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Employees Transitioning to Retirement



Each year, Husson plants a tree on campus to honor the dedicated individuals who helped our students grow and achieve success in a variety of professional careers. In 2022, the University planted a blue spruce tree. It will serve as a living tribute to eight retirees with more than 10 years of service who made invaluable contributions to the University. They include (by years of service):

- **31** Ken Stack, instructor, New England School of Communications (NESCom), College of Business
- **24** Dr. Cheryl Adams, professor, School of Physical Therapy, College of Health and Pharmacy
- **22** Dr. Kenneth Lane, associate professor of mathematics, College of Science & Humanities
- **16** Steven Blackmore, custodian, Auxiliary Services
- **16** Dr. Christine Hubbard, instructor, School of Occupational Therapy, College of Health and Pharmacy
- **13.5** Craig Hadley, chief financial officer (CFO), Finance and Administration
- **12** Dr. Laurie Mouradian, professor, School of Occupational Therapy, College of Health and Pharmacy
- **10** Dr. Thomas Fitzpatrick, professor, School of Business and Management, College of Business

In addition to the retirees with more than a decade of service, Husson would like to recognize the following retirees for their contributions to the University's success:

- **6** Susan Reisman, instructor, School of Hospitality, Sport and Tourism Management, College of Business
- **5** Gary Gerow, director of facilities, Auxiliary Services
- **5** Robert Taylor, software integration developer, Information Technology
- **4** Cristi Carson, director of institutional research, Office of Institutional Research
- **2.5** Mitch Littlefield, custodial services manager, Auxiliary Services
- **2** Dr. Andrea McGill-O'Rourke, associate professor, healthcare administration, College of Science and Humanities

"We hope our retirees continue to flourish after they leave the University, just like the many students whose lives they touched during their time here at Husson," said Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost **Lynne Coy-Ogan**, EdD. "We wish all of them every success as they begin the next chapter of their lives."









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Dear Alumni and Friends,



Several weeks ago, Husson celebrated the academic accomplishments of the largest graduating class in our University's history. Over 1,000 degrees and certificates were awarded to nearly 900 graduates as part of our 123rd Annual Commencement.

Before we prepared to celebrate, however, we paused to pay tribute to an important figure in our educational institution's history; Paul Husson — the son of our University's founder. (See page 27.) He dedicated his professional life to this University and its students. He will live on in our hearts forever.

Upon reflection, it seems to me that both of these events are part of the continuous transformation that is always taking place here at Husson. New students, faculty and staff make their marks on this University during their time here. Simultaneously, students graduate and embark on the next phase of their professional journey. We are always in transition.

During the time we're connected to Husson, each of us is both a steward of the University's rich history and its future potential. Many of you reading this have fond memories of the University and are part of our ongoing legacy.

Beyond this connection, each of us has a responsibility to help pay it forward and create a new legacy for today's students. This continuous cycle of being intellectually nourished by the University and then helping to sustain the next generation is what has allowed Husson to grow and remain relevant for the past 124 years.

Together, we are a community dedicated to education. It is my fervent hope that, like me, when you look back on the contributions you made to the betterment of this University, you feel a sense of accomplishment and satisfaction. I know Paul Husson did. May all of us be fortunate enough to create such a lasting legacy.

Best regards,



Robert A. Clark, PhD, CFA
President





I am often struck by the deep connection many of our alumni have with this University. In many instances, it's about relationships with specific individuals. Chesley Husson, Clara Swan, and Del Merrill are a few of the names often mentioned. Paul Husson was another giant in our University's history.

Our University has benefited from the direct involvement of a Husson family member for nearly 100 years. Both Paul and his father were dedicated to transforming students' lives through education.

Every year, we create a legacy that transcends the borders of our campus. As each class graduates, they take with them the lessons learned, the friendships built and the knowledge gained here. Their future is, in part, shaped by the quality education our University provides. Every aspect of their anticipated career success is positively enhanced by your generous philanthropy.

The Chesley Husson Society at Husson recognizes those individuals who have included Husson in their estate plans. It also acknowledges that Chesley Husson made the very first legacy gift when he made Husson College a non-profit organization.

I'm a proud member of the Chesley Husson Society. In this edition of the Husson alumni magazine, I share my own personal giving story. In addition to the gifts I make every year, I plan to make a larger, legacy gift after I've passed away. Combined with others, my modest personal bequest becomes a powerful collective action that ensures future transformative educational opportunities for our University's students.

Here's my challenge to all of you. Act as if you were a Husson. As members of the Husson University family, it's important for all of us to be engaged, stay connected and strengthen the foundation of this great university. With your help, Chesley's and Paul's educational legacy will continue to benefit generations of future students.

With gratitude,



Sarah Cary Robinson
Vice President for Advancement

Around the Circle

Accomplishments, events and items of note happening at Husson

College of Business

Walton Article Published in *Leader to Leader*



Dr. Brien Walton contributed a peer-reviewed article called "Attracting, Mentoring and Retaining People of Color in Today's Workforce" to *Leader to Leader* magazine. Sponsored by the Frances Hesselbein Leadership Institute, the publication seeks to provide readers with "unique insights into what top executives and thought leaders are planning for, what they see as the major challenges ahead and how they are dealing with change." Since his article was published, Walton has been contacted by HR managers and corporate attorneys from across the country who are interested in learning more about employment laws and diversity initiatives.

Faculty share knowledge at the 2022 Maine Science Festival

Helping students attending the 2022 Maine Science Festival understand extended reality and its explosive potential to impact every aspect of consumers' daily lives was **Brave Williams**, the director of the iEX Center and an associate professor in Husson University's School of Technology and Innovation. A few days after Williams' presentation, New England School of Communications' Assistant Professor **Eric Ferguson**, spoke about the science associated with live performances as part of a presentation called, "Don't Blame the Sound Person: The Science Behind Bad Concert Sound."





College of Health and Pharmacy

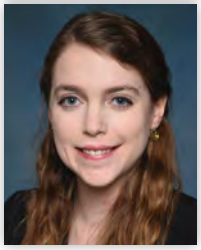
Physical Therapy Professor Receives Grant and Publishes Paper



School of Physical Therapy Professor **Dr. Ben Sidaway** collaborated with Dr. Babak Hejrati of the Department of Mechanical Engineering at the University of Maine and received a $552,000 grant as part of a National Institutes of Health (NIH) Disability and Rehabilitation Engineering (DARE) program. The grant will fund research into "interlimb neural coupling to enhance gait rehabilitation." Dr. Sidaway also published a paper in the journal *Experimental Gerontology* entitled, "The Identification of Fall Risk Through Tests of Mediolateral Stability During Gait." This paper is the culmination of four years of work with a group of 12 physical therapy students who are listed as co-authors on the paper. The paper discusses the development of a simple tool that predicts the risk of falls in older adults.

Lambert and James Publish Article in *American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy*™





Dr. Drew Lambert, an associate professor in the School of Pharmacy, **Dr. Shannon James**, an assistant professor of pharmacy practice in the School of Pharmacy and **Dr. Khristene Welch**, a former faculty member, published an article titled, "Trends in Postgraduate Year 2 Pharmacy Residencies," in the *American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy*™. The article details the changes in postgraduate year two (PGY2) pharmacy residencies from 2008-2021 and discusses how these compare to the pharmacy advancement initiatives from major stakeholders.

LaPrino and Macauley Publish Paper



Dr. Stephanie LaPrino, a current instructor and director of clinical education in Husson's School of Physical Therapy and **Dr. Kelly Macauley**, a former faculty member, published a paper with their colleague, Dr. Tracy Brudvig (American International College), in *Medical Science Educator*. The paper, "Perceptions of Physical Therapy Students on their Psychomotor Examinations: a Qualitative Study," investigates student's psychomotor examination experiences within physical programs over a three-year period. The paper highlights considerations for faculty interested in optimizing learning and reducing stress for students.

