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Husson University Online Continues to Roll Out New Programs

When it began four years ago, Husson University Online was a new way to bring affordable, quality education to students who wanted to take their careers to the next level. During this time, the University has been adding new online programs that allow working adults to fit education into their busy lives. With asynchronous online education, students are able to study whenever and wherever they'd like.

Today, Husson has 14 different certificate, undergraduate and graduate degree programs available online in topics ranging from business and healthcare to information technology and data analytics. Starting in the fall, the University will be adding even more online degree options.

In September 2019, Husson University will roll out a new online Bachelor of Science in data analytics. This degree will prepare students to become skilled professionals who analyze data and improve organizational efficiency. As more and more companies leverage big data to make informed business decisions, the need for professionals who can help leaders analyze, visualize and understand their information grows. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics' *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, the employment of data analysts, also known as operations research analysts, is projected to grow 27 percent from 2016 to 2026 – much faster than average. The demand for data analysts will continue to grow as technology advances and companies seek efficiency and cost savings. In 2018, the median pay for a data analyst was $83,390 per year.

Shortly after the New Year, Husson University Online will offer two other new programs. Starting in January 2020, students will be able to earn their Bachelor of Science in accounting online. They'll also be able to complete the courses need for Mental Health Rehabilitation Technician/Community (MHRT/C) certification. This certification is required for anyone who earns a psychology degree and wants to be a direct care provider of mental health services in any job funded by the Maine Department of Health and Human Services. This program will complement the Bachelor of Science in psychology degree that is already available to Husson students online.



Husson University's fully online Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program provides students with a comprehensive understanding of the financial, operational, regulatory and clinical aspects of health system management.

Online programs are valuable to students who cannot attend classes on campus. Time and distance can be an obstacle to completing education that opens the doors of opportunity. Thanks to Husson University Online, however, more students can get the education they need to advance their careers.

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Dear Alumni and Friends,



As a University dedicated to providing students with an education that leads to professional career success, Husson has always had a close and mutually beneficial relationship with the broader community. Employers value our ability to prepare a skilled workforce that's work ready, day one. We in turn, value the support area businesses provide to our University and its students. This support comes in many forms.

Some area organizations have tuition reimbursement programs that assist their employees in paying for education. This financial assistance makes college more affordable. Since a knowledgeable workforce can make organizations more profitable and productive, this financial support benefits both the interests of business and Husson students.

Other organizations make financial gifts to the University that help us achieve our mission. One such example is a recent gift of $500,000 from Bangor Savings Bank toward the construction of our new College of Business building. (See page 20 for more details). Gifts like these provide the University with the resources needed to deliver the best education possible at an affordable value.

Students also benefit from the hundreds of internships that employers provide every year. Internships give students an opportunity to experience hands-on-learning in a work environment where they can apply their classroom knowledge to professional situations. Husson is also instrumental in providing employees with opportunities to further their skills development at the graduate level. The University annually awards half of all MBA degrees earned in Maine.

While universities and businesses have different goals, we live in a world where both contribute to the other's success. As one of New England's premier professional educators, we value our business partners and feel it's important to foster more relationships that benefit our students, our economy, and our community. Please let us know if you have ideas of how we can continue to grow our partnerships.

Sincerely,



Robert A. Clark, PhD, CFA
President



Husson University exists to provide students with the knowledge they need to find success in their careers and in life. We're also a valuable resource. In designing our Bangor campus, we aim to create facilities that benefit both our students and the surrounding community.

Our new College of Business building will demonstrate how we'll make this vision a reality. For students, the building will have study alcoves and gathering spaces designed to serve those who want to study by themselves and those who prefer to work in teams. Multifunctional classrooms will lend themselves to lectures and experiential learning. Connecting the Richard E. Dyke Center for Family Business with the new building will make educational opportunities convenient and accessible to the local business community.

Beyond the needs of students, this new building will connect Husson University's campus to the region's business community. An innovation hub within this new facility will give students, faculty members, and business owners an opportunity to work collaboratively within an entrepreneurial ecosystem.

We want Husson University's new College of Business building to become a place where entrepreneurs can discuss issues and find solutions to their organizational challenges. This new facility will also provide business owners with a chance to draw on the enthusiasm and fresh perspectives of students as they develop new products and services. For their part, students will gain insight and understanding from their interactions with seasoned professionals. With the faculty serving as coaches and facilitators, everyone in our community stands to benefit, as this facility becomes the focal point of new business and career development.

When you support the construction of our new College of Business building, you're not only helping students get an outstanding professional education, you're helping to support regional economic growth. I ask you to join us in achieving this vision. Our community, our students and our university will all benefit from your support.

Best Regards,



Sarah Cary Robinson
Vice President for Advancement

Around the Circle

Accomplishments, events and items of note happening at Husson

Campus-wide News



Coast Guard Honors Detective Pool at Graduation

Detective Joshua Pool of Husson University Safety & Security was recognized at the United States Coast Guard (USCG) graduation ceremony. Pool, who is also a 14-year veteran of the USCG, was recently promoted to the rank of Chief Petty Officer (CPO). His class also elected him to be this year's recipient of the "Spirit of the Chief" award.



Tree Planting Honors Retirees

Husson University honored recent retirees with a tree planting ceremony on Friday, May 3, 2019. The tree was planted in recognition of three individuals with more than 10 years of service who have helped make Husson University a success. They were (in alphabetical order) **Stephanie Gross**, PhD, associate professor, College of Science and Humanities; **Jeanne Harvey**, administrative assistant to the dean, College of Health and Education; **Dewey Martin**, MS, CPA, CMA, CGMA, professor and director of the School of Accounting, College of Business.

Electronic Waste Collection a Success



Environmental, Health & Safety Compliance Officer **Wynne Guglielmo** helped organize an electronic and universal waste collection event during our 2019 Earth Week celebrations. (Visit page 9 to learn more about Husson University's sustainability efforts). This year's effort collected 1,043 pounds of electronic waste and 864 pounds of equipment with cathode ray tubes (CRTs). CRT devices are an environmental hazard because they contain lead and mercury vapor.

Faculty Members Earn Doctorates



Rich Fabri, an assistant professor and program coordinator in the School of Hospitality, Sport and Tourism Management completed his PhD in higher education from the University of Maine. **Laura Gurney**, an assistant professor in the School of Hospitality, Sport and Tourism Management completed her doctorate in business administration with a concentration in information systems/information technology management from Trident University International. College of Science and Humanities Assistant Professor of Sociology **Astrid Lassila-Smith** received her PhD in anthropology and education from Columbia University. **Valerie Sauda**, MSN, RN-BC, MGSF, from the College of Health and Pharmacy, received her PhD in interdisciplinary studies from the University of Maine. **Stephanie Shayne**, MBA, the director of graduate programs in the College of Business





completed her EdD with a concentration in higher education administration from Northeastern University. Finally, **Elizabeth Vigue**, coordinator of curriculum and assessment at Husson's School of Education completed her EdD this spring in Educational Leadership Pre K-12 from New England College.

College of Business

School of Legal Studies Faculty Present at Criminal Justice Conference



John Michaud MA, MA, director of the School of Legal Studies and **Michael Kamorski**, an assistant professor in the School of Legal Studies were presenters at the Northeastern Association of Criminal Justice Sciences in Williamsport, PA (June 5-8, 2019). Their presentation was entitled "Disciplined Thinking: A developmental approach to student organizations"

Federal Opportunity Zones Subject of Husson Faculty Member's Article



Director of the Richard E. Dyke Center for Family Business and Assistant Professor of Entrepreneurship **Brien Walton** had an article published in Volume 52 of *Business Law Review Journal*, (August, 2019). The title of his article was "Federal Opportunity Zone Rules Remain Unclear for Municipal Governments: Where Do We Go from Here?"

College of Health and Pharmacy

OT Student Elected to National AOTA Assembly

Cori Allan, a fifth-year occupational therapy (OT) student, was elected to be Husson University's student representative to the American Occupational Therapy Association's (AOTA's) Assembly of Student Delegates. In this position, she is

responsible for voicing student concerns to the Association. This is a national position that requires a two-year commitment.

Davis and Gurney Present 3-D Hand at Conference



Occupational Therapy Associate Professor **Kim Davis**, OTD, MS, OTR/L and Integrated Technology Assistant Professor **Laura Gurney**, PhD, were presenters at the Maine Occupational Therapy Associations' (MeOTA's) spring conference on April 27, 2019. Their presentation was called "Experiences in Making a Difference with 3-D Printing." (For more information on the printing of the 3-D hand at Husson University, see the cover story for the Winter 2019 edition of the *Ledger*.) The presentation discussed how occupational therapy (OT) students worked with students, faculty and staff from outside their discipline to create a working prosthetic hand using 3-D printing. Davis received MeOTA's President's Award in recognition of her "extraordinary acts" in the field.

First School of Physical Therapy One-Year Residency in Sports Begins

The School of Physical Therapy has admitted **Dr. Kristina Buck** as their first sports resident. She is a May 2019 graduate of the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program and began her one-year residency in August.

Faculty and Alumni Author Article for a Physical Therapy Journal





Physiotherapy: Theory and Practice, an international journal of physical therapy, published an article written by two Husson University faculty members and four alumni. The article was called "Electrically elicited quadriceps muscle torque: Comparison at three knee angles." The faculty co-authors were Associate Professor **Wayne Scott** PT, PhD; and Professor **Cheryl Adams** PT, DSc, MHS, OCS; along with Husson University alumni **Jason Fisher** DPT, **Stephanie Fisher** DPT, **Kayla Jones** DPT and **Brian Mathieu** DPT.



