health sciences, which attracted his sister. "People didn't travel as far to go to college back then. Now, you can drive around campus and see license plates from all over."

Husson's diversity and educational offerings aren't the only changes that have taken place over the years. Greek life was a big part of the Husson experience for the Dubays. For example, Dale Dubay was a member of the TKE fraternity, while Susan belonged to Delta Sigma Delta. She credits her sorority sisters with much of her adjustment to college life. "Being part of Delta led me to embrace leadership," she said. "I felt like I belonged somewhere." Although Greek life may not be as much a part of campus life as it once was, that doesn't mean that life outside the classroom isn't vibrant, with more options for clubs, sports, and intramural activities than ever before.

For Abby Hill '13, that extracurricular life was a major part of her time on campus. The founder of the Husson Dance Team, Abby saw that activity as the a cornerstone of her college experience. "I'm very proud of that," she said. "I started by creating a club, and learned a lot about making connections, fundraising and other skills that help me today." Abby also learned about setting goals throughout her time at Husson. She achieved a major one when the Dance Team performed at the Gracie Theater for the first time in 2013.

That sense of accomplishment is one thing that all the generations of Husson grads take with them. Will Wedge talks about his time at Husson with a great deal of pride and says he was thrilled when his daughters decided to attend as well. "I knew, based on their career goals, that Husson would be the best to prepare them for life."

Wedge family, left to right: Derek, Alana (Gayle's daughter), Gayle, Phil (Gayle's husband), Will, Abby, Kevin (Abby's husband), Melissa, Emily, Josh (Emily's husband) and Cam, their son.



Making the Most of It



Karimah Land '24 lives her life by this motto – "If I didn't have anything to do, I'd be wasting a perfectly good life." She's currently working towards a dual degree in exercise science and biology, with plans to pursue her Doctorate of Physical Therapy in 2024.

On top of that, Land is a key member of the Husson Women's Volleyball team. And somewhere in-between athletics and academics, Land finds time to participate in the United Student Association (USA), African Student Association (ASA) and the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC).

No surprise, time management is a "huge part of my life," she says. "Sometimes I have to make tough decisions because I can't be in two places at once."

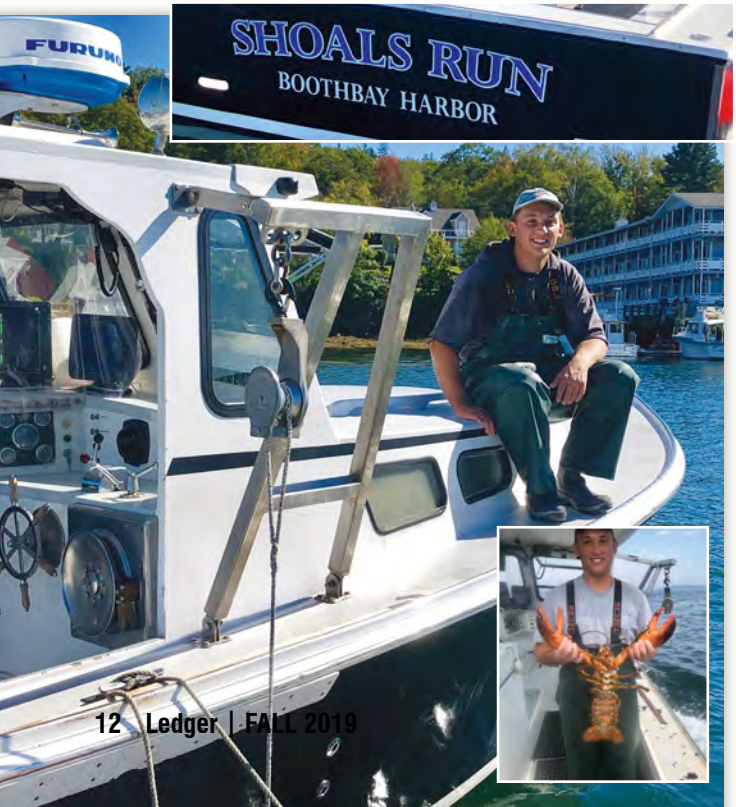
Land grew up in Randolph, Massachusetts, about 20 minutes south of Boston. She knew in middle school that she wanted to be a physical therapist. When it came time to apply to colleges, Land specifically looked for schools that offered three-plus-three physical therapy programs. "What solidified my decision to go to Husson was how affordable the school was," explains Land. "I knew I was going to graduate having amassed some amount of debt, but Husson was still the cheapest option by tens of thousands of dollars."

Once she's done with school, Land hopes to engage in some sort of traveling physical therapy program. "Almost like Doctors Without Borders," she explains," so that I can gain worldwide experience and pick up new skills while traveling the world."

Land says the best part about attending Husson is how personal the campus is. "I'm not just a number lost in the system," she says. "My professors get to learn my personality and my learning style and I really feel important in class."

Seaing the benefits of a Husson Education

When **Andrew Hallinan '21** was just four years old, his father gave him 25 traps and a hands-on lesson in what it takes to become a lobster fisherman. "He would take us out to harvest them by hand in his mooring skiff," explains Hallinan.



Hallinan worked the waters through school and by the time he graduated, he owned his own boat. Today, Hallinan runs a successful lobster hauling business with more than 700 traps and one employee. He's also a full-time student in the College of Business pursuing a BS in Business Administration.

Hallinan takes online courses at Husson University during the fall semester so he can continue operating his lobster fishing business. In the spring, he's on campus for classes. "I'm a nontraditional student," explains Hallinan, "this was the best route for me because I took two years off between high school and college. This allowed me to not only mature as an adult, but it also gave me time management skills that I now apply toward my education."

Hallinan's efforts have paid off. He currently has a 3.91 GPA. "My parents and other family are very supportive," he says. "They're always helping me in some way with my business so that I can spend a majority of time on my highly valued schoolwork."

Hallinan says a college degree was always a part of his business plan. "I knew early on in my career that I needed a degree in case I was ever forced to retire due to an injury while lobster fishing," he explains. "However, one of my biggest motivators to go to college was to prove to myself that I could do it."

Hallinan credits the personal connection Husson has with its students for why he's managed to balance both a business and books. "Husson, like me, takes learning seriously and I appreciate all of the staff that work hard to provide a high quality education to students like myself."

The Music Man



Steve Densil '21 was destined to pursue a musical career. "Both my parents are singers," he says, "I was brought up in a music-filled life."