Faculty Members Co-author Paper for the *Journal of Interprofessional Education and Practice*







Drs. Katey Howland, Alicia Murray and **Sondra Siegel** published a paper called, "Interprofessional Experiential Learning through a Simulated Discharge Planning Session," in the *Journal of Interprofessional Education and Practice*. Helping to co-author the paper was former faculty member **Dr. Kelly Macauley**. Published in collaboration with their colleague, Judy Walker, a professor in the Communication Sciences and Disorders program at the University of Maine, the paper compares learning outcomes between face-to-face and virtual simulations implemented on a large scale for five health profession

2022 DISTINGUISHED FACULTY AWARDS

Five Husson faculty members were recently presented with awards for their outstanding contributions to the University during the past academic year.

Dr. Karen Huhn, a professor and chair of the School of Physical Therapy. She received the *Distinguished Research Award*.



Dr. Cavenaugh Kelly, an assistant professor in the School of Occupational Therapy. He received the *Teresa W. Steele Teaching Excellence Award*.



John Michaud, the director of the School of Legal Studies. He received the *Academic Advising Award*.



Dr. Robert Northington, an assistant professor in the College of Science and Humanities. He received the *William H. Beardsley Teaching Excellence Award*.



Dr. Lee Speronis, an associate professor, the director of the School of Hospitality, Sport and Tourism Management, and assistant dean. He received the *Distinguished University Service Award*.



programs: physical therapy, occupational therapy, nursing, pharmacy and speech therapy. The mixed-methods study found the learning outcomes between the two types of simulation to be similar, with pros and cons to both delivery methods.

Chapter on Selective Estrogen Receptors Written by Pharmacy Professor Emeritus



Dr. Roger Phipps, Husson University School of Pharmacy professor emeritus, wrote a chapter on selective estrogen receptor modulators (SERMs) in the book, *Osteoporotic Fracture and Systemic Skeletal Disorders*. The chapter was published in collaboration with Dr. David B. Burr, a distinguished professor emeritus from the Indiana University School of Medicine.

Faculty Member Helps Bring Free Physical Therapy Services to the Community



Dr. Kimberly Steinbarger, an assistant professor at Husson's School of Physical Therapy, served as the point of contact for members of the public interested in receiving a free physical therapy checkup at Husson University's SOARing Eagles Healthcare clinic. The physical therapy evaluations were open to everyone. Any adult, of any age, who was uninsured or underinsured, and needed subsequent treatment after the examination, but could not afford to pay for it themselves, could receive treatment at the clinic. Steinbarger and other licenced professional physical therapists oversaw any treatments administered by students to the public.

College of Science and Humanities

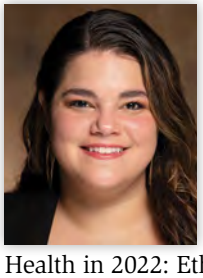
100% Pass Rate on the First Attempt for the National Counselor Examinations



Every single clinical mental health counseling student who recently sat for the National Counselor Examinations (NCEs) passed the test with flying colors on their first attempt. Passing this rigorous exam is a requirement for counselor licensure in many states. According to **Dr. Deborah Drew**, a professor and the director of the graduate counseling programs at the University, "This is the fourth consecutive year that 100% of Husson University clinical mental health counseling students have passed the NCE on their first attempt."

Counseling Faculty Present at Maine Counseling Association Annual Conference

Husson faculty in the Counseling and Human Relations graduate program were featured presenters at the Maine Counseling Association's annual conference in Rockport, Maine in April 2022. Assistant Professor **Rebecca Edelman**, ABD, and **Josh Mangin**, a former Husson counselor talked about "Student-Athletes Coping with Transitions." Another presentation at the event featured Assistant Professor



Dr. Sarah Fucillo, Edelman, and A. Marisa Whitsett, a counselor education doctoral student who is interning with Fucillo. Their presentation was entitled, "Telemental Health in 2022: Ethical Considerations for Meeting with Clients Virtually." Professor and Director of Counseling and Human Relations **Dr. Deborah Drew**, shared her knowledge with conference attendees as part of "Ethical Practices in Challenging Times: Is the Pandemic and Social Climate Affecting Your Ethical Practice?"

School of Education Faculty Joins with Maine Department of Education to Host Forum

The faculty in the School of Education, along with representatives from the higher education division from the Maine Department of Education hosted a meeting in March 2022 with local school leaders and partners. The meeting provided a forum where education professionals could come together and talk about the very important work of teaching. Participants left the meeting with insight, thoughts, ideas and connections focused on how educators in Maine can mutually support the important work being done to make a difference in both students' lives and the profession.

Crowley's Latest Book Examines "Representations of Poverty in Videogames"



According to **Dr. Adam Crowley's** latest book, videogames address contemporary, middle-class anxieties about poverty in the United States. The professor in the College of Science and Humanities goes on to examine video gaming as a modern form of slumming and explores the ways in which titles like The Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim and World of Warcraft integrate themes of poverty into their narratives and graphics.

PROFILES IN SUCCESS

From High School Stage Crew to Fleetwood Mac

When **Amy Bammarito '17** was in high school, people asked, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" She knew she wanted to do something with music but was never one for performing. After being part of stage crew in high school, she started looking into the technical side of music production and subsequently enrolled in the live sound program at Husson University's New England School of Communications (NESCom).

> "When someone sees NESCom on your resume, it's instant credibility."

"My favorite professor was **Eric Ferguson**," she said. "He was super cool, funny, and his classes were pretty chill. If there was something I had trouble wrapping my brain around, I could just talk to him and he'd help me understand the concepts."

She also felt that the "The Nite Show with Danny Cashman" was a great experience. "In your first year, you get a foundation of knowledge by helping out with the little things. By senior year, you know all the ins and outs."

After graduating from Husson, she got a job with Clair Global, a company that provides audio systems and staff for major concerts. Being a graduate of NESCom helped her get her foot in the door.

"When someone sees NESCom on your resume, it's instant credibility. At Clair Global, they know the school and have gotten good people from Husson. That helps you get your start," said Bammarito.

In the five years since graduation, as a member of the Clair Global team, she has been a technician and part of the road crew for elite clients like Fleetwood Mac, Phish and James Taylor. Bammarito's experiences include everything from



AMY BAMMARITO '17

providing audio support for John Bon Jovi in his personal recording studio to setting up speakers for the Rolling Stones in Gillette Stadium. "It's a lot of fun. If that weren't the case, I wouldn't keep going out on tour," she said.

Maine Family Business Leader Values Husson's Real-World Education

If you live in Central Maine, you've heard of Dysart's. Since 1967, this restaurant and truck stop has served outstanding food, fuel and truck services to anyone traveling I-95. In 2014, Dysart's expanded to a second location in Bangor on Broadway, just down the road from Husson University.

TIM DYSART '93



"I was born in 1969, a few years after the business began," said **Tim Dysart '93**, vice president of Dysart's. "Growing up, the business was fairly short staffed. As a kid, I did my best to help out. Over time, I've done practically everything there is to do including washing trucks, running the counter in the garage and stocking shelves."

With his responsibilities at Dysart's growing, Tim made the decision to get a practical business education that focused on managing in the real-world. Enrolling at Husson, he earned a Bachelor of Science in business administration with a concentration in marketing in 1993.

"I had a really good experience as a Husson student," said Dysart. "Unlike other students, I didn't live on campus and didn't get involved in the day-to-day activities because I was working full-time at the family business. Despite that, I felt

> "My degree gave me a more worldly perspective on business and marketing"

like my professors helped me get the best education possible."