School of Physical Therapy Volunteers at Special Olympics Maine

School of Physical Therapy faculty and students volunteered for FunFitness at the Maine State Special Olympics. They included (from left to right) **Maxwell Post**, **Teddy Nelson**, **Jenna Demers**, **Corrine Ratcliffe**, **Carolyn Caisse**, **Christine Boucher**, Associate Professor **Kelly Macauley**, PT, EdD, DPT, CCS, GCS, **Kassidy Harris**, **Connor McGehee**, **Payson Nichols**, (kneeling) Instructor **Chad Howland**, PT, DPT and Chairperson/Program Director of Physical Therapy and Associate Professor **Karen Huhn**, PT, PhD.

College of Science and Humanities

Communication and English Professor Translates New Book

Adjunct Professor **Gordon (Scott) McLean** teaches online courses for Husson University in communications and English. A successful author with several textbooks in these fields, his latest translation tells the true story of German Eduardo Ceardi Gajardo. Gajardo survived an airplane crash at sea near Robinson Crusoe Island, off the coast of Chile. Based on actual events, the book captures life on an island while also sharing insights into mainland Chile from the 1960s through the late 1990s. The book is now available worldwide on Amazon in English. It was also recently released in Spanish.

Faculty Presents at ACA Conference



On March 31, **Jade Letourneau**, PhD, LCMHC (Utah), NCC, ACS, an assistant professor in the counseling and human relations graduate program, and her co-presenters spoke on "Using Reflexivity to Become a Practitioner-Researcher" at the American Counseling Association's (ACA) annual conference in New Orleans. The 60-minute educational session provided information to professional counselors interested in turning practice into research. The ACA conference is the counseling profession's largest conference. Only 34 percent of presentation proposals are accepted.

New England School of Communications

EVS Chooses NESCom for Employee Training

Husson alumnus **Brandon Gassett '09** of EVS Broadcast Equipment brought three EVS employees to NESCom Video Production for three days of on-site training. "We often hire people from outside the broadcast industry and training like this gives them practical experience working in a live production position," said Gassett. **John Easton**, coordinator for video production and **Rodney Verrill**, manager of operations, completed the EVS employee training.

NESCom Instructor Only Person in Maine with AVID Media Composer 2018 Certification



New England School of Communications Video Instructor **Kris Bridges**, MEd, completed training at the end of May with John Lynn from Geniusdv. Bridges passed both exams to earn the AVID Media Composer 2018 Certification. He is the only person in Maine to receive this certification to date.

Principles of Theatre will be Foundation of AR and VR Presentations



Assistant Professor **Brave Williams**, MFA, was a presenter at VRTO (Virtual Reality Toronto) in Canada on June 2, 2019. The title of his presentation was "Ancient AR/VR." According to Williams, effective augmented reality (AR) and virtual reality (VR) principles will borrow significantly from ideas developed over thousands of years of theater practice. These will serve as guiding principles for the creation of AR/VR going further. Williams feels that by incorporating current theatrical practices in AR and VR we can avoid some major presentation pitfalls.

Counting, Fermenting and Succeeding

Alumni Who Manufacture Make Businesses That Work



In addition to wine, Michael and Joan Anderson sell handcrafted beer in cans under the name Penobscot Bay Brewery.

"We always joked, 'Someday, I'll start a winery…"
Michael Anderson

Creating a manufacturing business takes knowledge, hard work and an understanding of consumers' needs. To learn more about what it takes to become an industry leader, *The Ledger* spoke with two Husson alumni about their career journeys.

MICHAEL ANDERSON '75
WINE HOBBY BECOMES SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS

Michael Anderson took a circuitous journey to Husson and to his successful business, Winterport Winery.

"I have a business degree, I was a contractor and an accountant, and now I'm basically a chemical engineer," he jokes, taking a few minutes off from the bottling line. "It's been quite a roller coaster. But it's been a great experience."

Anderson was born in Alaska. He and his family also lived in Chicago, Massachusetts, and Virginia. During the Vietnam War, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. Afterward, he supervised construction of his parents' house.

When it came time to go to college, Anderson contacted his uncle, co-founder of Digital Equipment Corporation, and asked for a recommendation for a business school, ideally in Maine, where he spent summers as a child.

"My uncle said, 'There's a small school in Bangor, Husson College," he recalls. "They have an amazing reputation in Maine. Next thing you know, I was enrolled."

Anderson graduated from Husson with a Bachelor of Science in business administration degree. After graduation, he held a variety of positions, including park foreman for the City of Bangor, consultant and accountant. For 25 years, he and a partner owned a construction company.

In 1972, he received a home winemaking kit as a Christmas gift. He loved the hobby.

"We always joked, 'Someday, I'll start a winery,'" he says.

That day came in 2001, when Michael and his wife Joan opened Winterport Winery, today occupying a 3,200-square-foot facility and a 1,100-square-foot tasting room. In addition to wine, they now also offer handcrafted beer and cider.

Winterport Winery was a pioneer in Maine's wine industry: Anderson's license was the second ever issued by the state. In 2009, he bought brewing equipment and started making beer. Next, he added hard cider. Today, he produces 225 barrels of beer per year, 1,000 gallons of cider, and 3,000 gallons of wine, in delicious flavors like cranberry, pear, and blueberry. The beers and ciders are produced under the name Penobscot Bay Brewery.

"I haven't worked a day yet," he jokes. "It's like doing my hobby all the time."

Although he didn't realize it at the time, his education at Husson was instrumental to his success. For example, the business program gave him the foundation he needed to keep his construction business viable through several recessions.

"We played it close to the vest," he says. "I realized I was still in business when so many other guys were out of business because they made mistakes. If they'd had the education I had, they wouldn't have made those types of error. Reflecting back, I came to realize how much my education from Husson meant to me and how enjoyable it was to be there."

SUSITH WIJETUNGA '93
PACKAGING INDUSTRY LEADER

After more than two decades of hard work, Susith Wijetunga is today a leader in the packaging industry as the head of two manufacturing companies, Tridyne Process Systems Inc. and Nae Pac Automation Inc.

Wijetunga grew up in a manufacturing family in Sri Lanka and began to study accounting as a way to get a toehold into the business world.

"Accounting helps tremendously in the business world," he says. "Anyone who has a business must have accounting knowledge." To get this knowledge, he decided to broaden his education.

A relative who lived in Maine introduced him through friends to Husson. That was 1989. In 1993, Wijetunga graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting and promptly put his talents



Welding metal support frames is just one step in the creation of modern weighing and counting machines at Susith Wijetunga's manufacturing businesses.

"Everything you buy is packaged. Anything you get from a grocery store or a hardware store…has to be weighed or counted."
Susith Wijetunga

to work. He joined Coopers & Lybrand (now PricewaterhouseCoopers) in Portland as an accountant.

While he enjoyed working for a large accounting firm, manufacturing was always in his DNA. In 1997, he explored opportunities and became part owner of Tridyne, a manufacturer of state-of-the-art weighing and packaging systems in Burlington, Vermont. Shortly thereafter, he became sole owner and moved from Maine to Burlington to take over as president.

Despite being small and local at the time, Tridyne had a great reputation. Wijetunga saw potential to expand. He sent sales agents around the world, opening new markets and positioning Triydne as an industry leader. Today, Tridyne is a primary competitor in the field.

That success inspired Wijetunga, in 2014, to start a complementary company, Nae Pac Automation, which designs and manufactures state-of the-art pre-made pouch filling and sealing systems.

"Everything you buy is packaged. Anything you get from a grocery store or a hardware store, for instance, has to be weighed or counted," said Wijetunga "It's a huge industry."

An energetic person, Wijetunga doesn't mind taking risks to grow his career. "People who take risks usually end up being successful," he says. "That's what I did."

Altogether, he operates two plants in a total of 25,000 square feet of space, employing 15 to 20 people on-site along with 40 to 60 sales agents.

Wijetunga attributes much of his success to the solid education he received at Husson. That includes both the academics and the leadership experience he had as class president.

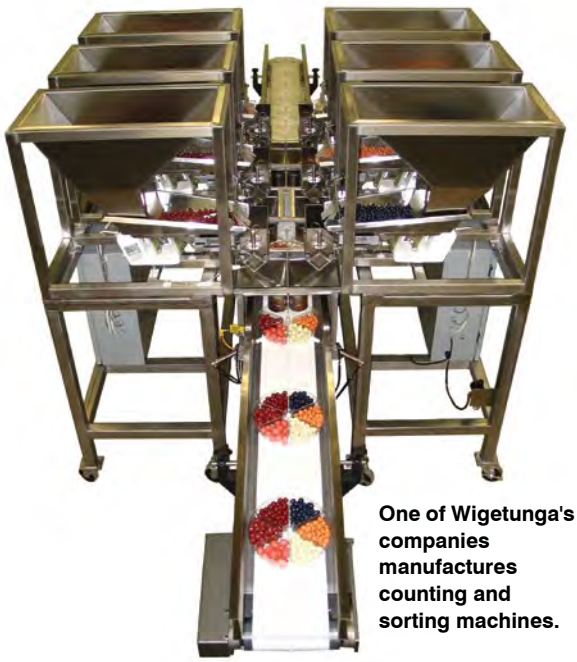
"That was an important start to the beginning of the business process," he says. "You use your knowledge and expand from there."

Wijetunga also felt like he was part of the Husson community. "I was very close with a lot of people, and I still communicate with them all the time," he says.

"Students, teachers, administrators – everyone talks with each other. That was helpful for us all."