Densil started playing the guitar when he was just five, piano came two years later. His schooling at one of the top residential schools in the world, The Lawrence School, Lovedale, in India, helped further Densil's musical journey. He started a band with some schoolmates. "Being in a band helped me understand that music was something more than just a sound," he explains. "It was a feeling that emotions could not interpret."

Densil chose a career in live sound technology and after careful consideration, realized that the New England School of Communications checked all the boxes. "I've had a great time at NESCom so far," says the junior. "There are exciting and fun classes that allow me to work on industry-standard equipment. The faculty's approach and commitment enlighten the whole atmosphere."

Traveling is one of Densil's other great passions and he hopes to combine both of his loves once he graduates from NESCom. "I am excited to travel around the world, learn multifaceted AV technology, and implement that knowledge into running my own audiovisual company," he said.

Densil has a clear path when it comes to his goals in life, and he credits NESCom with helping to pave the way. "From working on multiple shows every semester to internships and the great faculty, NESCom has provided a springboard for my future," he says.

A Fieldwork First for Husson



As **Nzinga Gillis '20** was completing the last of her Level One fieldwork in her home state of New York, the fifth year occupational therapy student noticed that many of her fellow fieldworkers were from Europe. "I thought if they can come here, why can't I go there," she said.

Gillis asked the person in charge of placements about the possibility of doing her Level Two fieldwork abroad. "She cautioned me there would be a lot of paperwork, and she was right," Gillis said with a chuckle. "But the two of us worked on it for several months until everything fell into place."

In May, Gillis flew to Cape Town, South Africa, becoming the first Husson School of Occupational Therapy student to complete an internship there. "Part of my fieldwork was at a home for older adults with dementia and other palliative care issues," she explained. "Some were natives of South Africa but most were from Europe who chose to retire in Cape Town."

Gillis's internship was through the VACorps program. She used her own money to pay for travel, room and board. "A lot of students from around the world were with me," she said. Each Friday, the group would meet up to participate in some sort of cultural event. Gillis really enjoyed the African safari she went on.

One of the most rewarding and eye-opening experiences for Gillis was the time she spent at a South African orphanage. "I had never seen an orphanage before," she says. "These kids had HIV and AIDS, cerebral palsy. Others were in palliative care. That really affected me a lot. I learned so much."

Gillis spent four months in Cape Town, South Africa. She's grateful not just for the course credits, but the life lessons learned. "You realize how many advantages we have here in America," she says, "especially with our healthcare system."

Gillis has plans to work in a skilled nursing home once she graduates in May. But she has every intention of broadening her horizons, literally. " Oh yes, I really want to travel to different places like Dubai, Asia, and different parts of Africa," she says. "You learn so much more that way. It's a great way to gain valuable insight."

HOMECOMING WEEKEND











Alumni Return to Campus to Honor Dewey Martin, Rock and Roll, and More

Alumni achievements, retirement celebrations, athletics and entertainment were all on display as part of this year's annual Husson Homecoming festivities, held October 18-19, 2019. Current students, their friends and families, as well as alumni representing seven decades converged on the campus during a picture-perfect autumn weekend for an exciting lineup of activities and opportunities to see old friends and make new ones.

ALUMNI HALL OF FAME

The weekend kicked off on Friday evening with the Alumni Hall of Fame Ceremony and Reception in the G. Peirce Webber Campus Center. During the event, multiple outstanding alumni were recognized for their achievements in their careers and community. Professor emeritus and director of Husson's









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School of Accounting **Dewey Martin** was named an Honorary Alumnus for his 39 years of dedication to the university, while **Michelle Montgomery '11** was honored with the Young Alumna Award. Alums **Albert Allen '86** and **Karen Clements '04G** were also recognized for their outstanding accomplishments in their careers and contributions to the community and to Husson. These honorees embody the characteristics of leadership, character, and humility that Husson seeks to develop in all students. These four Alumni Hall of Fame inductees serve as inspirations to both current students and alumni.

The Presidential Outstanding Service Award was given to **Larry Homsted '64**, for his ongoing commitment to serving the community and Husson University. In addition to his achievements in the banking industry, Homsted is well known for his support of Husson athletics, volunteering at Husson events, and recently established an annual award program for graduate students in Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy in memory and honor of **Patricia '63**, his late wife of nearly 52 years.

PRESIDENT'S BREAKFAST

Homecoming weekend resumed on Saturday, October 19, 2019 with a









Homecoming continued









President's Breakfast from 8 – 9 a.m. in the Dickerman Dining Center. This event embraced first-year students and their families as new members of our Husson community. Part of an ongoing Homecoming tradition, this breakfast featured a variety of sumptuous breakfast favorites prepared by Husson University's award-winning dining services staff. The new members of our Husson community had the opportunity to speak informally with University President **Robert A. Clark**, PhD as they basked in the warm glow of the camaraderie common among fellow Husson Eagles.

TAILGATING



The fun continued on Saturday morning with tailgating at the Alumni & Friends Tent before the Husson v. University of New England football game. Alumni and their friends enjoyed some of the Husson Dining Services' award-winning wings while they caught up over lawn games. After the game, alumni headed back to the tent for complimentary drinks and snacks while they commiserated over the Eagles' 31-21 loss. The Husson football game wasn't the only athletic event on Saturday, though. The men's and women's soccer teams were both victorious over the squads from Northern Vermont-Johnson, while the Field Hockey team took the field against Dean at 6 p.m. for a decisive 13-0 victory, which included goals from 10 different scorers.

FOOTBALL



During the football game, alumni had the chance to support Husson's track and field athletes at the fourth Annual Track and Field auction in the Dr. John Winkin Sports Complex. Among the items up for grabs were gift cards to local businesses, gift baskets, Husson gear, and more. The silent auction raised $1,586. Members of the TKE fraternity, once a cornerstone of social life on campus, also gathered together on Saturday afternoon to reminisce and rekindle old friendships. Husson University Student Government sponsored an ice cream sundae fundraising event inside the football stadium gate. The event was made possible by the generosity of Gifford's Famous Ice Cream and Hannaford Supermarkets. Proceeds from the event will go to the United Way of Eastern Maine.



DEWEY MARTIN RETIREMENT

Saturday evening offered several activities: A retirement celebration for **Dewey Martin**, and a performance by the "The Hit Men" at the Gracie Theatre. Professor Martin's celebration was held in the Ross Y. Furman Student Center, and gave alumni, colleagues, and current students the chance to express their good wishes to the professor and share some stories about their time learning from him over the last four decades in the Department of Accounting. The epitome of an outstanding educator and mentor, Professor Martin has been a foundational member of the Husson community. We'll miss him and his dedication to helping students think critically, solve problems, and become the best citizens of the world they can be. An endowed scholarship has been created in his name to help students pay for their education.