"My degree gave me a more worldly perspective on business and marketing. That included looking ahead and avoiding the mindset that says, 'this is how we've always done it before.' The pandemic brought that into sharp focus. We had to adapt quickly," continued Dysart.

"In one day, we went from being a full-service, sit-down restaurant to only offering take-out. It was a big challenge, especially when you've got lots of crew you want to keep so they'll be there when the pandemic's done," he said

"Upon reflection, I'd advise other managers to always be ready to adapt to changing conditions. It's something we covered in my classes at Husson that proved to be invaluable," concluded Dysart.

Positive Role Models Inspire Personal and Professional Growth

FABIAN FIGUEROA ’09, ’14G



The West Bronx in New York City was a tough place for **Fabian Figueroa ’09, ’14G** to grow up. “It taught me how to have a thick skin, who to hang with and how to project a certain edge,” he said.

As a child, his mom was an important role model. “Even though she came to America as a 15-year-old immigrant who couldn’t speak English, she successfully raised me and my brother,” said Figueroa. “Mom believed in hard work and the importance of being responsible and self-sufficient.”

Coming to Husson was big change for Figueroa. “I had to adapt to a place that was very different from New York. Despite having diverse backgrounds, my classmates and I were all able to come together,” he said.

Figueroa credits two people at Husson with helping him “learn how to be a good man.” The first was basketball coach **Warren Caruso**. “He taught me important life lessons, like the importance of preparation, timeliness and leadership.” The second was **Dr. Lee Speronis.** “The real-world case studies and concepts he emphasized stuck with me. When I entered the business world, I thought, ‘Hey, I learned this in Lee Speronis’s class.’”

> “I want to make a positive impact on the next generation, the way my role models did for me.”

Today, Figueroa is an area manager II for Amazon Logistics and runs one of the company’s stations in New York City. His station delivers 40,000 to 50,000 packages a day to nearby Amazon customers. “During Amazon Prime Day and the holidays this number increases to 80,000 packages a day. It’s an aggressive, high-paced job that requires a lot of attention to logistics,” he said.

Figueroa is working on being a good role model to others, including his six-year-old daughter Natalia and his brother Chris Figueroa ’13. “I want to make a positive impact on the next generation, the way my role models did for me. The most important thing in my life right now is being a good dad.”

Legacy Student Working to Become Master Content Creator

VICTORIA GREEN ’21



When **Victoria Green ’21** decided to attend Husson and earn a Bachelor of Science in mass communications with a concentration in marketing, her parents **Arthur Green ’04, ’09G**, and **Amy Huff Green ’94, ’01G** knew she made a good choice. After all, her dad received his Husson undergraduate degree in criminal justice, and her mom earned her undergraduate degree from the University in business administration. Mom later earned an MBA. “My dad jokingly called me ‘Legacy,’” said Victoria.

After she completed her degree in 2021, Green got some social media marketing experience. “Over the summer, I completed an internship with The Social Olive and worked on projects like the TD Beach to Beacon 10K Race and Focus Maine,” she said.

In September, Green began working toward a master’s degree in digital media and communication from the University of Stirling in Scotland. “I anticipate graduating around Thanksgiving with a Master of Science in communications (MSc).”

She feels her Husson education prepared her well for graduate school. “Husson gave me real-world experiences in class. My certificates were also a big plus. Completing a bachelor’s degree with multiple certifications gave me an understanding of graphic design, photography and web media. This knowledge is making me more valuable to my grad school team members and more attractive to future employers.”

> “I’m not afraid to stick with an organization and work my way up.”

After graduation, Green plans to return to the U.S. and look for work at concert and event venues like the Cross Insurance Arena or TD Garden. “I’d also be happy to join a sports organization like the Portland Sea Dogs or the Maine Celtics.” After five or ten years, she sees herself taking on more responsibility. “I’m not afraid to stick with an organization and work my way up,” said Green.

“Communications is a great way to make a living,” she said. “The industry is constantly evolving and you’re always learning something new. Thanks to Husson, I’ll never have to worry about having a boring, cookie-cutter career.”



The Distinguished Business Speaker Series featured a live discussion with Tony Shurman, the president and CEO of Jasper Wyman & Son at Husson's Richard E. Dyke Center for Family Business. Wyman's has become the number one brand of frozen fruit in the United States.

Enriching Education through Community Connections

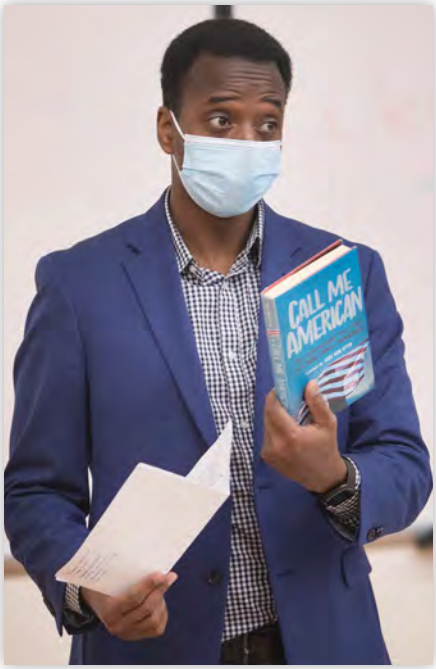
Guest speakers at Husson help to round out the experiential experience for students

Husson University is home away from home for students from all over the world.

Making them feel included while also celebrating their own culture is the goal of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee. "There were already wonderful events happening on campus, but often the efforts to coordinate them were happening in silos and participation was coming from segmented parts of the campus," says DEI Officer **Sarah Dyer**. "We are now purposely embedding it into all aspects of the school."

In February, the DEI Committee welcomed book author **Abdi Nor Iftin** as part of Black History Month. Iftin wrote the memoir, *Call Me American*. It details his journey from Somalia at the height of the country's civil war, finding refuge in Kenya and eventually making his way to Maine where he now resides in Yarmouth. Husson offered free copies of Iftin's book in advance of his speech on campus.

"My presentation at Husson University had two messages," says Iftin. "One was for the students and academic community to think about ways to include more black voices and focus on black excellence. The second was for the students specifically—to know the power of the narrative."



Yarmouth resident Abdi Nor Iftin spoke in Peabody Hall's Kominsky Auditorium about his experiences growing up in Somalia and moving to America as part of the University's annual Black History Month celebration.

"We believed that [Iftin] resettling in Maine allowed his story to feel more approachable and relatable for our students who may not be able to connect otherwise," says **Troy Morehouse**, associate dean of Student Life.

"I wanted the students to feel hopeful and motivated for the future," adds Iftin. "My own story could become their motivation to not give up despite their ongoing challenges."

In the spirit of perseverance, Husson celebrated Women's History Month with a screening of *Belly of the Beast*. The documentary spotlights the California prison system's history of sterilizing female inmates without their consent. After the film, attendees participated in a panel discussion with Husson Chief Nursing Administrator **Valerie Sauda** and **Christopher Grotton**, associate vice president of Safety and Security.

"I wanted to give a nursing lens to see how ethics are crucial in framing healthcare and nursing, regardless

of setting and regardless of patient population," explains Sauda. "I also felt a personal commitment to leaning into opening up conversations on campus as an ally for issues of diversity and inclusion, even if the conversation is challenging or rough.

During the panel discussion, attention was given to the role of law enforcement within the prison systems as well as healthcare offered to incarcerated people. Before coming to Husson, Grotton was a Maine State Police Major. He spent time in Augusta, pushing for social policy issues within the Maine Legislature.