Susith Wijetunga '93 is the owner of Tridyne Process Systems Inc. and Nae Pac Automation. Both companies are located in the Burlington, Vermont area.



One of Wigetunga's companies manufactures counting and sorting machines.



Sowing a Sustainable Education

Green initiatives are growing all over campus, courtesy of Husson's Sustainability Committee

Starting this fall, students at Husson University will be required to take a course that covers sustainability as part of their general education requirements. In addition, Husson will begin offering a sustainability minor. The new curriculum is just one of many green initiatives made possible by Husson's Sustainability Committee.

Formed four years ago, the committee promotes environmental sustainability and stewardship throughout the campus. "For the first three years, the committee's main task was evaluating where the campus stood with respect to 10 environmental benchmarks including energy, transportation and waste," explained Associate Professor of Physics **Tom Stone**, PhD, who has chaired the committee since its inception. "We then proposed a number of campus sustainability goals and projects."

For example, in April 2019, Husson extended its celebration of Earth Day to a whole week. As part of this event, Husson collected electronic waste from all students, staff, faculty and alumni. **Wynne Guglielmo**, Husson University's Environmental, Health & Safety Compliance Officer said, "We were able to get rid of 1,043 pounds of electronic waste and 864 pounds of CRTs. CRTs are television screens with cathode ray tubes that contain lead and mercury vapors." Other events included an evening lecture by renowned ocean ecologist Jeremy Jackson and a campus clean up.

The Dickerman Dining Center (DDC) collects food scraps after every meal and sends them to Agri-Cycle farm in Exeter, Maine. The scraps are composted into fertilizer, bedding and energy for the farm. "We primarily use the leftovers from student meals," says **Bob Sedgwick**, director of dining services. "They are collected and packaged into 250 pound barrels."

Between July 2018 and May 2019, 33 tons of food waste were picked up by the farm. "That's a lot," said Sedgwick. In response, members of the Student Dining Committee created a campaign that encouraged students to only take what they could eat.

"Our student body has become much more environmentally aware during the last decade," said Stone. "Students for Climate Justice events routinely attract over 50 students. These students discuss environmental issues with national leaders including Senator Angus King and the Citizen's Climate Lobby."

Five years ago, **Emily Ruhl '15** (Environmental Science) started a campus garden as her capstone project. Since then, it has changed location to allow for more space to plant vegetables and herbs. Chefs at the DDC use the produce. Some is also sent to a local food bank. Many instructors at Husson also incorporate the garden into their courses.

Last year, Husson received a second Campuses for Environmental Stewardship grant from Maine Campus Compact. The grant will allow the University to further utilize the garden for service learning and environmental stewardship projects.

"Environmental awareness and more importantly, environmental action are important to everyone," says Stone. "Challenging students to grapple with and navigate these environmental issues in their own lives must be a part of any education."





World-renowned ecologist, paleobiologist, and conservationist Dr. Jeremy Jackson spoke at the Gracie Theatre as part of Earth Day 2019 at Husson University.

Donor Recognition Dinner Celebrates Restructured Giving Societies and Philanthropy Award

As part of the 50th anniversary of College Circle festivities during *Celebrate Husson!*, donors gathered in the G. Peirce Webber Campus Center for an evening of food and fellowship. One of the highlights of the 2019 Donor Recognition Dinner was the unveiling of the newly structured giving societies. These societies; based either on the total amount given, number of years of consecutive support, or the commitment to a planned gift benefitting Husson; reclaim a tradition to honor those individuals who consistently and generously support the University.

Named after important years in Husson's history, the three cumulative giving societies help illustrate the transformational impact donors have on our University.

In 2008, Husson College transitioned to Husson University, signifying the tremendous academic growth of the institution. The 2008 Society recognizes individuals whose lifetime cumulative gifts and commitments to Husson University have reached $1,000,000 or more. These individuals received a gold pin adorned with the President's seal and three emeralds.

In 1968, Husson moved from the Park Street campus to College Circle and began an exciting new chapter in the life of this educational institution. The 1968 Society recognizes individuals whose lifetime cumulative gifts and commitments to the University have reached $500,000 to $999,999. Members of this giving society are given a gold pin with the President's seal and two emeralds.

The Shaw Business College and School of Penmanship, now known as Husson University, opened in 1898. The 1898 Society recognizes individuals whose lifetime cumulative gifts and commitments to Husson have reached $100,000 to $499,999. These donors receive a gold pin embellished with the President's seal and one emerald stone.



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(Includes the $4 million Alfond commitment)

$12.26 Million*



*As of July 31, 2019

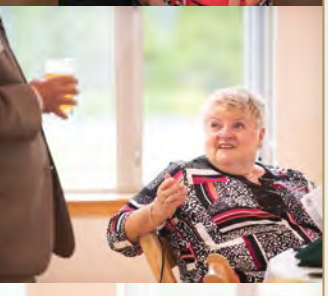


In addition to the cumulative giving societies, Husson University has created two more levels of recognition that honor those who support the University year over year.

One of the iconic features on Husson's flagship campus is the Pi Rho Zeta Campanile ("the Bell Tower"). The tower is dedicated to Clara Swan, a lifelong supporter of the University. Similarly, the Bell Tower Society recognizes individuals who have demonstrated steadfast, continuous support of Husson by donating for the last ten or more consecutive fiscal years. These gifts can be outright gifts or pledge payments. Donors in the Bell Tower Society receive a silver pin with the iconic Bell Tower in the middle. Similarly, the College Circle Society recognizes individuals who have contributed to Husson for the last five to nine consecutive fiscal years.









As the consecutive giving societies indicate, annual giving is essential to the ongoing strength of Husson. With that in mind, the President's Council was created to honor those who support the University with gifts totaling $1,000 or more within the current fiscal year, which runs from July 1 through June 30.

The last giving society is named in memory of Husson's first President, Chesley "Chief" Husson. The Chesley H. Husson, Sr. Society recognizes and honors individuals who have generously provided or plan to provide gifts to Husson through bequests, trusts and other life income gifts. These donors receive a gold pin featuring a portrait of the Chief.

The pins are presented annually and honor those who continue to support the University either through cumulative, consecutive or planned giving.



2019 PHILANTHROPY AWARD

This year was the first time the University presented the Philanthropy Award. It recognizes a donor who went above and beyond in their support of Husson. This newly created award recognizes outstanding members of our community who have demonstrated incredible dedication to Husson, through their philanthropic efforts, longevity of support, level of support, or their efforts to encourage others to give to Husson. The award is a bronze Forest Hart eagle sculpture, gifted to us by **Robert E. White '65, '93H**.

The inaugural honoree for this award was **Jacqueline "Jackie" Emerson '64**.

Jackie graduated from Husson in 1964 with a Bachelor of Science in business education. She is proud of her association with the University and fondly recalls her early days on Park Street when the degree choices were mostly business, secretarial science and business education. While attending, she was a member of the Epsilon Tau Epsilon Sorority, the women's basketball team, the *Spectator*, and the Yearbook Club.

Not only has Jackie been heavily involved with Husson since her graduation, both in her financial support and her athletic support, she is an avid volunteer in her community. She has held many positions on committees including the president and vice president of the Northern Light Sebasticook Valley Health Auxiliary, treasurer of Corinna Union Academy Alumni Association, treasurer of Corinna United Methodist Church Women and a trustee of Corinna Union Academy, to name but a few.

Her neighbor of 71 years, **Everett Simpson** said, "Jackie has contributed immensely to many social and political organizations. She is Corinna's number one volunteer -- always pitching in time, resources, or moral support. Jackie does all of this out of the kindness of her heart and is truly the mainstay volunteer of Corinna."

The mission of Husson University is made real with each and every gift. Because of those gifts from alumni and friends, students are inspired and prepared, experiential learning is championed, and global engagement is emphasized.

Celebrate Husson!








Both Alumni and the Sun Reach Their Zenith During Celebrate Husson!

Since ancient time, the summer solstice has marked the beginning of a new year and a time of renewal. It seems only fitting that this year's Celebrate Husson! festivities also began on June 21, the summer solstice, since our event provided alumni with the opportunity to renew their ties to classmates, friends, and the University.

The weekend was filled with numerous opportunities to reconnect including the annual golf tournament, a lobster bake, an all-alumni reception and a performance at the Gracie Theatre.

The celebration kicked off on Friday, June 21, with the university's ninth annual golf tournament at the Bangor Municipal Golf Course. Alumni and friends of the University both participated in this sporting event, coordinated by Husson Eagle Athletics. Tricia Quirk Real Estate, a realtor affiliated with ERA™ Real Estate/Dawson Bradford Realtors, sponsored this year's tournament.

The festivities continued the following day with an All-Alumni Reunion Reception at 4 p.m. in the G. Peirce Webber Campus Center. The event, open to all Husson University alumni, paid special tribute to the classes of 1969, 1994 and 2009. Everyone who attended enjoyed a pleasant afternoon of socializing, eating delicious hors d'oeuvres and reminiscing about their days at Husson.

















The G. Peirce Webber Campus Center converted into a lobster bake at the conclusion of the All-Alumni Reunion Reception. Alumni were able to feast on their choice of Maine's favorite crustacean, steak, corn on the cob, assorted vegetables, fresh rolls, salad, beverages and desert while enjoying the company of their fellow classmates and the tropical music of the Atlantic Clarion Steel Band.

Immediately following the lobster bake at 7:30 p.m., there was a special show at Husson University's Gracie Theatre. During this performance, the audience enjoyed the timeless music of Rat Pack legend Dean Martin. The show, "An Evening with Dean Martin & Friends," featured renowned Vegas performer and impressionist Tom Stevens.