"THE HIT MEN" AT THE GRACIE

Those who attended "The Hit Men" were treated to a trip through rock and roll history. The group, comprised of singers and musicians who recorded with some of the biggest names in music (including Elton John, Carole King, Cat Stevens, Carly Simon, and members of Journey and The Who) performed some of the artists' biggest hits and shared insights about what it was like working with these legendary performers during the 60s, 70s, and 80s. The audience was treated to such classics as "Who Loves You," "Oh What a Night," "You're So Vain," "The Loco-motion," "Mony Mony," and "Joy to the World." "The Hit Men" is part of the Gracie Theater's exciting 2019-2020 season, which includes a wide variety of musical and artistic performances.





Homecoming Weekend is always a great time for everyone, offering the chance to catch up with old friends and make new ones. Stay connected to the campus. We hope you'll join us next year on October 16-17, 2020











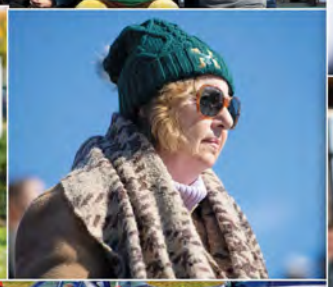




















2019 SPORTS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Husson University is pleased to announce the University's 34th Sports Hall of Fame Class.

The Class of 2019 is comprised of nine individuals and one team. They represent nine different sports spanning more than three decades of Husson's athletic history.

Hall of Fame Weekend starts Friday, December 6th at the Anah Shrine in Bangor with an honorary banquet. The festivities will continue as the class is recognized at halftime during the Husson women's basketball game against Northern Vermont University – Lyndon on Saturday, December 7th. Tipoff is scheduled for 4 p.m.



Kevin Byrne '12, '12G

The first NCAA-era golfer to enter the Husson University Sports Hall of Fame, Byrne won six events and finished in the top ten in 25 of 38 tournaments from 2008-11.

In his four-year career, Byrne was a three-time All-NAC (North Athlantic Conference) First Team player, the 2009 NAC Golfer of the Year, a three-time NEIGA (New England Intercollegiate Golf Association) All-State golfer, a 2008 NEIGA All-New England honoree, and the program's, first-ever, Eagle Award Winner in 2010.



Megan Clement '12

Clement was a two-sport athlete at Husson, holding a four-year career with the women's soccer program as a forward from 2007-10. She had a three-year career with the women's lacrosse program as an attacker from 2009-11. The two-time NAC All-Tournament Women's Soccer Team pick, tallied 32 goals with 25 assists for 89 total points in 82 career games played.

The two-time First Team All-NAC selection and 2010 NAC Women's Lacrosse Player of the Year, held 12 women's lacrosse team records upon graduation and remains near the top of nearly every statistical career and single-season category to this day.

Kevin Hansley '90

Hansley was part of a dominating era of Braves men's basketball, going 76-21 throughout his three-year career on the way to winning one Western Maine Athletic Conference (WMAC) Championship and one NAIA (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics) District V title, including the program's first NAIA National Tournament appearance in over seven years in 1989.



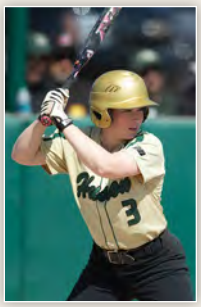
Dr. Cyril "Buddy" Leavitt DPT '08, '08G, '11

A four-year member of the Husson men's basketball team from 2003-06 and a member of the exclusive 1,000 career point club, Leavitt finished his career with 1,355 points, 561 rebounds, 56 steals, 116 assists and 89 blocks in 95 games played. The 2006 NAC Player of the Year, held 24 Husson University men's basketball NCAA era school records upon graduating.

William "Bill" Swift '95

One of the most prolific sluggers in HU baseball history, Swift hit .296 (119-402) with 75 runs, 17 doubles, one triple, 16 home runs, 105 RBI, and seven stolen bases, while posting a .364 OBP with a .463 slugging percentage and an .827 OPS during his four-year career from 1992-95.

Aimee Mortensen Price '13



A four-time All-NAC First Team selection at third base and shortstop over her four-year softball career, Mortensen helped capture four NAC Championships with four trips to the NCAA Championship tournament. She earned many accolades throughout her career in Green and Gold, including 2006 NAC Rookie of the Year and 2011 NAC Player of the Year.

Leslie Trott Pelkey '02

Earning six varsity letters in three sports from 1999-02, Pelkey played one season of soccer in 1999, one season of softball in 2000, and four years of basketball. Trott is one of six players in program history who has tallied 1,000 or more points, 500 or more rebounds, and 150 or more steals and assists.

Sabrina Vaillancourt Smith '14



The four-time All-NAC selection helped guide Husson to back-to-back NAC Championships and NCAA Championship tournament appearances in 2010 and 2011. In 73 career games played, Vaillancourt scored 68 goals and tallied 18 assists for 154 points off 342 shots, including 15 game-winning goals. Currently, the Husson head field hockey coach, the 2010 NAC Rookie of the Year was also the first Eagle in Husson University history to be named All-American (2012, 2013) and to earn All-New England honors from NFHCA (National Field Hockey Coaches Association).

Dr. Hannah Olstad Dournier DPT '13, '15



Olstad is the only volleyball player in Husson history to be named NAC Player of the Year, Husson's Clara Swan Athlete of the Year and to notch 1,000 kills. Playing from 2009-12, the four-time NAC All-Tournament Team selection will enter the Hall of Fame holding 19 single-match school records.

2002 MEN'S GOLF TEAM

The 2001-02 Braves Men's Golf Team capped a record-breaking season of firsts by earning the program's first and only team finish in a national championship tournament. Led by Hall of Fame head coach Bruce MacGregor and Hall of Fame assistant coach **Barry Hobert '70**, the team notched a 100-23 record, including a 76-2 mark in the fall that helped propel the Braves to a top-25 ranking for the first time in program history, reaching as high as #20.