In honor of Women's History Month, Husson University sponsored a panel discussion and a screening of the documentary, "Belly of the Beast." The film and panel discussion centered on the legal battle imprisoned women faced after illegal sterilization within the California Criminal Justice System.

"Part of a Husson education includes developing the skills to thoughtfully and critically question, evaluate and analyze an issue in order to create positive, impactful institutional change," says Grotton. "I think the audience was perhaps surprised at the degree of institutionalized misconduct and the challenges of raising the awareness necessary to create change."

"It made the topic of diversity, equity and inclusion real," adds Dyer. "Sometimes when DEI is talked about in abstract terms, it's hard to imagine what this might look like playing out in real life. This film offered an opportunity to understand what that looks like, in a supportive environment, where [participants] could ask questions of experts in their respective fields."

Other speakers helped enrich educational program content. Husson University's Distinguished Business Speaker Series launched in the fall, in conjunction with the opening of the new College of Business building. The largest business college in the state has hosted a variety of dynamic speakers since then, including U.S. Senator **Susan Collins '97H**; L.L. Bean CEO **Steve Smith**; **Tony Shurman**,



Prior to his Distinguished Business Speaker Series presentation, Northern Light Health's President and CEO Timothy J. Dentry met with a group of College of Business students. Participating in the discussion were (from left to right) Sanaya Jean Louis, Lauren Moffitt, Shawn Smith, Timothy J. Dentry, Michael Adams, Savianna Jean Louis, and Alexis Cunningham.

president and CEO of Jasper Wyman and Son, a frozen fruit processor; and **Bettina Doulton**, operator of Cellardoor Winery in Lincolnville.

"The speakers discuss their career trajectories — with a focus on points where they learned lessons or changed their original plans," explains College of Business Dean **Marie Hansen**. "They provide insight into their education pathway and how they apply their education to their current position."

The series takes place at the Richard Dyke Center for Family Business. Rather than a speaker standing at a podium, this series features an interview type setting, similar to the format used by "Inside the Actors Studio." Dean Hansen serves as moderator.

Additionally, students are selected to interact individually with the featured speakers. "During these smaller meetings, the speaker shares even more details about their experiences and asks students about their goals," says Hansen. "This offers students a chance to speak with a person who has achieved a leadership position they may aspire to in the future."

In March, Northern Light Health President, and CEO **Timothy Dentry** was the fourth featured speaker in the series. Dentry became the leader of 10 hospitals within the Northern Light Health System in April of 2020, at the height of the pandemic.

Dentry credits Husson graduates including nurses, pharmacists, and those in leadership positions with helping to fill critical roles in healthcare as COVID-19 spread across Maine. In addition, Husson University Pharmacy students assisted Northern Light Health during its mass COVID-19 vaccination clinic at the Cross Insurance Center in Bangor. "With their help, we were able to get more than 100,000 vaccines into arms at that clinic," says Dentry.

Achieving important business milestones was also important to Tony Shurman, the president and CEO of Jasper Wyman & Son. Founded in 1874, Wyman's is a Maine family business success story that's generations in the making. Since joining the organization in 2017, Shurman has focused on bringing a 21st century commitment to environmental stewardship, corporate social responsibility and innovation to this 148-year-old firm. As a result of his leadership, Wyman's has grown to become the No. 1 brand of frozen fruit in the USA.

"Wild blueberries grown here in Maine are one of nature's great gifts," said Shurman. "I spoke with students about the journey Wyman's is on, how we're building our business while seeking to enhance lives, and acting in a socially conscious way that introduces the world to blueberries—a remarkable fruit filled with both amazing flavor and an incredible spectrum of health benefits."

The College of Business plans to continue its Distinguished Business Speaker Series for the 2022-2023 school year.

COMMENCEMENT 2022



For the past two years,

Husson University's Commencement Ceremonies took place online and outdoors. These alternate venues helped protect attendees' health during the pandemic, while providing our graduates with the recognition they deserved for their academic achievements.

This year, Husson University's 123rd Annual Commencement Ceremony moved closer to what used to take place prior to the pandemic. Even though participants and attendees were asked to wear masks, the approximately 6,000–7,000 guests and participants were once again able to gather together at the Cross Insurance Center. Students and attendees were permitted to briefly remove their masks when they were being photographed.

The graduation ceremonies recognized individuals who completed their degrees from Husson University's College of Business, College of Health and Pharmacy, and College of Science and Humanities. Over 1,000 degrees and certificates were awarded to approximately 895 graduates at the 2022 Commencement exercises. This year's graduating class was the largest in Husson's history.


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Women's Health Pioneer Receives Honorary Degree

Husson alum and San Diego, California-area resident **Saundra Pelletier '89, '91** received an honorary Doctor of Business Administration degree from Husson at the University's 2022 Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, May 7 at the Cross Insurance Center in Bangor.

Pelletier graduated with an associate degree in broadcast communications (1989) from the New England School of Communications and a Bachelor of Science in business administration degree (1991) from the College of Business, and has since distinguished herself as a national leader in the field of women's health.

She is the chief executive officer, president, and executive director of Evofem Biosciences (Nasdaq: EVFM). Previously, Pelletier served as the vice president of pharmaceuticals at Women First Healthcare. Earlier in her career, she was the corporate vice president and global franchise leader for G.D. Searle.

"Saundra is a role model, who continues to exemplify Husson values in her successful career," said **Robert A. Clark**, PhD, CFA, president of Husson University. "Originally from Caribou, Maine, she's an outspoken champion for reliable and sustainable healthcare access for women and girls. Saundra has set a new standard for our graduates who can look to her as a source of successful inspiration. From her humble beginnings, Saundra continues to achieve success through hard work and persistence. Her record of developing and delivering innovative women's health products makes her accomplishments more than deserving of this honor."

She is also a published author, coveted keynote speaker and moderator at key healthcare and political conferences worldwide. She appeared at the Harvard School of Public Health, the Davos World Economic Forum and the Clinton Global Initiative, to name a few.

Designated a "New Champion for Reproductive Health" by the United Nations Foundation, Pelletier was also recognized by Athena San Diego with their "Pinnacle Award for Life Sciences" award, named 2019 "Business Woman of the Year" by the *San Diego Business Journal* and named to *Inc.* magazine's "2020 Female Founders 100 List."

"Husson provided the nurturing and safe environment that allowed me to test different ideas and thoughts," Pelletier said. "Husson faculty offered the right mixture of mind-expanding education and perspectives with the encouragement to use those learnings to better myself and topple the boundaries I've encountered since graduating. I was proud to return to my alma mater to meet the graduates and celebrate their achievements with them. Another class of Eagles is now on their way to bettering our world."

Ever resilient, Pelletier was diagnosed with late-stage breast cancer in July of 2018 and continued running Evofem while undergoing multiple surgeries and intensive chemotherapy. Today, this breast cancer survivor is enjoying life and taking on all of the challenges that come with running a groundbreaking pharmaceutical company.

Valedictorians and Salutatorians Recognized

Becoming a college valedictorian at Husson

University takes years of hard work. Reaching this lofty academic goal often requires individuals to fully immerse themselves in their studies. Since getting straight A's in every college course is so difficult, Husson devotes time at every Commencement to recognizing those who put in the time and effort to attain excellence.

"Our eight valedictorians and four salutatorians all made achieving academic distinction look easy," said Husson University President **Robert A. Clark**, PhD, CFA. "In reality, however, all of these students had to work incredibly hard to reach this goal. I extend my congratulations to all of these students as they embark on the next step in their professional journey."

The eight individuals recognized as valedictorians during Husson University's 123rd Annual Commencement Exercises on Saturday, May 7, 2022 at the Cross Insurance Center in Bangor, Maine all had perfect 4.0 grade point averages (GPAs). The four salutatorians had a grade point average of 3.992.