"Tom Stevens was amazing as Dean Martin," said **Jeri Misler**, managing director of the Gracie Theatre. "His remarkable physical and vocal resemblance to 'The King of Cool' was uncanny. As a testament to the quality of this show, Dean Martin's own daughter, Deana, enthusiastically endorsed Tom's portrayal of her father, saying 'I've never seen anyone look and sound more like my Daddy.'"

"Everybody Loves Somebody," and "That's Amore" were just some of the musical numbers in the show made famous by Dean Martin. It was the ideal show for anyone interested in reliving the golden age of Vegas showmanship.

All Husson University alumni are welcome to attend Celebrate Husson! Next year, the event will be paying special tribute to the classes of 1970, 1995 and 2010. Members of those classes, or other alumni interested in reconnecting with friends for two days of fun, food and fellowship, are encouraged to make plans to attend Celebrate Husson! in 2020.







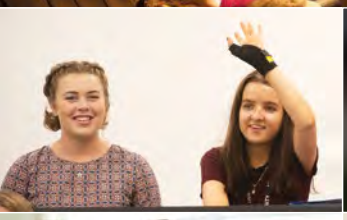


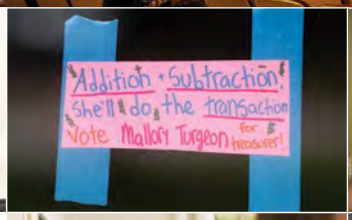




GIRLS' STATE:
Teaching Young Women About Government

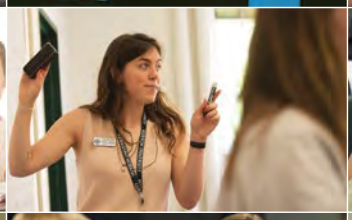














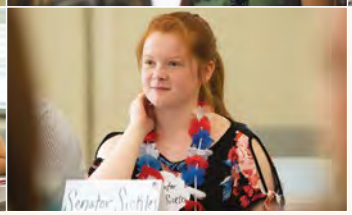














Young women from across Maine attended Girls' State at Husson University to learn more about how democracy works.

Cultivating **COMMUNITY**

For the past 47 years, Husson University has been the site of Dirigo Girls' State, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Maine. For one week in June, each year, hundreds of high school juniors from across the state come to Husson to learn more about how government works as part of this immersive learning experience.

The young women create the imaginary state of Dirigo; assume the roles of government leaders, campaign in mock parties and become mayors, county and state officials. Over the course of the program, participants learn about the democratic process and the functions of government at the state and national levels. The week-long program helps participating students develop leadership skills, confidence and an action-based understanding of democracy.

"We feel that experiential learning opportunities, like Girls' State, help bring educational concepts to life," said **Lynne Coy-Ogan**, Husson University's senior vice president for academic affairs and provost. "Learning about how government works by running for an office, campaigning, passing bills and working with others from diverse viewpoints provides participants with a new level of understanding about the democratic process."

"Girls' State's commitment to experiential learning is similar to the one we have here at Husson," continued Coy-Ogan. "Our learn-by-doing approach helps ensure that our graduates are work ready, day one. It's this affinity for experiential learning that makes the Girls' State experience a natural fit for the University."

Batter Up for Bambino Buddy-Ball

Husson University student helps those with developmental challenges play America's favorite pastime



Connor Archer '21 is ahead of the curve when it comes to experiential learning at Husson University. The junior is majoring in the BS integrated technology–web design and development/MBA program in the College of Business. In addition, he is enrolled in the digital and social media marketing, and marketing communications certificate programs at NESCom. He is also the founder and CEO of The Courageous Steps Project. Archer started the non-profit when he was still in high school as a way to help children and young adults with developmental challenges. It was also a way to give back to those who guided him.

Archer was diagnosed with autism at a young age. Thanks to hard work and dedication from educators starting when he was in pre-school, Archer was able to beat the odds and graduate high school with honors. Archer is now paying it forward by giving others with language and social disorders the same opportunities he had and continues to have, to reach his full potential in life.

The Courageous Steps Project sponsors fundraising events throughout the year for area schools. In addition, Archer visits with students and teachers, sharing his experiences in the hopes it will raise awareness and inspire others to become involved in his mission.

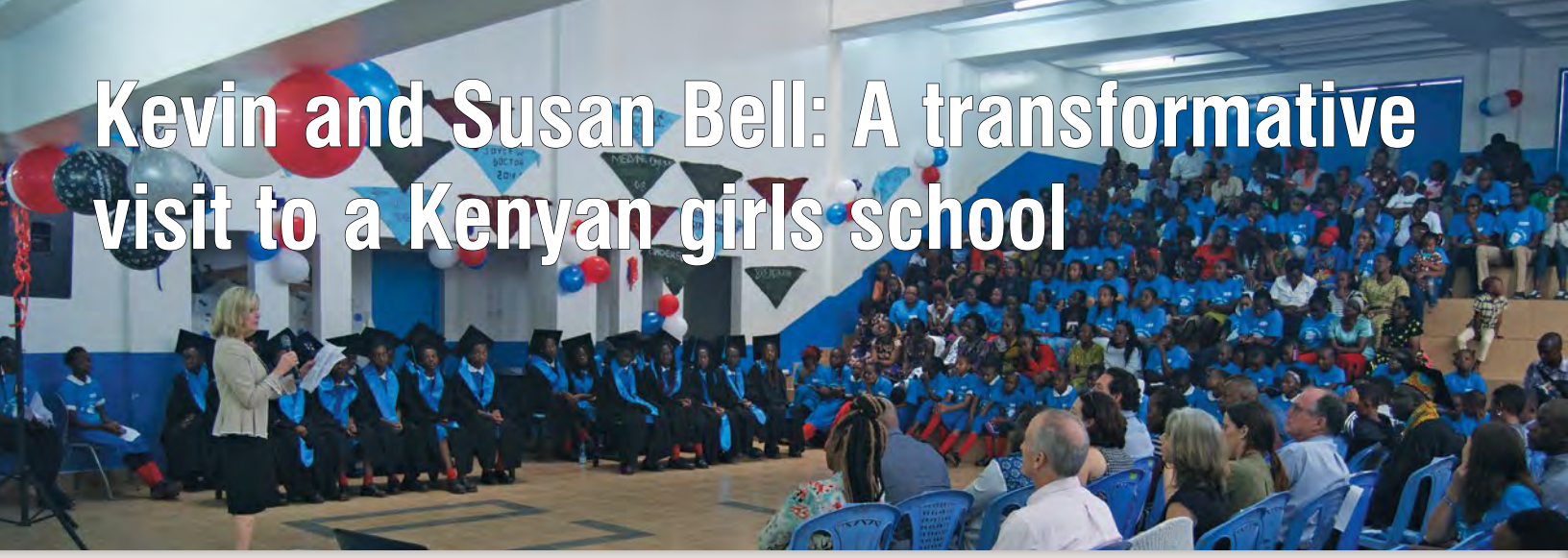
This past spring, The Courageous Steps Project teamed up with the Eastern Maine Baseball League to form a bambino buddy-ball program. A division of the national Babe Ruth League, bambino buddy-ball was founded in 2000 as a way to reach players who are physically and/or mentally challenged. "After talking with the league president, Adam Mahaney, we both realized it was a great opportunity for both organizations to get involved and start something that would have a significant impact on the lives of children and young adults with developmental challenges," says Archer.

For four weeks in June, kids ages six to 15 learned how to play baseball at the Old Town Recreational Fields each Sunday. Parents volunteered to help coach the participants. Kids took turns both batting and catching, teaching them the sport of baseball as well as life skills including how to stay focused, interacting with others and following directions. "This was the first year so we wanted to make this fun for the kids and experiment with formats and games for future years and bambino buddy-ball activities through the league," Archer explains.

In July, Archer's group sponsored a Bambino Buddy-Ball Summer Play Day. It was open to players from the age of six all the way up to 18. Donations benefited the bambino buddy-ball program.

The Courageous Steps Project is involved in more than 35 programs throughout eastern Maine. Of those, Archer admits the bambino buddy-ball is one of his favorites. "This is more of a direction that we are heading in," he says. "We are hoping that this is a big start towards that future goal."

Kevin and Susan Bell: A transformative visit to a Kenyan girls school



In 2018, the Kibera School for Girls celebrated graduation with family and friends. The banners in the background list each graduate's name and her career aspirations.

Husson alumni Kevin and Susan (Fortier) Bell are eager to get the word out about the transformative work underway in the slums of Kenya.

Kevin '81 and Kappa Delta Phi, enjoyed a successful career in pharmaceutical sales. He is now an independent financial advisor. **Susan '80** and Kappa Delta Lambda, is a senior care center administrator.

In December 2018, they had the honor of attending the commencement ceremony for the Kibera School for Girls. They traveled with their son and daughter-in-law, Jordan and Emily Bell; and Emily's parents, Ray and Linda Studer.

The Bells became familiar with the school through the Studers.

"We had the privilege of bearing witness to an incredible story," says Kevin. "It's about the power of education. It's also about the power of small acts of kindness, and how they can compound to change the world in unimaginable ways."

The story starts with a boy named Kennedy Odede. Growing up in Kibera, one of Africa's largest slums, he experienced extreme poverty and violence. Kennedy dreamed of building a healthier community.