Husson University Program at L.L.Bean and Other Companies Inspires Students to Further their Education at Work

Local employers have long turned to Husson University for well-educated critical thinkers who can rise to modern business challenges and lead their companies into the future. Thanks to a series of partnerships with several major employers, including L.L.Bean, Bangor Savings Bank, The Jackson Laboratory, CIANBRO, and others, Husson is now bringing world-class education and employee development right to the businesses themselves.

Since late 2016, Husson has partnered with area businesses to deliver workforce development education to students in a variety of formats, including courses offered right at the business itself. It was this convenient "study at work" format that attracted **Alan Ozarowski**, a lead Inventory Analyst in the Supply Chain Department of L.L.Bean. He recently began working toward his MBA. "L.L.Bean and Husson have made it very easy for me to pursue my MBA, he said. "I take classes right on campus at my employer and receive convenient, in-person instruction."

Laura Blake, Bangor Savings Bank Assistant Manager of Loan Services, echoes those sentiments. "The idea of taking classes at our work location without going on campus, and being a part of a cohort comprised of my peers made applying an easy decision." Blake notes that for many people, the idea of trying to juggle coursework while managing a busy career and family responsibilities seems daunting, but the partnership program removed many of the obstacles that keep people from furthering their education.

Both Ozarowski and Blake say that they've been impressed with the quality of the education they've received at Husson. "The MBA program partnered nicely with my previous leadership experience," Blake said. "While I had been introduced to many of the concepts covered by the MBA program over the course of my career, it was a great refresher. In addition, it gave me the opportunity to learn some newer, more timely concepts." Many of the concepts she learned were immediately applicable to her current leadership role, something that Ozarowski experienced as well. "Our first class has been Research Methods in Business. My role at L.L.Bean is a unique one where I conduct a lot of research, so right away I'm applying some best practices from class to my work."

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>
> Alan Ozarowski

Husson's partnerships with local employers benefit both students and businesses. Not only do they improve workforce quality, but employers are reporting higher levels of productivity, profitability, and retention when they offer educational opportunities – not to mention happier, more engaged employees. As Laura Blake said, "This program is demonstrating Bangor Savings Bank's commitment to its employees' growth and development. Both she and Ozarowski highly recommend the program. "While the workload is challenging, the program enables you to balance work life, school life, and home life."

"My favorite thing so far has been meeting new people from L.L.Bean," said Ozarowski. "A lot of people work at L.L.Bean, and this opportunity has introduced me to some people I wouldn't otherwise interact with."

L.L.Bean employees demonstrated significant interest in participating in the on-site Husson University MBA program. There was so much interest, the company had to devise a lottery system to determine who would be able to participate in the first cohort of 22 employees. Those who were not selected to be in the first cohort had the option to begin working toward their Husson MBA by completing classes online or attending classes at the University's Southern Maine campus in Westbrook.



Using New Technology to Save Her Roots

This NESCom senior is using virtual technology to inspire a new generation of food entrepreneurs

Dairy farming isn't just a way of life for **Kristen Davis '20**, it's her blood line. "My family is going on four generations of owning and operating an organic dairy farm in New Sharon, Maine," she explains. "We have one hired farm hand but the rest of the people who run the farm are all family members."

According to the Maine Dairy Promotion Board, the number of dairy farms in Maine and around the country has dropped dramatically in the last two decades. "In 1985, there were about 1,000 commercial dairy farms in Maine," says Jami Badershall, communications manager. "We now have about 220."

"It's a very personal thing for me," Davis says. "I've tried to focus on why dairy farms are disappearing, and why people are getting disconnected from where their food comes from, my whole life. Topay, I'm trying to fill those gaps to allow my family's farm, as well as other dairy farms across the country, to stay sustainable."

Davis is now completing her Bachelor of Science in mass communications, with a concentration in marketing communications, at the New England School of Communications. She is hoping to use her agricultural background and technological education to breathe new life into the dairy industry. "I want to stay connected to agriculture," she says emphatically. "I know a lot of the day-to-day operations. That makes me feel very confident in my ability to understand and, hopefully, promote the field."

During the summer and fall semester, she participated in an internship through the Maine Dairy Promotion Board. Davis was invited to be a guest speaker for the Maine Fuel Up to Play 60 program. It is a cooperative effort between the National Dairy Council and the NFL. Students are encouraged to promote programs within their schools that promote healthy eating and being physically active for at least 60 minutes every day. In return, they can win prizes including Super Bowl tickets or even a visit from an NFL player.















"Many of the students that I met that day were very committed to making a difference," says Davis. "They were just great all around."

As part of her mission to merge the dairy industry with public awareness, Davis presented a virtual tour of her family's farm to the students. "I explained about our farm, the breeds of cattle that we own and how much land we farm," says Davis. She showed the students how past generations of family took care of cattle and how that's evolved through the years.