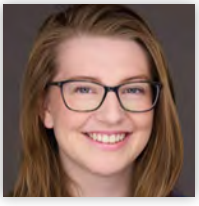
Class of 2022 Valedictorians and Salutatorians

VALEDICTORIANS:



KYLIE DONOVAN

- Bachelor of Science in psychology



RACHEL A. HELMKE

- Bachelor of Science in communications technology with a concentration in live sound technology
- Certificate in advanced post production



EMILY MICHAUD

- Bachelor of Science in business administration with a concentration in management



JACOB NEVELLS

- Bachelor of Science in secondary education with a concentration in English



JULIA O'LEARY

- Bachelor of Science in healthcare administration and public health



ALYSSA PATTERSON

- Bachelor of Science in hospitality and tourism management
- Master of Business Administration (MBA) with a concentration in hospitality and tourism management



ALYSSA PREST

- Bachelor of Science in healthcare administration and public health



ELENA SPERONIS

- Bachelor of Science in hospitality and tourism management

SALUTATORIANS:



GIUSEPPE GANGITANO

- Bachelor of Science in legal studies with a concentration in pre-law
- Paralegal certificate



MICAH HALLET

- Bachelor of Science in business administration



JORDAN TONER

- Bachelor of Science in business administration



MAXWELL WEBSTER

- Bachelor of Science in business administration with a concentration in marketing management



Pausing to Reflect

As the Class of ’22 prepares for professional life after graduation, they recall a college experiece that included a global health pandemic

When **Kim Flanagan ’22** was five years old she used to line up her two older brothers and sister and pretend she was their teacher. “They already knew more than me,” Flanagan recalls, laughing, “but I would still try my best to teach them things.”



Nearly 20 years later, she’s still passionate about teaching young people. Flanagan graduated this spring with a bachelor’s degree in elementary education from Husson University’s School of Education. “Every time I told people I wanted to be a teacher, I’d hear—‘Well you know, you’re not going to make any money,’” says Flanagan. “And somewhere along the way, I decided that doesn’t matter to me.”

She says attending college during a pandemic further strengthened her determination to help others learn. “Because I’ve been the teacher as well as the student, I can relate to those who got bored just watching videos during remote learning. It’s definitely made me a more effective and engaging teacher,” explained Flanagan.

Flanagan is originally from Rhode Island. While in high school, she received a postcard from Husson and immediately liked what she saw. “They were holding tours on campus so I went into my living room and told my dad—pack your stuff, we’re taking a road trip.”

She recalls the exact moment the choice to attend Husson was solidified. “I distinctly remember my tour guide, who was a student at the time,” says Flanagan. “She would pass by groups of people and say—‘Oh hey, see you later in class.’ It’s that community feeling that everyone attributes to Husson. It’s so cliche, but it’s true.”

Flanagan plans to be teaching in a classroom this fall. She credits her siblings for supporting her as a teacher-in-training for years. “I tell them—I know it was super irritating to have your little sister trying to teach you about the alphabet even though you already knew it. But look—it paid off.”



For **Dan Egan ’22** working as a nursing assistant during the pandemic “lit a fire under me” to go into the healthcare industry once he graduated in May. “I started working in the intensive care unit (ICU) in 2020,” he says. “Just seeing that side of how things work, I sort of fell in love with the work that critical care nurses do.”

Egan follows a family legacy of nurses that includes his mother, grandmother and an aunt. “I’m continuing the family business,” he jokes.

In addition to completing the rigorous program at Husson’s School of

Nursing, Egan spent all four years on the Husson men's swimming and diving team. He was named the captain of the team his senior year. "It was brutal," Egan admits when asked how he balanced the two. "I had a ton of clinical hours that I had to complete, classes, homework and of course going to practice and swim meets with my team. It was hard and I feel like I went a little crazy, but I did it."

He credits the personal connection he has with instructors at Husson for keeping him in his lane, especially in the early years. "My freshman and sophomore year at Husson, I was probably the laziest, most impulsive student ever," admits Egan."I would cause outbursts in class. I was really a problem."

But then Egan began working in the ICU at a hospital in Massachusetts, where he's from, and that experience changed everything. "I had so much respect for the critical care nurses that I worked with," he says. "They were constantly moving from task to task and nothing flustered them. It just made me fall in love with the nursing program at Husson."

Egan plans to work in a hospital after graduation. He also hopes to continue his swimming talents, but as a coach rather than competitor. "Coming into Husson, I chose the school because of its high pass rate for the nursing board exam," he says. "But while I was here, I developed a phenomenal rapport with my faculty. They know me by my first name and I respect every single one of them."



For **Isatu Barrie '22,** the journey to Husson was substantially longer. Originally from Sierra Leone, Barrie arrived in Maine in 2014, settling in Bangor.

Married with three young children, Barrie earned dual degrees in accounting and business administration, a perfect fit for her love of numbers.

"Growing up, I always liked figures. When it comes to calculating, dealing with cash and money, I love it. I just like counting money. Even if the cash isn't mine," laughed Barrie, who did an internship at the Bangor offices of accounting firm BerryDunn.

"I just like the fact that what I studied in school I can put it into practice. I've learned so much," she says of the synergy between Husson and her internship.

Barrie plans on returning to Sierra Leone for the summer, where she will study for her CPA exam. When she returns in the fall, she will stay in Maine, take the exam and become a professional accountant.

"I love Maine. I love how quiet it is. It's a great place to raise a family. I won't leave Maine, but I may move to someplace in the southern part of the state."

She says she will miss the camaraderie she found at Husson, where she enjoyed



the consistent support of professors and peers alike.

"The professors have been very helpful," she says. "It's been a great school. If you need to speak to someone, you can speak with them right away. I would recommend it anytime, to anyone."

Jessica Giffen '22 , who graduated in December, also found work in the healthcare field as an oncology nurse at The Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland. She credits Husson's unique partnership program with preparing her for the work, having spent a semester shadowing nurses at Eastern Maine Medical Center as part of her degree in nursing.

"What prepared me the most was my senior year. It tied everything together that I had learned up till then and applied it in practice," says Giffen, 22, who came from Massachusetts to attend Husson.



Photo by Alexa Thayer

Surviving Maine's brutal winters is a right of passage

for many Husson students. But for one graduating senior, they're actually a bit balmy. "Being from Sweden, we have Arctic winds so it's hard to understand when people talk about it being so cold here" says **Maja Elsa Höglund '22**, chuckling. "And the summers are really hot."

Höglund is one of nine international students who graduated from Husson University this spring. She's from the city of Uppsala, about an hour north of Stockholm. Höglund earned a Bachelor of Science in journalism from the New England School of Communications along with certificates in marketing communications, digital and web media and social media marketing. Additionally, she was the president of the school's branch of the Society of Professional Journalists.

Höglund spent her first year and sophomore year living on the Bangor campus, but returned to Sweden at the start of the pandemic, learning remotely for all of her junior year. She is glad she was able to return to the Bangor campus for her final year at Husson. "The facilities at NESCom and the television show 'NESCom Connection' are as close to the real deal as you can get," she says.

When the graduation caps were thrown into the air on May 7,

Husson students marked the end of one chapter in their lives and the beginning of their careers.

Among those is **Noah Caron '22**, who jokes that he "moved to the big city" for his Husson education from his hometown in Aroostook County. He now heads further south, where he'll put his dual degrees in physical therapy and business administration to good use at an orthopedic residency in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

"I loved my time at Husson," says Caron, 23. "Husson itself prepared me through a rigorous six-year program. The curriculum was heavily focused on orthopedics and really prepared me for this. And the connection I had with my professors, the advice they gave in terms of what I should look for and what I should avoid, as well as letters of recommendation, really helped me."