A pen pal program brought Kennedy into the Studers' lives. The Studers embraced the boy's vision and helped support his education. An instinctive community organizer, Kennedy's ideas began to materialize when he bought a soccer ball, organized games, and used that opportunity to hold community conversations. Thus was the beginning of Shining Hope for Communities (SHOFCO). Today, SHOFCO is recognized globally for its critical services, community advocacy platforms, education, and leadership development through the Kibera School for Girls, whose students are leading the way against all odds.

When Kennedy invited Linda Studer to be their keynote speaker at the December commencement, the Studers invited the Bells along. In Kibera, they witnessed the poorest of the poor, making do in huts built on what is essentially the largest trash pile in the world.

But they also saw smiling faces and children playing. "Everyone was very welcoming," says Kevin.

Ultimately, it was a chance to bear witness to the school's tremendous outcomes. The academies, in Kibera and Mathare, provide over 500 students with free pre-K-8 education, plus healthcare, meals, uniforms, and school supplies.

"When a girl is given the tools she needs to succeed, her potential is limitless," says Kevin. "These future lawyers, teachers, pilots, and doctors will continue to rise and, in doing so, will bring their whole community with them."

The Bells also visited other SHOFCO projects. These include health clinics, an innovative system to provide access to potable water, and a community center/library that's typically packed with kids.

"It was quite a humbling experience," Kevin says.

To learn more, visit www.shofco.org.

Kibera is the largest urban slum in Africa. It is located in Nairobi, the capital of Kenya. Kibera has a community center with a library open to all. Every day, villagers line up outside in order to get a space in the library.



Nobuko Higuchi: International Broadcaster



Mark Nason and Nobuko Higuchi at the New England School of Communications in 1997.

> *"I wasn't afraid of anything when I was in my early 20s," she says. "I just followed my heart."*
> Nobuko Higuchi

In 1995, Nobuko Higuchi '97 traveled from her home in Japan to enroll in the New England School of Communications (NESCom) at Husson University.

Graduating two years later with an Associate of Science degree of broadcast communications, Higuchi went to New York City, where she's enjoyed a successful career in production and broadcasting.

"I can tell you with 100 percent confidence that my experience at NESCom/Husson made me who I am and where I am now," says Nobuko, an outgoing person, fondly remembering her student days.

Nobuko first journeyed to the U.S. in high school, as a study-abroad student. She was attracted to the U.S. educational focus on discussion, compared with the Japanese focus on memorization. Back in Japan, she consulted guides for U.S. colleges that offered broadcasting programs. The field was attractive for its heart-to-heart connection with people. She also wanted to be at a smaller college without other Japanese students so she would be forced to improve her English. NESCom filled the bill.

Nobuko arrived eager to learn. "If she had questions, she asked," said **Mark Nason**, a former NESCom student and NESCom's manager of communications and internships. "She wasn't afraid to speak her mind. She was here to learn."

She most enjoyed NESCom's hands-on studio opportunities. At graduation, she was named the school's Broadcaster of the Year. Afterward, she worked in sales for Bangor radio station B97. She laughs: "I had no idea how sales worked, but everybody helped me."



At 24 and ready for bigger opportunities, she became an assistant director for Fuji TV, a Japanese TV network affiliated with ABC, with studios in New York. Other gigs included managing high-profile house music DJs at Def Mix Productions; hosting "Good Day New York" a weekly live broadcast in Japanese and English from New York to Tokyo on Tokyo FM, a major FM radio station in Tokyo; and freelancing as a production coordinator. She spent many years as a production coordinator at Fujisankei Communications International, a Japanese video production company in New York. In 2018, she returned to freelance production and hosted radio shows for the Japanese internet station Sakura Radio.

Career highlights include setting up interviews with Broadway specialists for the Tony Awards; coordinating a musical documentary in Cuba; and working on a documentary about pro baseball player Hideki Matsui.

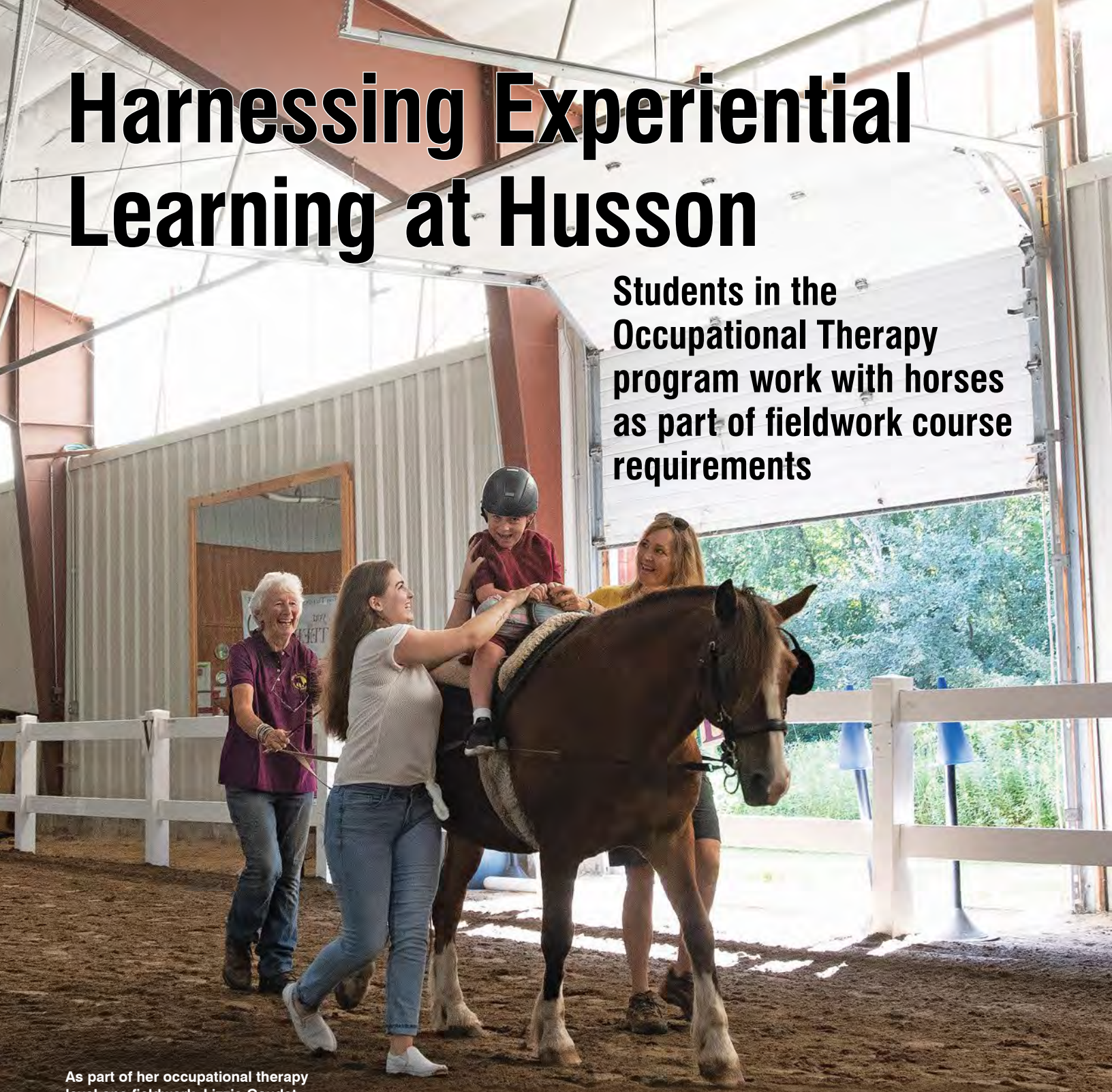
In search of new challenges, she recently changed careers to the fashion industry, working as a bilingual accounting and general affairs associate for custom men's designer Freemans Sporting Club, which has stores in New York and Japan.

For some, a journey halfway around the world would be courageous. But Nobuko?

"I wasn't afraid of anything when I was in my early 20s," she says. "I just followed my heart."

Harnessing Experiential Learning at Husson

Students in the Occupational Therapy program work with horses as part of fieldwork course requirements



As part of her occupational therapy level one fieldwork, Lizzie Gaudet worked with disabled children on horseback to help improve their motor control and self-esteem.

Lizzie Gaudet '21 has always connected with horses more than people. "I was that 'horse girl' growing up," the Husson Occupational Therapy student says with a chuckle.

When she was 12 or 13, Gaudet spent time at Riding To The Top Therapeutic Riding Center in Windham. "I went there for some help with anxiety and depression," Gaudet explains. "It helped me so much."

Gaudet could barely bridle her excitement when she found out Riding To The Top was her assignment for OT fieldwork. "My face just lit up when I heard about my placement," says Gaudet.



"It was just incredible to watch the mood of the clients light up when they came around the horses."
Lizzie Gaudet

Jordan Butler '21 was ecstatic when learning she too, would be spending time at Riding To The Top. The fourth year Occupational Therapy student grew up on a farm in Lee. "I started to learn how to ride when I was four years old," Butler says.

She and her husband own two horses. "I wanted to do at least some of my field work in this area because my husband and I would love to get into therapeutic riding," explains Butler. She even volunteered at a therapeutic riding session taught by Husson OT program instructor **Christine Hubbard**, OTD, MA to better prepare herself for Riding To The Top.

Since 1993, Riding To The Top has provided horse-centered therapeutic services to both children and adults with disabilities. "We serve about 250 clients on an annual basis," explains Riding To The Top Executive Director Sarah Bronson, "everyone from people with severe physical and cognitive disabilities to veterans with PTSD and elderly people with memory issues."

The 50-acre property is open year round with both indoor and outdoor riding arenas. There are 16 horses ranging from miniature to larger draft crosses. The center offers both mounted and carriage riding therapies.