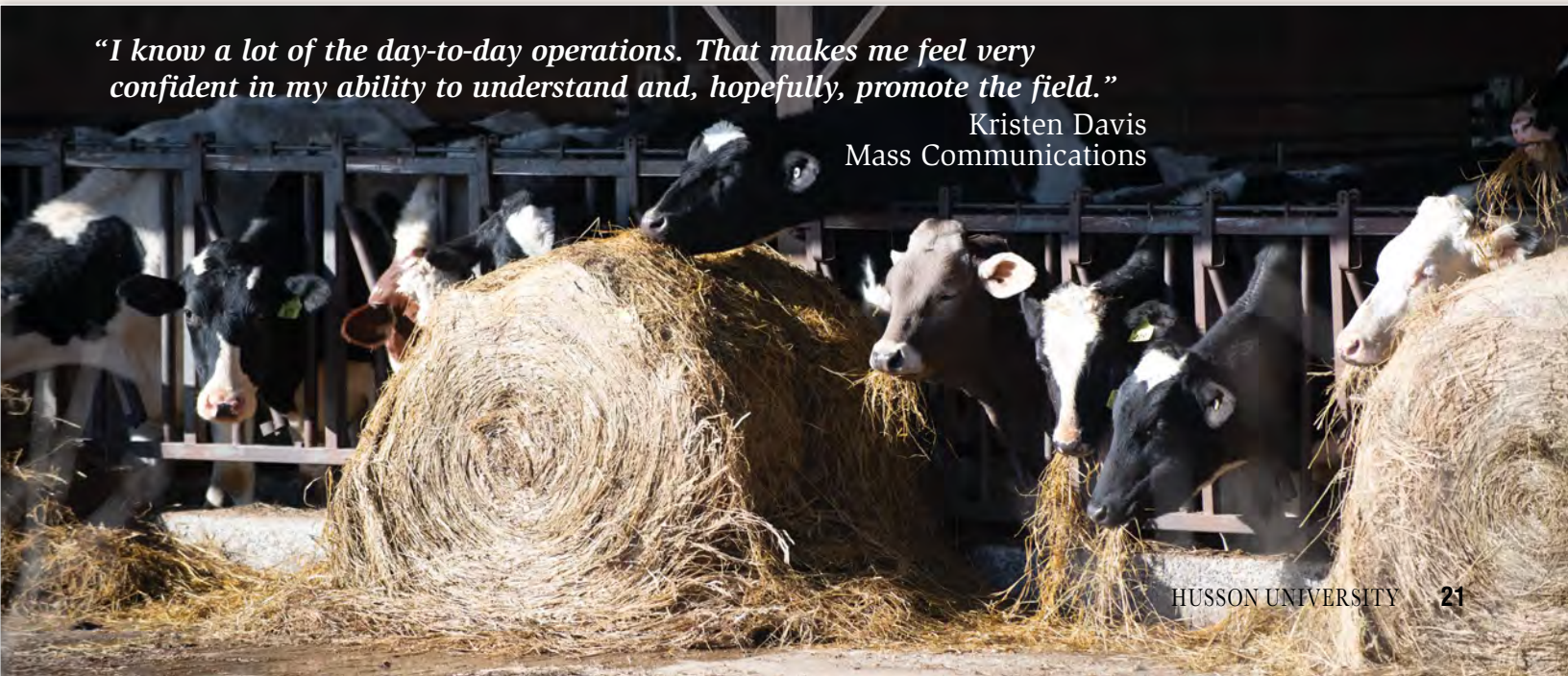
Virtual and augmented reality programs offered through NESCom are providing opportunities to not only preserve Maine's agricultural industry but many other businesses as well. "We often think of applications for virtual and augmented reality as fitting into a science-fiction movie," says **Brave Williams**, assistant professor in the entertainment production program at the New England School of Communications. "As availability increases to these powerful technologies, I see applications that help to strengthen traditional areas like farming, which have traditions that are thousands of years old.

An Interactive Experience (IEX) Center will be part of the new College of Business building, expected to open in 2021. "The IEX center will support innovations in spatial computing in order to aid in Husson University's mission to enhance regional economic development by helping to train students for the jobs of the future and by developing new practices and some of these projects may indeed surround traditional livelihoods like farming," says Williams.

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> Brave Williams
> Assistant Professor

Davis' efforts aren't going unnoticed. She was crowned Maine Senior Dairy Princess in 2015 and Maine Collegiate Dairy Princess two years later. Davis is a four-time recipient of the Horizon Organic Producer Education (HOPE) scholarship. She was also awarded a $1,500 scholarship from Farm Credit East as well as one from the Maine Beef Producers Association.

"So many organizations are hopeful for what I want to do with my degree," she says. "Knowing they believe that I have the skills and that my ideas are worth investing in, really means a lot to me. It's been eye opening and very motivating."



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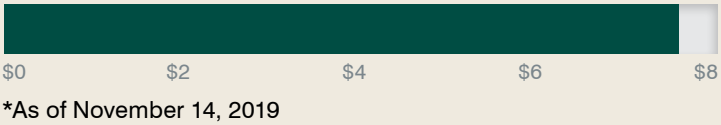
Kristen Davis
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Almost There

Total Committed to the $8 Million Alfond Challenge

$7.58 Million*

$420,000 to go.



*As of November 14, 2019



Back on April 7, 2017, Husson University committed to one of the most significant fundraising efforts in its history. On that day, we accepted a challenge grant from the Harold Alfond Foundation to raise $8 million toward the construction of a new College of Business building by December 31, 2019, in order to receive a $4 million match from the Foundation.

Today Husson University is less than $420,000 away from reaching this goal with just a few weeks to go.

"We are so close to being able to break ground on this transformational project," says **Robert A. Clark**, president. "It's exciting to realize how this new space will facilitate our efforts in engaging students in innovative learning. It reflects our philosophy of education that focuses on students learning through teamwork, projects, and guidance by faculty combined with more traditional lectures."

Husson has always depended on the generosity of alumni and friends to provide students with the quality faculty, programs and facilities they need to reach their career goals. New donors have joined with us to make this vision a reality. Many regular donors have increased their contributions to Husson in order to help provide the University with what will be Maine's foremost center of business education.

There is an old parable about a father who carries his young son on his back across a river. The boy tells his father that when his father is old and infirm, and the boy has grown up, he will carry his father across the river. The father replied, "No, you won't. You will have your own concerns. All I ask is that one day you will carry your own son across this river as I am doing for you now."

At some point in our journey through life, we have all been supported and carried by the generosity of others. Today, we are calling on you to help carry future students at Husson across their rivers, by making a gift that will improve the quality of education here at Husson.

We are so close. If you haven't donated before, now is the time to step up and support the Husson. If you already made a one-time gift, consider making a multi-year (through December 2024) pledge.

Will you answer the call? We are asking you to renew your bond with Husson University and support us in this effort. In the spirit of giving during this holiday season, we hope you will help us reach our goal. Every dollar we receive brings us one step closer to making the new College of Business building a reality. Please be part of the legacy of excellence that helps make a great education possible for future students her at Husson.

Thank you for your support and Happy Holidays!



Cultivating **COMMUNITY**

Finding Purpose Amid Pain



Berlinda Wongli '22 is living proof that strength can be found in life's greatest struggles. Just 15 months after getting married, Wongli's husband died from cancer. Two years later, she gave birth to twin boys only to lose one of them days later because of kidney problems. Just two years after that, Wongli's mother died due to what she describes as a medication error.

Those personal tragedies and more are what parlayed Wongli to choose a career in the healthcare field. "I thought about becoming a nurse at first, but I discovered that I could not withstand the presence of blood or surgery," she says. Instead, Wongli decided to become a pharmacist.

"Growing up [in Cameroon, Central Africa], I watched my mom use herbs to cure most of our illnesses," says Wongli. "Our family was poor so we couldn't afford to pay for medication. I learned a lot from watching her use herbs to cure us."

Wongli came to America in 2010 after winning the U.S. Diversity Visa Lottery. "I was able to work and save enough money to send my six siblings to school," she says proudly. After they graduated, Wongli decided it was her turn to obtain a degree.

"I have always had a passion for helping people," she says. "Showing compassion to people struggling with illness always puts a smile on my face. I have always wanted to learn more about medication and how it interacts with our body."