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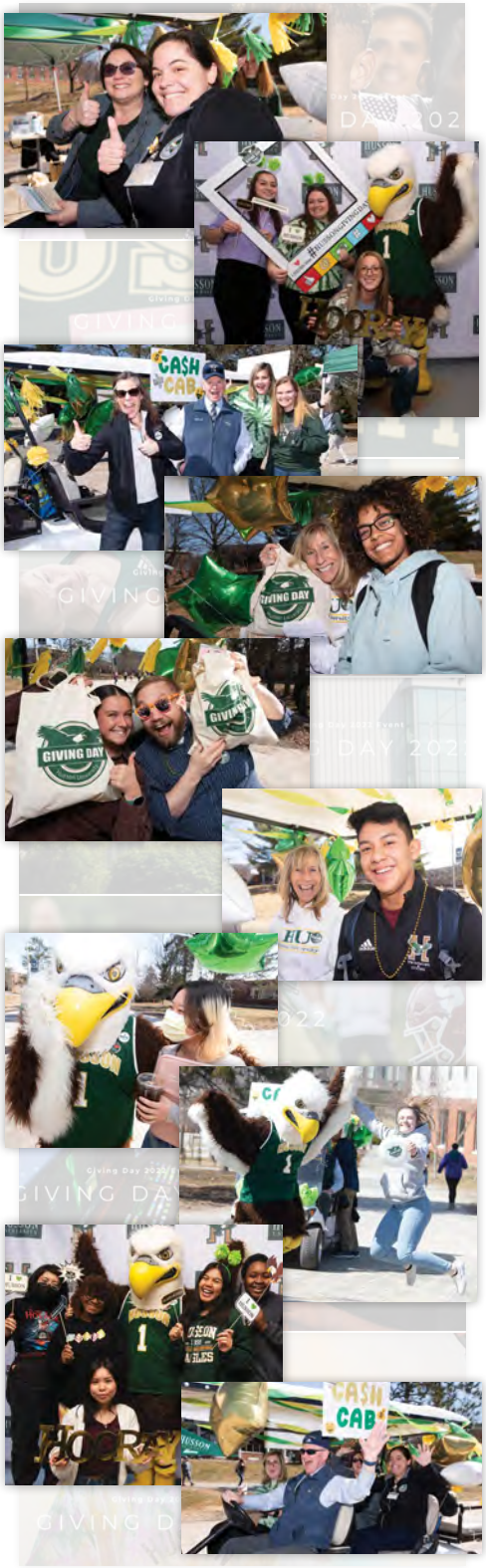
Each year, Giving Day provides the opportunity for the Husson community to support the area of the University that has been personally the most impactful.

This year, Giving Day, held on Wednesday, April 6, was the most successful to date. With a goal of 750 donors, the community came together and exceeded all goals! More than 1,200 donors, supported 85 areas of campus and received support totaling more than $177,000.

"Giving Day enables us to engage with and encourage our alumni, friends, parents, students and our employees to give back," said **Lisa Frazell**, executive director of development. "It's a tradition that has helped transform the University and educate our community on what giving back means and how we can do more together than any of us can do on our own."

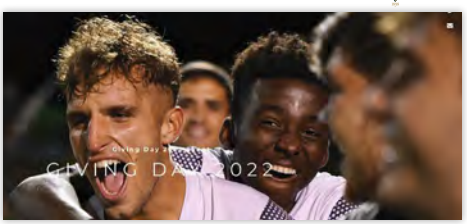
Giving Day 2022 was launched with the announcement of nearly $50,000 in matching funds from generous alumni donors. These matching funds allowed the University to leverage this support by encouraging additional donations and increasing giving. With a combination of matching challenges lasting the entire 24 hours, hourly challenges and surprise announcements, these matching funds help individual donations go further.

"We've been very happy to contribute to Husson's Giving Day over the past three years," says **Randy '87** and **Angela Wadleigh**. "Every year, we've given just a bit more because of the enthusiasm this event creates to help continually improve student lives and opportunities. It's quickly becoming an annual tradition because the smallest contribution can make a huge difference to the student experience."



To further the fun, Giving Day 2022 saw the return of the Cash Cab. Students helped decorate Safety and Security's stretch golf cart for the occasion. Featuring favorite faculty or staff trivia hosts, riders make a $5 minimum donation to the area of campus that means the most to them. Jumping on the Cash Cab, they are asked a series of Husson or pop culture trivia questions. With every question answered correctly, the rider either receives Husson Giving Day swag or, if lucky, earns additional dollars to their area of choice. If riders succeed in riding all the way around College Circle by answering every question correctly, they land an additional $25 match! Get three questions wrong while aboard the Cash Cab, and get kicked off regardless of where you are on the Circle. This new tradition provides additional excitement during the day while educating our campus community about the importance of philanthropy and encouraging support.

We are so grateful for all of the families, colleagues, students and friends who joined together to support Husson University students. Their efforts showcase the collective power of giving. Over the past four years, the Husson community has raised more than $450,000 from 1,900 donors. Giving to the area you care most about is encouraged year-round. If you missed out on the day, consider making your gift now by visiting **www.husson.edu/give**.



Husson Launches Alumni-Student Mentorship Program



Chris Stevenson, a 2012 MBA graduate from Husson, says he really could have used a mentor to help guide him on his path to becoming a financial advisor. "Future me would have loved having a mentor in the finance world," says Stevenson, who works in Massachusetts. "I learned after the fact that your network is your net worth."

Now Stevenson is one of a growing number of alumni who are rallying around a new mentorship program at Husson that aims to build a network of graduates who will help guide students as they embark on their careers. The newly minted program already has more than a dozen alumni signed up in just its first few weeks—and that's with minimal marketing so far. The goal is to build it to a powerful network of hundreds of alumni representing a myriad of fields.

> "This gives alumni a way to give back in a way that's not financial,"
> — Christine Mihan



"My whole goal is to make connections that last longer than just one meeting," says **James Westhoff**, Husson's director of Career Services. "The biggest mistake is to ask, 'Do you have any jobs available?' That's a yes or no answer and your conversation is over. You'll have a greater impact if you ask, 'What do you like about your career? How did you prepare for it?'"



Conor Sweeney, a 2014 graduate who now works for an electric vehicle infrastructure company in San Francisco, immediately signed up for the program because he is a fervent believer in the power of mentoring. "Mentorship is incredibly underrated and undersold," says Sweeney, who graduated with a degree in business administration with a concentration in marketing. "So much of my own progression is because I had some phenomenal coaching and mentoring. I feel like I owe it to give back. I want to be able to provide help to students to help them navigate from campus to corporate."



Christine Mihan, director of Alumni Relations at Husson, says that mentoring is a way to stay connected with campus and continue to support the university.

"This gives alumni a way to give back in a way that's not financial," Mihan says. "For a lot of our more recent alumni, they want to stay connected to Husson and this is a way they can do that. For students, it's one thing to hear about your profession in an academic setting. It's another thing to hear from people who have been in that program."

While the program is primarily aimed at connecting students with alumni, any graduate can tap into the network. That's because Husson's career services are free to all graduates for their entire lives.

Interested in giving students some career advice, helping them practice for interviews, or perhaps just proofreading their resumes? Contact the Career Services Office at careerservices@husson.edu or call **207.404.5618**.

HUSSON WOMEN TAKE HOME THE CROWNS

The pageant experience can provide a variety of benefits to participating competitors. Winners are given a platform to share their ideas and opinions with the public. In addition, they get the opportunity to earn scholarships, build their confidence and showcase their abilities. Three Husson women recently rose to the top of the pageant world by distinguishing themselves in prestigious competitions.