Riding To The Top started working with Husson OT students about five years ago as part of its Level One fieldwork. "These experiences are typically 40 hours over the course of the semester," explains **Laurie Mouradian**, ScD, ATR, OTR/L, who chairs the School of Occupational Therapy. "They allow our students exposure to different settings, environments, populations and approaches to working with people that an occupational therapist might work with. Having a Level One experience at Riding To The Top gives students an opportunity to work with real clients at an emerging practice that has tremendous potential to expand in the coming years."

Husson OT students working at Riding To The Top learn about therapeutic riding as well as other modalities including hippotherapy. "Hippotherapy is used by occupational therapists, physical therapists and speech language pathologists to achieve functional, mobility or communication intervention goals," explains Dr. Hubbard. "It differs from therapeutic riding as the focus is on the sensory and motor experience of being on horseback and how that can improve function, with little to no focus on learning how to ride the horse."

Gaudet and Butler spent their spring break at the farm, working primarily with pediatric clients. They observed lessons the first two days and attended several training sessions. "The rest of the week we had the opportunity to work with different instructors and clients," explains Butler. She and Gaudet were given numerous opportunities for experiential learning from setting up activities, to leading and sidewalking the horses during lessons.

"It was just incredible to watch the mood of the clients light up when they came around the horses," Gaudet says. "The horse would recognize the clients, they'd get so excited and hug the animals. It was a complete mood lifter."

Gaudet recalls one exercise where clients held a wooden egg in a spoon while they were riding. "This helped work on their strength, balance and coordination," she explains.

Gaudet's decision to become an occupational therapist was a personal one after watching her mother deal with the challenges associated with a spinal cord injury as well as an uncle with Down Syndrome. "Being around them certainly made me even more grateful to be an able-bodied person," she said. "The experience also motivated me to help those with disabilities."

Butler enjoys the mental health aspect of occupational therapy. She says her experiences at Riding To The Top opened her eyes to the opportunities associated with equines. "I now realize the benefits of therapeutic riding for all ages and many different diagnoses," she says. "Horses are valuable animals that can change the lives of those around them."

"Animal assisted therapy offers social, communication, sensory and spiritual opportunities that can help people to rehabilitate," says Hubbard. "Horses offer the additional aspect of movement which can have a positive effect on an individual's balance, ability to move, and sense of themselves."

Bronson says the trust between horses and humans transcends any physical or emotional disability, making the relationship a bond sealed with trust. "It's pretty rare for someone with a disability to not experience some sort of social isolation," she explains. "Here at the farm, people are accepted. The entire family unit is embraced. They feel like they're part of a safe community here and that's something I am very proud of. I think that's a vital part of what we do."



$500,000 Gift from Bangor Savings Bank Brings New College of Business Building One Step Closer to Reality

Back in 1966, Husson College asked the Bangor business community to support the creation of a new campus at One College Circle. Bangor Savings Bank (BSB) was among the first and most prominent organizations to answer the call.

For over 50 years, Bangor Savings Bank has been a friend to Husson – providing the needed capital and support necessary to grow the University. Simultaneously, Husson University has provided Bangor Savings Bank employees with the knowledge and expertise they needed to help make the bank a leading, regional financial powerhouse.

Today, this successful collaboration continues. Twenty-four Bangor Savings Bank employees recently earned a master's degree from Husson University. The bank and school are teaming up again to provide all BSB employees with easier access to an undergraduate degree. Bangor Savings Bank is increasing the number of college courses they reimburse each year for program participants, while Husson will work with bank employees to maximize opportunities for credit transfer or work experience credits, and tailor the best program for each employee.

On June 25, 2019, the Bangor Savings Bank Foundation demonstrated once again that they believe in the value of Husson University and their mission. The Foundation stepped forward to support the construction of a new College of Business building and improve the academic experience for Husson students by making a gift of $500,000 over the next five years.

"Husson University has had a positive impact on the Bangor Savings Bank workforce, and they have an impressive track record of providing a quality business education," said bank President and CEO **Bob Montgomery-Rice**. "We are happy to support the College of Business building project, and look forward to seeing more bank employees become Husson graduates."

"With certificates, undergraduate degrees and graduate degrees in business, both online and in the classroom, Husson is dedicated to helping today's employees and leaders achieve career success," said **Marie Hansen**, JD, PhD, SHRM-SCP, dean of Husson University's College of Business. "Both Bangor Savings Bank and Husson are committed to supporting education and the community. We value and appreciate their partnership."

About 10 percent of Bangor Savings employees have a Husson degree or have completed some classes at the University. In 2018, Husson's College of Business worked with Bangor Savings Bank to customize a Master of Business Administration (MBA) program for bank employees. Bangor Savings paid for the program, and Husson faculty taught classes at bank locations.

"Bangor Savings Bank's recent gift of $500,000 for our new College of Business building will help the university provide our local business community with the educated workforce and business resources needed to grow our local economy," said **Robert A. Clark**, MBA, PhD, president of Husson University.



Founded in 1852, Bangor Savings Bank recently opened its new corporate headquarters at 11 Hamlin Way in Bangor, Maine. The bank has 58 branches in Maine and New Hampshire.

NINE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Husson Athletics brought their "A" game this past year. Between stellar coaching and outstanding student-athletes, the 2018-2019 program brought home nine conference championships for a new school record.



2018 NAC WOMEN'S TENNIS CHAMPION: First-ever NAC Championship and NCAA appearance in the fourth year of the program under the guidance of head coach Josh Warren.



2019 NAC BASEBALL TOURNAMENT CHAMPION: First NAC Baseball Tournament Title in six years.



2018 NECC FIELD HOCKEY CHAMPION: First year in crossover championship tournament with NECC. The Eagles took home a nail-biting victory in overtime.



2018-19 NAC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPION (NCAA AQ): First four-peat in HU women's basketball history led by head coach Kissy Walker – the winningest coach in program history.



2018-19 NAC MEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPION: The program's seventh overall NAC Championship and an automatic qualifier to the 2019 NCAA DIII Men's Basketball Championship Tournament.



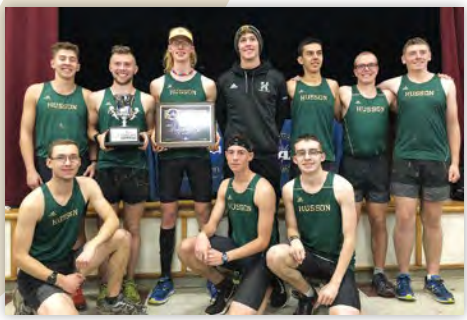
2018 ECFC FOOTBALL CHAMPION: The program's third-straight ECFC title in their last year in the conference with their fourth automatic qualifier to the NCAA DIII Football Championship Tournament in the last five years.



2019 SOFTBALL CHAMPION: Back-to-back NAC Champions with an NCAA berth under first-year head coach Diann Ramsey.



2018 NAC MEN'S GOLF CHAMPION: The program's 14th NAC Championship in the past 16 years while also earning an NCAA berth.



2018 NAC MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPION: First-ever NAC Championship for the program after ranking sixth in the prechampionship poll.

Gracie Theatre Announces 2019-2020 Season

The upcoming eighth season of shows at Husson University's Gracie Theatre will feature the best of country, Celtic, comedy, classical and contemporary hit music with a couple of witchy divas adding some spice to this year's live entertainment selections.

Together with founding sponsor Bangor Savings Bank, The Gracie kicks off its season on October 13 with Women of the World. These four female international a cappella champions share their vocal renditions of soul-stirring music from around the world.

On October 19, take a star-studded journey through rock and roll history with the legendary performers who sang, played or recorded with some of the biggest names in the music business. Not a tribute band, The Hit Men are the actual musicians and singers you heard on the original records, listened to on the radio, watched on TV or saw in concert.

Farewell Angelina is an all-female country group that will take the Gracie Theatre by storm on November 9. These four female powerhouse country music performers blend stringed instruments and unique harmonies together into a breathless musical experience.

CÒIG returns to the Gracie Theatre on December 8 to celebrate the holiday season with their Celtic Christmas show. Audiences love their century-old tunes of past generations and original upbeat compositions.

Classical music lovers should make plans now to see Fei-Fei in concert on February 9, 2020. This concert pianist is a winner of the Concert Artists Guild Competition and a top finalist at the 14th Van Cliburn International Piano Competition.

Two Broadway witches from the Broadway production of Wicked take the stage on February 15, 2020 when Wicked Divas enchant The Gracie. This Glinda/Elphaba team will perform hits from Wicked, along with selections from Gypsy, Ragtime, Titanic, Phantom of the Opera and many others.

An evening of uproarious nun-sense is in store when Late Nite Catechism comes to the Gracie Theatre on February 29, 2020. (Leap Day). The irrepressible "Sister" teaches an adult catechism class to a roomful of "students" (the audience). You could be rewarded with glow-in-the-dark rosaries and laminated saint cards by this authoritative drill sergeant.



Concluding the 2019-2020 season at the Gracie is Natural Wonder. Famed Stevie Wonder impersonator Gabriel Bello, a #1 Billboard-ranked vocalist, producer and multi-instrumentalist, provides a loving tribute to the music of Stevie Wonder with a full band to back him up. The performance will include hits like "Signed, Sealed, Delivered," "My Cherie Amour," "Songs in the Key of Life," and "Isn't She Lovely."

Purchase tickets for four shows at the beginning of the season and you'll get a 15-20 percent discount.

Call the box office at (207) 941-7888 to order. Single show tickets are also available by calling the box office or ordering online at **GracieTheatre.com**.