Wongli started at a community college in Maryland where she lived. "It was too large for me," she says. "I needed a small class size to help me focus more and interact with my classmates." She found that at Husson University. A school scholarship and the opportunity to enroll in the dual PharmD/MBA program have all given Wongli the positive push to keep going, no matter what hurdles life puts in her way.

"My class is like one small family," she says. "I can proudly say I have been able to keep up my grades in most courses due to study groups. We help each other succeed. Also, I have never walked into a professor's office and not come out with my problem unsolved. I could not have wished for more."

Planned Giving

An Easy Way to Give to the College of Business Campaign:

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- Would you like to help us meet the Alfond Challenge for the new College of Business Building?

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If you answered "yes" to the questions above, consider a Charitable IRA Rollover gift.

Rather than simply taking your required withdrawal this year, you can direct your IRA administrator to distribute a gift directly from your IRA to Husson. Any amount you transfer counts against your required minimum distribution (RMD), and you can direct up to $100,000 to Husson in any one year.

Have you already taken your required distribution this year, but would still like to meet the challenge?

Consider taking an additional distribution from your IRA as a Charitable IRA rollover gift.

--or--

Make a pledge before December 31st, using the enclosed gift envelope indicating the amount you wish to give and when you plan to make the gift. Next, direct your IRA administrator to distribute next year's required minimum distribution to Husson.

Pledges can be made for multiple years, and will qualify for the Alfond Challenge as long as they are collected by December 2024! Pledging over multiple years is a great way to make a significant impact with your gift to Husson.

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Class News & Notes

Promotions, engagements, weddings, birth announcements and other accomplishments.
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Class NOTES

1980s

Nao Takaeuchi '85 is CEO for Winstar Corporation for 23 wards in Tokyo, Japan. He is a proud alumnus of Husson. He has often helped organize alumni reunions, and helped with admissions in Japan.

Barbara Kempkes Tritz '88G was awarded the Hu-Friedy/ ADHA Master Clinician Award at the American Dental Hygienists' Association's annual meeting in 2019. Barbara, who works as a clinical dental hygienist at Green City Dental in Edmonds, Washington, was honored for her outstanding expertise in relating to the interdependence of clinical practice and patient education for the improvement of patient compliance. Barbara is also owner and operator of Washington Oral Wellness in Kirkland, where she practices orofacial myofunctional therapy and is known by her patients as the "Queen of Dental Hygiene."

1990s



Mark Sheldon '93, '96 takes a picture with headliner country superstar Tim McGraw at the Gulf Coast Jam in Panama City Beach, Florida. Mark serves as the chief operating officer for the three day musical festival.

Becky Moholland Ireland '96 has been chosen as one of sixteen individuals to be inducted into the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame as part of its sixth class. During her college career at UMaine-Machias and Husson, Becky amassed 1,221 points and 946 rebounds.

Phil Jean '97G has been promoted to executive director of Erickson Living's Seabrook location, a developed and managed senior living community in Tinton Falls, New Jersey. Prior to his new role, Phil served as the associate executive director at Linden Ponds, another Erickson Living community in Hingham, Massachusetts.

2000s

Tarren Bragden '01G has been appointed by Florida Governor Ron DeSantis to the Government Efficiency Task Force for the state of Florida. Tarren is the chief executive officer at the Foundation for Government Accountability and has had work featured in the *Wall Street Journal*, the *New York Post*, the *Boston Globe*, and the *New York Times*.

Kevin P. McLaughlin, Jr., Esq. ΚΔΦ, **'01**, accepted the position of tax manager and fiduciary specialist with Boston Trust Walden (BTW) Company in May 2019. BTW provides investment management services to private wealth clients and institutional investors. Kevin oversees the relationships between BTW and its outside vendors ensuring accurate tax reporting. He is also responsible for providing guidance and oversight of fiduciary relationships where BTW serves as trustee or in another fiduciary capacity. This oversight includes review of trust documents, contracts, and monitoring for compliance with industry and regulatory requirements. Kevin is also an attorney licensed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, The United States Federal District Court – District of Massachusetts, and the United States Tax Court. Kevin currently resides in Gardner, Massachusetts with his wife, Sarah A. McLaughlin, their daughter, Cadence Eloise McLaughlin, their two dogs, Bailey and Nola, and their cat, Augie.

Dave Shannon '02G has been appointed president and chief executive officer of Three Rivers Health in Three Rivers, Michigan. Dave began at Three Rivers Health in November 2018.



Vanessa Corey '03 was awarded first place in Best Radio Newscast category at the 2019 Maine Association of Broadcasters Awards Gala, for the second year in a row.

Jeffrey Pangburn '05G was promoted to senior relationship manager, commercial lending, for the Greater Bangor area and Northern Maine at TD Bank. In his new role, Jeffrey is responsible for business development, commercial lending, and loan administration in Northern Maine.

Joanne Nicastro '07G has joined Bethel Family Health Center as a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner. She will offer psychiatric medication management, which includes psychiatric assessment, diagnosis, and treatment planning.

Patrick Chamberlin '08 has joined Allen Insurance and Financial as a commercial insurance producer. Prior to entering the insurance field,

Patrick spent 12 years as a commercial fisherman.



NESCom Alumni, **Gino Devaney '09**, **Christian Mower '10** and **Tony Zore '10** won awards at the 2019 New Hampshire Association of Broadcasters Granite Mike Awards. News Director Tony Zore was awarded "Best Documentary News" for his piece on the 75th Anniversary of D-Day and his interview with Dr. Eugene Long. He also won a Merit Award for "Best Spot News" for his story on Family Medical Leave in New Hampshire. Morning Show Co-Hosts, Gino and Christian, along with Tony as the DJ, were all awarded "Best Use of Digital Media (Radio)" for their "The Big Game, Game Day, Super Give Away Lip Sync Battle."



Chris Greeley celebrated his 4th anniversary as chief of the Holden Police Department in October 2019.

2010s

Chris Morris '10, '12 has returned to Husson as the head baseball coach. After previously serving as a football coach, Chris left Husson in 2015 to become the assistant baseball coach at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). He most recently served as the assistant baseball coach and recruiting coordinator at Brandeis University and as the team manager for the Sanford Mainers in the New England Collegiate Baseball League during the summer.

Alexander Yesikov '10G has been promoted to Group Account Manager at BBDO for the Greater New York City area. BBDO is a worldwide advertising agency with 15,000 employees and 289 offices in 80 countries.