The first two women were participants in the Miss Maine USA competition. Sophomore **Elizabeth "Lizzie" Kervin '24** won the competition and is the new Miss Maine USA. Kervin will go on to represent Maine in the Miss USA competition later this year. If she wins that, she'll go on to compete for the coveted title of Miss Universe. Kervin is working toward a Bachelor of Science degree in biology with a concentration in biochemistry. A dean's list student, she plans to go to medical school and become a trauma surgeon.

Should she be unable to fulfill her duties as Miss Maine USA, Kervin be replaced by first runner-up **Lauren Headley '23**, a third-year Husson University student. Headley is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in health sciences.



Like Kervin and Headley, Husson alumna **Misty Coolidge '98**, ΚΛ, is no stranger to pageants. Competing since 2016, she has been crowned Mrs. Maine International (2018), International Ms. Northeast (2019), Mrs. Maine USA (2021), Mrs. USA United Service Ambassador (as first runner-up of all divisions) and Mrs. USA. In July 2022, she will compete for the coveted international title of Mrs. Worldwide.

Besides personifying Husson's values of character and humility, these three women have all set high goals and standards for themselves. We wish them well as they continue to make their dreams a reality!

Alumni Help Bring the Magic of the Harlem Globetrotters to Bangor

The world-famous Harlem Globetrotters have showcased their iconic talents in 124 countries and territories on six continents since their founding in 1926. In February 2022, these skilled athletes visited the Cross Insurance Center and worked with six Husson University students and alumni who are professionally connected to the venue.



Posing with the world famous Harlem Globetrotters are Husson University students and alumni (from left to right–front row left) Sam Spargo, Karagan McGlauflin, Abby Michaud, Jen Snow, (and left to right–far right) Chris McGrail, and Jesse Colford.

"It was such an honor to work with the Globetrotters," said **Jennifer Snow**, a 2016 graduate who earned a Master of Business Administration (MBA) with a concentration in hospitality management from the College of Business. Now the director of events at Cross Insurance Center, Snow said, "These incredible entertainers put all of their energy into every show and bring smiles to the world. In addition to being fun, meeting the team was an incredible opportunity to experience everything that goes into staging and managing a professional sporting event."

Jesse Colford '20, '21G an operations manager at Cross Insurance Center and an MBA graduate with a concentration in athletic administration also enjoyed the experience. "It's always thrilling when big name acts like the Globetrotters come to Bangor. Every detail of their exhibition game is meticulously attended to in order to ensure both the team and the audience have a great time."

"Husson School of Hospitality, Sport and Tourism management graduates can be found in entertainment venues all over the country," said College of Business Associate Professor **Lee Speronis**.

"Often working behind the scenes, these professionals leave our program and take on responsibilities associated with local, national and international sporting events. They are living proof of just how far a Husson education can take you."

In-Person Alumni and Friends events are back!



Husson Alumni and Friends in Florida



During the week of March 14, Husson's Advancement Team headed south to host a week of events for our alumni and friends in the Sunshine State.

From a sunset reception on the beach, to a tour of the JetBlue Park at Fenway South (we got to touch the Green Monster), we were all so happy to gather again!

The week kicked off with a reception at the Glen Eagle Golf and Country Club in Naples, hosted by beloved former basketball and golf coach, **Bruce MacGregor**. "Chris and I were thrilled to be able to host another gathering at Glen Eagle," commented MacGregor. "Having been a part of the Husson community for over 50 years, it was so nice to be able to gather in person again."

With Major League Baseball still in a lockout, Husson Alumni and Friends were treated to a tour of the Red Sox Spring Training Facility in Fort Myers. Did you know that the Green Monster is still keeping score using analog technology?

A sunset reception in Clearwater provided **Carrie D'Aiuto '15**, PharmD, with her first opportunity to meet the Husson community since she graduated. "Overseeing medication safety for eight hospitals in the Tampa region and having three boys at home, I don't have the opportunity to get back up to campus, so I'm so glad campus came down to me!" she exclaimed.

Our week of events concluded with the resumption of our annual luncheon at the Waterfront Inn in the Villages. **Craig Parsons '70** was happy to attend once again this year. "I cannot wait to have even more Husson Alumni join us next year," he shared. "I look forward to reaching out to my friends and classmates here in Florida to encourage them to attend an alumni event in 2023."

If you spend time in Florida during the month of March, let us know! Email alumni@husson.edu so we can be sure to invite you next year. And, if you have a suggestion of where we should host an event near you, send us an email as well.



HUSSON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WELCOMES THE CLASS OF 2022

On Tuesday, April 26, members of the Husson Alumni Association officially welcomed the Class of 2022 to the alumni network. "After spending just a few years taking classes at Husson, this is only the beginning of their relationship with the institution," remarked Bangor Alumni Board President, **Patrick Longstaff '13, '15G**. "Students now have a lifetime ahead of them to take advantage of the alumni network, connections and resources available to them. We are so happy to have them be a part of it now."

Student's Magazine Showcases Behind-the-Scenes Stories of Husson

While many students were enjoying a break from their studies over the winter holidays, Husson junior **Drew Hallett** sat down at his computer and designed an entire magazine about the University.



"This project was just supposed to be for my Instagram account," says Hallett, 21. "When I got two weeks into the project, I realized it could be much more, so I decided to make a magazine."

The result was *University Faces*, a one-off, 16-page homage to some of the people at Husson who Hallett admires, including a custodial services worker, a dining services chef, the university chaplain, and a pharmaceutical professor from China, among others. His cover story featured the head of campus security, Christopher Grotton, a former state police officer. Hallett took all of the feature photos to accompany his write-ups on each of his subjects.

Hallett earned his first job in media at 15, shooting photos for a newspaper in his home state of New Hampshire. Reporters gave him rides to his stories because he was too young to drive. Since then, he has been published more than 100 times, and has shot video for NESN, ESPN and CBS Sports.

"I have such a high passion for what I do. And there are a lot of people who have helped me at Husson," says Hallett, who calls his instructors "absolutely amazing."



This summer, Hallett heads to Las Vegas where he will intern at a high-end event production company. His ultimate is goal is to be a director in sports broadcasting. With the technological tools he has gained at Husson, coupled with his passion for the visual arts, Drew Hallett is surely a name to watch in the field of media.

My Story—A Legacy Gift to Husson University

You may know me as **Sarah Cary Robinson**, Vice President for Advancement at Husson, but I am also a donor. I believe that Husson changes lives through education. It impacts not just our students but, through them, the communities our graduates call home. I love how Husson offers degrees in professional fields while also requiring general education courses that broaden our students' knowledge base and sharpens their critical thinking and communication skills.

Every year, I make an unrestricted annual gift to Husson. I have seen how gifts like this help the University provide an amazing faculty and staff, facility improvements and the programs that our students need to learn. It's not obviously impressive, like giving to a building campaign. It's also not long-term, like an endowed scholarship that will last as long as Husson exists. Instead, it is critical support of the day-to-day operations that are the heart and soul of the University.

When we were raising funds to build Harold Alfond Hall, I also made a larger, multi-year commitment. I can't make this level of gift every year, but I stretched and made my largest outright gift ever. I've been surprised at the level of satisfaction I have felt by making this gift as I watch the collaborations, engagements and learning opportunities that this wonderful new building encourages.

I think my most important gift to Husson, however, will be my legacy gift. I have chosen Husson to receive a percentage of my retirement account. Yes, I have kids and most of my estate will go to them, but I want to make sure that my annual giving to Husson continues even after I am gone. I plan to endow my annual gift. Husson will receive a bequest that equals at least 25 times my annual gift to add to their endowment. Assuming a 4% annual draw from the endowment, my legacy gift will provide Husson with the same level of support as my annual gift does now. My endowment gift may be relatively modest, but imagine the power of hundreds of similar gifts from other Husson donors. If you are interested in making a similar legacy commitment to assist generations of future students, let's talk.