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If you are 70½ or older, you now have reached the milestone where you must begin taking your annual required minimum distribution, or RMD, from your retirement account. Along with that distribution comes tax on your previously untaxed assets.

But there is a way to satisfy your RMD requirements while avoiding tax and supporting the causes that matter most to you. It is called an IRA charitable rollover gift and it is easy to make!

Simply tell your IRA account custodian that you want to make a "qualified charitable distribution" to Husson. You can give up to $100,000 per year. With the IRA rollover gift, you can satisfy all or part of your RMD without paying tax on the distribution to charity. A portion or all of your required minimum distribution is met and the money goes straight to Husson to help our work.

If you are over 70½, you are eligible to make an IRA charitable rollover to Husson University.

You can:

- Avoid income taxes on transfers of up to $100,000 from your IRA to support Husson.
- Satisfy some or even all of your required minimum distribution for the year.
- Reduce your taxable income and save on taxes, even if you do not itemize deductions.
- Make a gift that is not subject to deduction limits for charitable gifts.
- Use your rollover gift to make payments on an existing pledge to us.

Class News & Notes

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

Submit *your* class notes at **husson.edu/alumni**

Class NOTES

1940s

World War II veteran, **Merle Fenlason '49**, was presented a shadow box on July 4 which featured reissued medals from his time in the military. Fenlason enlisted in the United State Navy in 1944, at the age of 17. As a radar man, he was part of the "Liberation of the Philippines" campaign and the invasion of Okinawa. For his service, Fenlason was awarded five medals: the American Campaign Medal; the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with one battle star; the WWII Victory Medal; the Philippine Liberation Ribbon; and the Honorable Discharge Button. The original medals were lost some time ago, but replacement medals were issued with the help of U.S. Senator **Susan Collins '97H**.

1960s

Robert Maguire '67 has been presented with the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award by Marquis Who's Who for his longstanding and successful career in publishing. Maguire began his career in the publishing industry in 1973 as general manager of the Rutland Tribune & Shopper in Vermont, and has since established the Maguire Newspaper Group, publishing a number of newspapers, including the Poultney News in Vermont and the Bisbee Observer in Arizona. He is an avid volunteer in his communities, while also being honored with countless awards and professional recognitions.

1970s

Theresa Seliga Dowden ETE **'75** was promoted to program manager at IBM in Poughkeepsie, NY. Theresa will now be functional manager for software engineers working on IBM's mainframe technology. She resides in Red Hook, NY, with her husband **Carl Dowden (ΜΣΧ) '76**. Theresa and Carl are celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary this year, and welcomed their first grandchild last May.

70s TKE family phone home!

The TKE brothers from the early 1970s (**Mike Caron '16**, **Glen Hockley '75**, **Charlie Muller '75**, **Rob Rademacher '73** and **Michael Simon '74**) are looking for their fellow alumni members from the 1971 – 75 classes with the idea of holding a special reunion and hope that they will get in touch with them either at AlphaOmegaTKE@gmail.com, or 207-944-8749.

Day's Jewelers, owned by **Jeff Corey '76**, and headquartered in Waterville, was recognized as the Reny's Large Business Award winner at the 20th Annual Maine Family Business Awards Gala. During the 30 years that the Corey family has owned the business, it has grown from a single store with 10 employees to eight locations across Maine and New Hampshire with 125 staff members. Day's Jewelers serves the rest of the country and world through their online store.



Ricardo Gago Salinero '78 was granted the decoration of the Basque Order Núñez de Balboa, in the rank of Grand Officer, by the President of the Republic of Panama, Juan Carlos Varela. This award is granted to Panamanian citizens who have rendered their services to the country. Salinero was the organizer of Culture Week, whose success was recognized internationally between 1980 and 1984 and has made great contributions to the national culture and promotion of cultural events and exhibitions. Such exhibits include "Vision of a collector of the XXI Century" (2006), and "Panamanian Landscapes" (2009) at the Smithsonian Institute of Washington.

1980s

Michiyuki Takahashi '80 '81 writes that he retired three years ago after working 35 years for M&A, a German-Arab Shipping Group. "I continue to work two days a week, golf one day, run 10 miles four times a week and go to the gym. Takahashi travels abroad three times a year on average and "would like to visit Husson University one of these days." He keeps in touch with **Mike Skillin '84** and **Paul Caron '84** on Facebook. Takahashi says, "I wouldn't be where I am today without what I learned at Husson."

Dr. Adel Al-Alawi '83 has been promoted to a full professorship in business at the University of Bahrain. His son, **Fawaz Al-Alawi '16**, is working as a legal assistant in the Ministry of Interior in Bahrain.



Teresa Skehan Lincoln '84 was promoted to executive assistant at Katahdin Trust Company in Houlton, ME. She first joined Katahdin Trust in 1998, serving in the Credit Control Department for 21 years. In her new role, Teresa will be responsible for assisting the president and CEO; coordinating meetings, projects, and committee work for the board of directors; and managing communications to shareholders.

Craig Staples '84 was appointed to the Jefferson Cary Foundation's board of directors in June. The Jefferson Cary Foundation is a nonprofit organization that encourages philanthropic giving and provides funding for various health-related projects and equipment that will benefit all those served by the Cary Medical Center in Caribou, ME. Staples has over 35 years of experience in the financial services industry. He is currently the vice president and commercial services officer at Katahdin Trust.



Jon Henderson '85 has been appointed as vice president and retail financial consultant for Rockland Trust's Investment Management Group in Plymouth, MA. Henderson has over 30 years of experience in wealth management.

1990s

Ryan Tremblay '94 joined Bar Harbor Bank & Trust in Woodstock, VT as an associate vice president and mortgage loan originator. Tremblay has over 25 years of experience in the banking industry. He started his career as a teller at a bank in Vermont and has been serving as a mortgage loan officer for the past eight years.

Matthew Walsh '94 joined Machias Savings Bank as the chief financial officer this past July. Walsh has over 20 years of experience in the banking industry, most recently at University Credit Union in Orono, Maine.

Michaud Accounting Solutions, owned and operated by **Dean Michaud '97**, was recently recognized at the 20th Annual Maine Family Business Awards. Opened in 2015, the accounting consultant company has grown from two employees, Dean and his wife Andrea, to seven full-time staff. It continues to increase revenue year after year.

Sean Foye '99 has been named the senior executive account manager of healthcare at Siemans in the St. Louis, Missouri Area.

2000s

Simon Sjostedt '05, '05G, '08 DPT has joined Back in Motion Physical Therapy as the clinic director and physical therapist for their newest location in Newport, ME.

Michael Tuthill '06 joined the team at Northern Light Health as a procurement specialist. In addition to his new venture, Tuthill continues to run his entertainment company, High Tech Entertainment.

Corenna Quirk '07 has joined the real estate team at ERA Dawson Bradford Realtors Co. in Bangor, Maine. She brings nearly 20 years of executive experience in the housing industry, most recently as the District State Director of U.S. Congressman Bruce Poliquin.

Melissa Hunt, DPT '08, '10 has opened a physical therapy and health coaching clinic focusing on women's health and pelvic floor dysfunction. The clinic, Cardinal Women's Health, is located in Ellsworth.

2010s

Sean Stackhouse '10 has found his niche in the rapidly evolving world of esports. Stackhouse, known as "Stax," has become a lead commentator for the Rocket League, an organization that offers competition to video gamers around the world. He provides commentary and analysis of the animated action taking place on the video screens to fans who fill major arenas for events or are viewing via live stream. When he isn't traveling to Rocket League events, Stackhouse provides public address services for the University of Maine and the Northern Maine high school basketball tournament.

WCSH News Center Maine multimedia journalist, **Robert Nesbitt '11** has been awarded a New England Emmy Award for his story 'Cancer Ambassador'. The story shares the experience of five-year-old, Kellan Tilton, who has cancer and became an ambassador for the St. Baldrick's Foundation.



John Ronan '11G has been named chair of the Maine Hospital Association. Ronan currently serves as the president of Northern Light Maine Coast Hospital and Northern Light Blue Hill Hospital.

Both **Lisa Sturgeon '11, '15G** and **Jen Snow '16, '16G** have joined Sutherland Weston, an advertising and public relations firm based in Bangor, Maine. Sturgeon will serve as a senior account manager and previously served as communications and resource manager for Geaghan's Pub & Brewery. Snow was sales and event manager for Cross Insurance Center most recently, and will now serve as an account manager with the firm.

Bryan Thompson '11G, owner and CEO of Thompson-Hamel, LLC has been named by the Maine Community Foundation as one of its newest local advisers to the Aroostook County Committee. Aroostook County businesses and individuals established the Aroostook County Fund in 1986 to ensure the county would have local charitable resources to address community issues and challenges.

Christopher Pelletier '14 has joined Steward Health Care in Watertown, Massachusetts as a talent acquisition specialist.

Zachary Wain '14 was promoted to director of admissions for Generations Healthcare Network in Illinois. Wain has been with the organization since July 2016, serving as social services director.

Past recipient of the Elaine Hill Scholarship from the Women's Health Resource Library, **Brittany Burke, RN '15** has enjoyed her work as a registered nurse since graduation. Currently she serves as a registered nurse in the Intensive Care Unit at MDI Hospital in Bar Harbor, ME.

Michael Bunker '16G has graduated from the Bangor Region Leadership Institute, a leadership development program run by the Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce to provide skills and support for emerging leaders to succeed in the greater Bangor community.

Hunter Clark '16 joined Maine Grains in Skowhegan, ME in May as a sales and marketing manager. He previously worked for R.H. Foster as a new media specialist.