BreAnna Libby, FNP '13, '17 has joined Arnold Memorial Medical Center as a family nurse practitioner. She is board certified with the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

Kennebunk Chief of Police, **Robert MacKenzie '13** was featured as the guest speaker for Combat Addiction CHQ community events in Celoron and Dunkirk, NY, put on by the Chautauqua Substance Abuse Response Partnership. MacKenzie is a 31-year veteran of law enforcement and is a graduate of the 243rd FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA. The events are part of a multi-year initiative supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration to address barriers to access in rural communities related to substance use disorder.

Glison Smith '13 DPT has joined Head to Toe Physical Therapy in Lewiston. Her practice background includes orthopedics, geriatrics, chronic pain and occupational health.

Conor Sweeney '14 recently accepted a new position as chief of staff and head of business operations to the co-founder and CFO at Box, Inc. Box is a publicly traded technology firm specializing in cloud content management and file sharing services for businesses. It is headquartered in Silicon Valley. Prior to joining Box, Conor spent a little over a year at Walmart eCommerce serving as a senior manager on their corporate communications team, He also has over five years experience at Hewlett Packard Enterprise working in their Global Corporate Services organization. Conor and his fiancé happily reside in San Mateo, California.

Bailey Frost, MS OTR/L '15, '16G joined the staff of Honeybee Pediatric Therapy in Norway, Maine in October. She previously worked as an occupational therapist in a preschool setting with children who have developmental delays, autism, and behavioral conditions.

Robyn Violette DPT '15, '17, a physical therapist at Northern Maine Medical Center, completed advanced training through the American Physical Association. Robyn's training allows her to work with women who are dealing with various conditions associated with the pelvic floor muscle group and pelvic organs.

Destiny (Silcott) Gerry '17, '19 DPT joined St. Mary's d'Youville Pavilion as a physical therapist.

Chase Allen '18 joined Fenix Parts, Inc. in Jacksonville, Florida as their senior accountant in March.

Luis Rivera '18 has joined InterContinental Hotels Group in Connecticut as an accountant.

Sven Bartholomew '19G has joined Camden National Bank as a senior vice president, business banking segment leader. He has more than 14 years of experience developing and leading teams, cultivating relationships, and acting as a financial partner to several Maine businesses and government entities.

Spencer Belyea '19 has been hired as a graduate assistant for multimedia at Saint Leo University in Florida.

Maggie Currier '19 has joined Martins Dental Partners in Beverly, Massachusetts as the practice administrator.

Jaclyn MacDonald '19 DPT has joined Memorial Hospital in North Conway, New Hampshire as a physical therapist specializing in treatment of orthopedic and sports injuries, as well as soft tissue treatment.

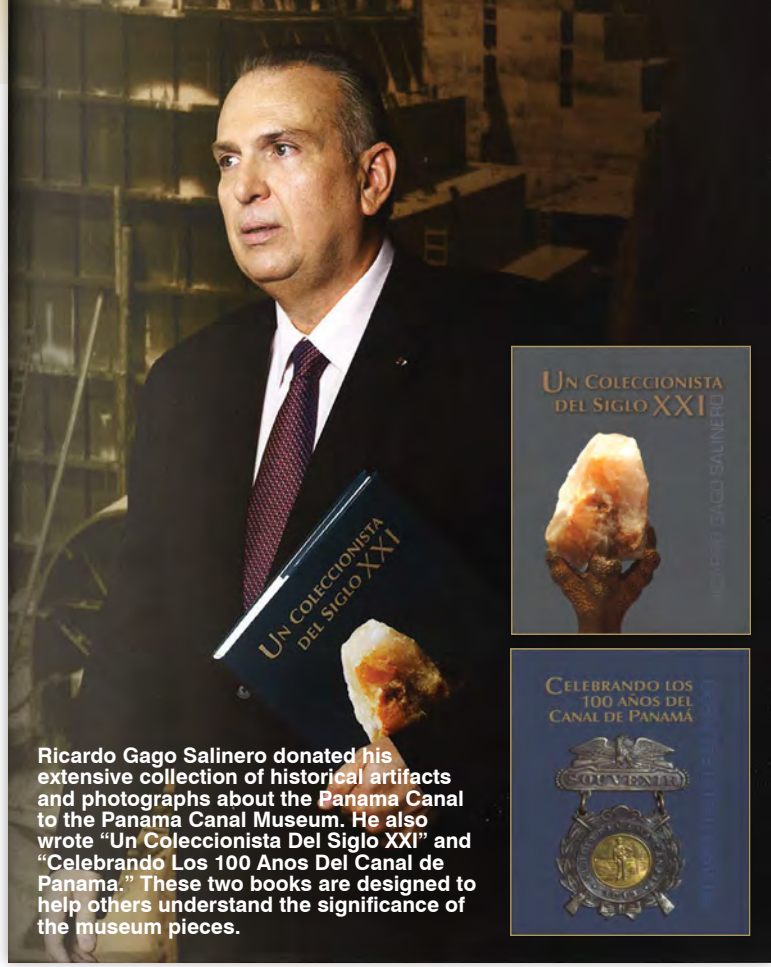
Kristen Polky '19 recently joined the tutoring staff at The Study Hall in Rockport. She will be tutoring students preparing for the PSAT, SAT, ACT, and SAT subject test exams.

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Panamanian Treasure

Ricardo Gago Salinero '78 receives prestigious award for his contributions to Panama's cultural heritage



Ricardo Gago Salinero donated his extensive collection of historical artifacts and photographs about the Panama Canal to the Panama Canal Museum. He also wrote "Un Coleccionista Del Siglo XXI" and "Celebrando Los 100 Anos Del Canal de Panama." These two books are designed to help others understand the significance of the museum pieces.

In 1951, Lazaro Gago and Rosario Salinero emigrated from Spain to Panama.[1] The two met at a supermarket in Santa Ana, where they both worked.[2]

Working at a supermarket led to career success for Lazaro. In September 1964, he and his wife opened a supermarket that would become the largest chain of its kind in Panama. At its height, Supermercados Gago, as the chain was known, had over 1,600 employees.[3]

Husson Fellow **Paul Husson** said, "The stores were similar to a Super Walmart. Shoppers could find food, clothing, toys and more. Whatever you wanted could be found at Supermercados Gago."

The couple raised two sons and a daughter. To help their children enjoy a better life, Lazaro and Rosario sent their son Ricardo to the Nebrija School in Salamanca, Spain. He excelled academically at the prep school. After graduation, he attended Husson College and was part of the International Center for Language Studies (ICLS). This program allowed him to hone his English Language skills.

In 1978, Ricardo completed his associate degree in business administration from Husson College. He then went on to study High Management at the Central American Institute of Business Administration in Nicaragua. Upon returning to Panama, he worked in the family business.

During the 1989 U.S. invasion, many of the supermarkets were looted by crowds.[4] This hardship forced the family to sell their business.

Undaunted, Ricardo and his brother and sister launched new ventures. In 1997, they created an import/export business called Importadora y Exportadora Hermanos Gago that specializes in fruit, vegetables and perishable goods.[5]

Today, the family is one of the most successful in Panama. Their business success has allowed Ricardo to give back to his home country.

Utilizing his own resources, Ricardo assembled an extensive collection of historical artifacts and photographs about the Panama Canal. Over the years, he donated more than 1,000 pieces to the Panama Canal Museum.[6] Highlights from his collection are featured in two books that he authored in 2012 and 2014 - "Un Coleccionista Del Siglo XXI" and "Celecbrando Los 100 Anos Del Canal de Panama."

The collection was so impressive, the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C. held an exhibition called "Panamanian Passages." It included pieces from Ricardo's personal collection along with others he donated to the Panama Canal Museum.[7] Over 400,000 visitors viewed the exhibition.[8]

In 2013, he was appointed by Bishop Jose Domingo Ulloa as the person in charge of restoring the six colonial churches of the city, a task he accomplished thanks to the support of the citizenship in general and the private company.

In June 2019, the President of the Republic of Panama presented Ricardo Gago Salinero with the Vasco Nunez de Balboa award. The award is given to Panamanian citizens who make significant contributions to the fields of literature, science and the arts.



The presentation happened in the president's palace. "Your undeniable talent and evident service vocation have allowed you to achieve (this award)," said Panamanian President Juan Carlos Varela. "You are, and will continue to be an example for [our] youth and a nation that requires upright and honest citizens and workers, to help us build the country."[9]

1 "Monumental – Ricardo Gago Salinero," Location *Panama.com*, http://www.locationpanama.com/monumental-ricardo-gago-salinero/
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Alumni SUCCESS



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Jack (Jack) P. Donovan ’66
Bangor Alumni Board

Rachel Chamberlin ’18
Southern Maine Alumni Board

1. *What made you decide to attend Husson?*



RACHEL: My undergrad degree was in Secondary Education, but I had been working in the business world for 13 years. I was really interested in having a more formalized business education, and when the program with Unum and Husson launched, the timing felt right to further my education.



JACK: I started at a two-year college in Boston, and graduated from there in ’63 with an associate’s degree in accounting. A dozen or so of my colleagues were looking to further their education and found Husson to be a great fit. I started my time at Husson in January of ’64.

2. *What is something you appreciate about Husson?*



RACHEL: The flexibility of taking classes both online and in person, and at my own pace, was very important to me. It allowed me to pursue my MBA while working full time and balancing time with my family.



JACK: Its consistent, positive growth year after year. It’s very special to see it when driving onto campus.

3. *Tell us about an individual or experience that made an impact on your time at Husson.*



RACHEL: I had many fantastic professors who were engaging and committed to ensuring that content was relevant and timely. They were also focused on leveraging students’ experience in the business world, and building on it to make the classes more meaningful. **Philip Downs**, **Mary Doran**, and **Stephanie Shayne** were all great examples of the caliber of professors at Husson.



JACK: **Leo Loiselle** was President of Mu Sigma Chi at the time. He became a CPA in Bangor and served on the Board of Trustees at Husson. I considered him to be a hero of mine, and tried to copy his positive, friendly manner. Becoming friends with him was one of the best things to ever happen to me. Leo depicts exactly what Husson is all about.

4. *Why do you value serving on one of our Alumni Boards?*



RACHEL: Serving on the Southern Maine Alumni Board allows me to stay connected to Husson, share networking opportunities with fellow alumni, and serve as a connection to Husson for my employer.



JACK: I feel I get so much out of it because on the alumni board, I’m able to stay current with all that is happening. We bring in members of the Husson faculty and staff to share current events with our board. This gives us the opportunity to be ambassadors for the University and share all of the information we gain from them, with the community.

5. *What do you like to do in your free time?*



RACHEL: I love cooking, watching my daughter play field hockey, and watching Boston sports with my family.



JACK: I’m a fitness nut, especially November through April where I work out 4-5 times a week. Stretching, walking, exercise machines. I find it enjoyable to try new machines to “trick” my body into new ways of being healthy.

IN MEMORIAM

1930s: Emily Frances (Averill) WITHEE ’38 **1940s:** Marion Yvonne (Smith) WRIGHT ’42 | Alice Smith KINNEY ’44 **1950s:** Clayton A. VENO ’50 | Diane E. DEANE ’50 | Stanley G. WYMAN ’50, 96H | J. William "Bill" QUINN ’53 | Gail Fernald DAY ’54 | Elizabeth KEITH ’55 | Barbara Lorraine Gilbert BLOODSWORTH ’56 | Sandra Lynn FOWLER ’57 | Ethel L. (Preble) SHEDD ’57 | Roberta Ann WREN ’57 | Edmund Davidson MUZZY, Jr. ’59 **1960s:** Keith A. BEAN ’61 | Fred CROSS ’62 | Peter P. PREDARIS ’63 | Bernard Charles CONNER ’64 | Edward TUTTLE ’64 | Marc Jackson REYNOLDS ’67 | Thomas J. MONAHAN ’68 | Nancy A. (Cheyunski) MORANO ’69 **1970s:** Mark ANDREWS ’73 | Ronald D. TAYLOR ’73 **1980s:** Thomas Walter FIDRYCH, Sr. ’84 | Robert “Bob” BRUDER ’85 | Joan Thompson Dunbar FAULKINGHAM ’88 **1990s:** Christopher Lee DENIS ’96 **2000s:** Leigh Michelle THURLOW ’02 | Laurie MELEN ’09, ’12 DPT **2010s:** Lynn Bouchard DOODY ’19 **ATTENDED:** Linda D. KENNEDY 1960 | Thomas A. MADSEN 1962-1965 | Robert "Bobby" Grant REYNOLDS 1967-1969 | Patricia M. SWEENEY 1978-1981 **STAFF:** Morgiana P. HALLEY

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