Dennis Dube '16G became president of Modern Pest Services, headquartered in Brunswick, Maine in January 2019. Dennis has been with the company since 2013, serving previously as operations manager and, most recently, as vice president of operations.

Michelle Hale '16G is currently Director of Talent Acquisition at Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire.

Jack Hilton '16 has joined Northern Light Health as a psychiatric technician in Bangor, Maine.

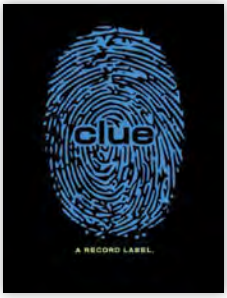
Zach Orenstein '16 joined Wayfair in March in 3-D quality assurance. He previously served as a graphic designer for Identity Group in Scarborough, ME.

Marquis Jimenez '17, Husson football's former cornerback, has joined the Southern Maine Raging Bulls, Maine's premier football team.



Rob Labelle '17, '17G is the first ever, recipient of the "Rising Star" award from HospitalityMaine. The "Rising Star" award recognizes a young, hard-working hospitality professional in Maine who has made a deep impact within a short period of time. To win the award, rising stars must first be nominated by HospitalityMaine members. Next, the field is narrowed to three finalists by the organization's events and marketing committee, with approval by the HospitalityMaine board. The final award recipient is selected by a secret ballot vote among the organization's membership.

Nathan Whewell '17 started as a designer with General Dynamics Bath Iron Works in Bath, Maine.



Kyle King '18 recently had his logo design work featured in *Forbes*. Kyle, who has been working with artist IDK on his new record label "Clue" partnered with Warner Records, designed IDK's logo, clothing, and website, ClueNoClue.com.

Charlena Capozzi '19, '19G has joined Sheehan Family Companies as an event and sales support coordinator in Massachusetts. She previously interned with L. Knife & Son, Inc., a subsidiary of Sheehan Family Companies.

Ethan Fuller '19 has moved to Colorado and begun working at Creede Repertory Theatre as a sound engineer.

Brendan McGowan '19 has joined Realplay Sports in Massachusetts as a sports operations supervisor and social media coordinator.

Macie Melvin '19 has joined the Chez Renee Realty of Maine team this past June. She will be the marketing coordinator for the real estate firm, creating all online and print content.

Courtney O'Donnell '19G has been chosen as the Town of Casco's new town manager. Courtney, who has been serving as the town manager for Stockton Springs for over two years, was a former administrative assistant for the City of Bangor.

Julia Steer '19 recently joined WMTW-TV in Portland, ME as an assistant assignment editor.

Fourth Annual Brent Cross Memorial Golf Tournament

For the fourth consecutive year, the Brent Cross Memorial Golf Tournament donated all of the funds raised at this sporting event to a scholarship fund at Husson University. This year, the tournament held on Friday, June 28, 2019 at the Penobscot Valley Country Club, raised $24,000 for the Brent Cross Scholarship.

Brent Cross '94, '01G passed away on Thanksgiving Day at Mass General Hospital in 2015 after an extended battle with cancer. A 58-year-old executive vice president with Cross Insurance, Brent was an active member of the Husson community. He earned two degrees from Husson University - a Bachelor of Science in business administration in 1994 and his Master of Science in business in 2001.

"This golf tournament is a fitting tribute to my dad. He was always giving back to the community and Husson University had a special place in his heart," said Cross Insurance Account Executive **Woodrow Cross II**. "Over the past four years, we have raised over $100,000 with this tournament. We hope to make education more affordable for Husson students in the years to come by continuing to grow the scholarship fund."

The team representing Husson University at the tournament included **Warren Caruso '89**, **Bruce MacGregor**, **Mike Pelkey '92** and **Rick Sinclair '96**.



IN MEMORIAM

1930s: Alice C. WILLIAMS RN '35 **1940s:** Katherine E. (Russell) MEHLENBACHER '41 | Marylyn Beryl Raymond BACHELDER '49 | Gloria Navella Willey MARTIN '45 | Shirley Priscilla POWERS '45 EMGH **1950s:** Marie (Yvette) BROOKS '53 EMGH | Carol L. WHITE '51 EMGH | Anna M. SUDDY '53 | Carla Ruth (Howe) LOVELY '56 **1960s:** Brenda Sampson MARTIN '63 **1970s:** John "Jack" P. KENNEDY Jr. '70 | William E. SHERWOOD '74 | Margaret T. "Peg" WILMOTT '71 | Robert (Bob) YORK '72 | Nancy Carter SKEA '77 **1980s:** Anne (McDougal) AKELEY '81 | Betsy Jane (Hull) BOYCE '87 | Richard Paul PARSONS '81 **1990s:** Shawna Marie CLARK '91 | Mark S. HARDING '93 | Heather Lee (McGilvray) ROSHOLT '94 | Julianna H. FOGG '97 **2000s:** Cathleen Jo KILBURN '00 **2010s:** Wayne "LW" HURLBERT '12, '12G **ATTENDED:** James E. DEAN 1940-1941 | Donna Elaine LAGASSE | Jessica (Reichard) STROUT | Leslie WILLIS | Steve H. ZIEGLER 1965-1967 **FORMER STAFF:** David "Mike" STOVER | Stuart C. TAYLOR Sr. | Roy Gardner WARREN Sr.



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Patrick Longstaff ’13, ’15G
President Elect,
Bangor Alumni Board

Ashley Clifford ’18
Secretary,
Southern Maine Alumni Board

1. *Tell us a little bit about your work history, and what you're doing now.*



PATRICK: While attending graduate school at Husson, I accepted an internship with (at the time) Eastern Maine Healthcare Systems, as a business analyst. While in the process of earning my MBA with a concentration in healthcare management, I was hired on full time as an associate internal consultant, working on process improvement and strategic initiatives for the nine hospital health system. Over the last five years, my position along with the organization has evolved from internal consulting to finance project management. Since the transition from EMHS to Northern Light Health, I am now the system manager for Performance Management, a department within the Business Finance and Analytics Division. I currently reside in Brewer with my golden retriever, Quincy.



ASHLEY: I recently moved to Brunswick, ME not a bad place to spend summers, if you ask me. I am currently the director of marketing and business development for Sabattus Regional Credit Union. In addition to my position at the credit union, I offer various marketing services to small businesses through my business, Clifford Creative Solutions.

2. *How did Husson prepare you for your career?*



PATRICK: What I valued most about the education I received at Husson University was the practical application of all the concepts and objectives I learned. Books teach you the concepts, theories and hard facts associated with best practices, but it was the staff and faculty that took all of that and applied it to real world scenarios. They took their experience and brought it to life, making things more relatable to situations I still face day in and day out in my current career.

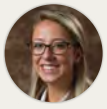


ASHLEY: I think the biggest way that Husson prepared me for my career, and for working with clients, was the emphasis in my coursework on the importance of professionalism.

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



PATRICK: I came from a small town in Northern Maine, with 300 students in my high school. I lived in the same house in rural Maine for the first 18 years of my life. Husson seemed like the perfect place to transition me into the real world. A bigger school or city may have been overwhelming. The small class sizes also gave me the advantage of getting to know the professors and faculty, which only enhanced the value of my education. To this day I still use a few of my closest advisers as references and keep in close connection on where I am in my career.



ASHLEY: Husson easily felt like home. The size was big enough to continue to meet new people, but small enough that I was able to build relationships with my professors. I knew that I would not be a number at Husson. To this day, I feel very fortunate to consider many of my professors from Husson to be my professional mentors.

4. *What is your fondest Husson memory?*



PATRICK: I have so many fond memories at Husson, it’s hard to choose! The connections and friendships I developed and created over my six year career at Husson is what I have and always will cherish most. You all know who you are!



ASHLEY: One of my favorite Husson traditions was Eagle Fest. This was an event planned out by the students in a sports management course. Husson students would create teams and we would spend the day competing in activities such as scavenger hunts, Kan Jam, Wiffle Ball, Ping Pong, etc. This was a day spent getting to know other Husson students and creating friendships, as well as creating memories with your current friends. It was one of the activities that really helped enhance our Husson pride.

5. *How are you staying connected to Husson?*



PATRICK: I'm currently serving on the Husson University Bangor Alumni Board as the newly elected President Elect. I'm also participating in Northern Light Health's professional and organizational development program where NLH executives and senior leadership partners with Husson on leadership development and education. In addition, I attend and volunteer at Husson alumni events, attend sporting events and stay in contact with the many friends made over the years at Husson.



ASHLEY: I feel very connected to Husson as I continue to stay involved in any way I can. I'm currently the secretary of the Husson University Southern Maine Alumni Board, I make it a point to attend Homecoming so I can continue to visit the campus, I keep in contact with many of my professors, and so much more.

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FRIDAY NIGHT

- **Alumni Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Reception**

Honorary Alumnus - Dewey Martin ▪ Young Alumna - Michelle Montgomery '11 ▪ Alumnus - Albert Allen '86
Alumna - Karen Clements '04G ▪ Presidential Outstanding Service Award - Larry Homsted '64

- **Alumni & Friends Pub Crawl**

SATURDAY

- **Athletic Games ▪ Tailgating ▪ Campus Tours ▪ Retirement Celebration for Dewey Martin**

hosted by Renee Bishop '89, Duane Graves '88, Scott Oxley '89, Donna Oxley '91, Matt Walsh '94 and Tracey Whitten '92

- **Gracie Theatre THE HIT MEN:**

Legendary Performers with Frankie Valli, Carole King, Cat Stevens & more!

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