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$ 50	$ 1,250
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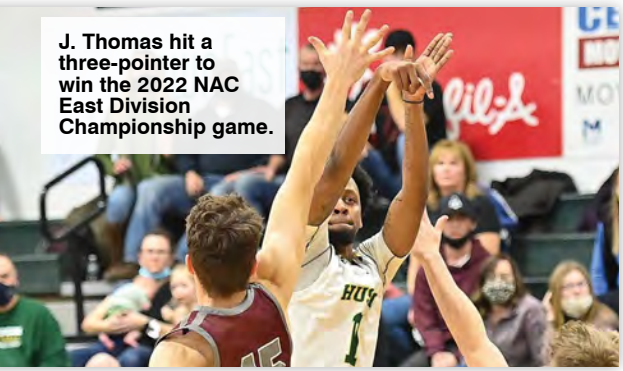


The Husson University men's basketball team were named the 2022 North Atlantic Conference (NAC) champions.

Husson Wins on the Hardwood, on the Trail, on the Diamond and in the Water

NHL Hall of Famer Wayne Gretzky once said "You miss 100% of the shots you don't take."

Trailing by two points with only four seconds remaining in its North Atlantic Conference East Division Championship against the University of Maine at Farmington, Husson University head men's basketball coach **Warren Caruso** called timeout.



J. Thomas hit a three-pointer to win the 2022 NAC East Division Championship game.

His team needed a basket to tie the game and force overtime or hit a 3-point shot and advance to the championship round the following weekend.

With the ball under the basket and not a lot of time to spare, Caruso drafted up an inbound play that the team had spent parts of the week practicing.

Little did fans know that senior **J. Thomas** had asked for the ball in the huddle, looking to end the game.

Senior **Justice Kendall** inbounded the ball for the Eagles, finding senior **Justin Thompson** on the low block before getting the ball back from Thompson, dribbling up the sideline and finding Thomas with 1.2 seconds remaining.

The rest is history, Thomas hit one of the most clutch shots of his collegiate career from six feet behind the 3-point arc, with two charging Farmington defenders to contend with, to give Husson a 64–63 victory as Newman Gymnasium erupted with excitement.

A week later on the same court in front of over 1,300 spectators, the Eagles knocked off SUNY Poly 57–53 to capture the NAC championship and advance to the NCAA tournament.

Although Thomas may have hit the biggest shot of the year, his second of fame was just one of many crowning moments in Husson's incredible winter.

Two weeks prior to men's basketball's NAC championship, women's swimming & diving sophomore **Kayla Payson** made NAC history. Winning seven of a possible seven championship medals for the second-straight season.

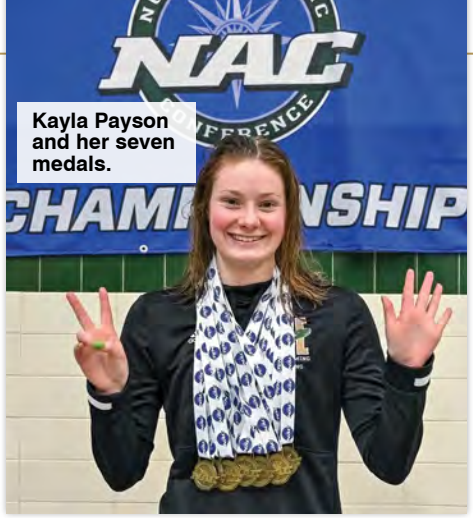
For Payson, this season's conference meet was different. Prior to the meet, Payson's grandmother had been diagnosed with terminal cancer. It would be one of the last times her grandmother would get to see Payson swim in person.

With her grandmother in attendance, Payson swam with an extra edge to her every stroke. She began by helping her team win the 200-yard medley relay by swimming the third leg of the event. Later that afternoon, she won the 500-yard freestyle, the first of her three events.

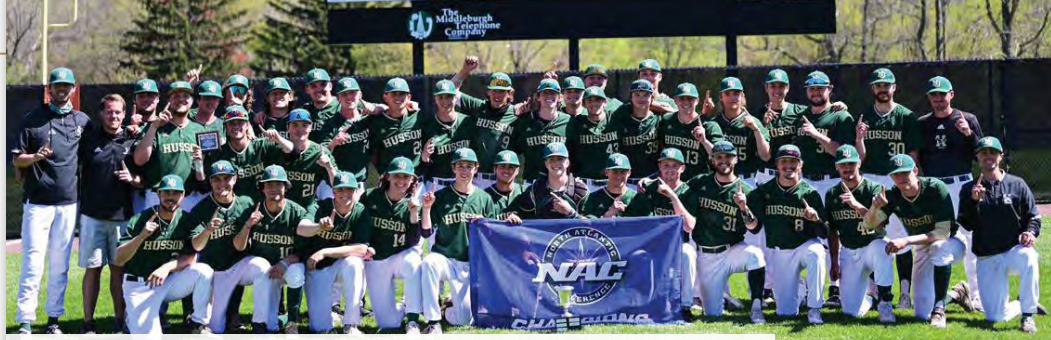
Despite the 500-yard free not typically being an event that Payson swims, she

Husson women's outdoor track & field team were named the 2022 NAC champions.





Kayla Payson and her seven medals.



The Husson Eagles won the NAC men's baseball championship this year.

knew her team needed the points and she didn't disappoint, winning the event by nearly an entire pool length to give her two medals on that weekend.

Next up for Payson was the 200-yard butterfly, one of her best events and an event where she dominated her competition. She won by nearly 20 seconds.

Payson would go on to win her fourth medal of the opening day on limited rest. She helped the Eagles win the 200-yard freestyle relay by swimming the first leg and giving her team an early advantage.



Husson women dominate the softball diamond and take home the 2022 NAC championship.

The following morning, Payson won her fifth medal in the 400-yard medley relay and closed out the morning with an amazing victory in the 1,000-yard freestyle. She won by over 30 seconds.

With the stage set in the final event of the NAC Championships, the 400-yard freestyle relay would be all that stood in front of Payson and history. Swimming the opening leg, Payson dove into the water and swam the fastest split of the entire race in her opening 50-yards before hitting and turning over the second leg to freshman **Erin Madden**. Following Madden, seniors **Erin Aucoin** and **Maddie Wing** brought home the victory for the Eagles beating Maine Maritime Academy by eight seconds. This capped off Husson's NAC women's swimming and diving championship, with Payson being named NAC Swimmer of the Year.

This sweet moment for the sophomore and her entire team got better when head swimming and diving coach **Butch Babin** dove into the Webber Pool with his team for a championship photo.

Another team that brought home a NAC championship recently was Husson men's baseball. In the championship game against the Terriers of Thomas College, the NAC tournament's most valuable player (MVP) Austin Snow of Husson University, doubled in the seventh inning. After Joshua Scott walked, Jackson Curtis would clear the bases and bring home both Snow and Curtis. By the end of the ninth inning the Husson Eagles had won the game 11–7. Senior Cam Graham as well as Curtis and Tyler Parke were selected to the NAC All-Tournament Team.

The Husson women's softball team were also named NAC champions. This was the fourth consecutive season and the 11th overall where women's softball won the NAC Conference Championship. Four runs was all the Husson Eagles needed since NAC softball tournament MVP, McKenna Smith, struck out 13 batters and allowed only three hits. For their efforts, Kenzie Dore, Teagan Blackie, McKenna Smith and senior Meagan Gosselin, earned spots on the NAC All-Tournament Team.

Finally, the Husson women's outdoor track and field team claimed the 2022 North Atlantic Conference Outdoor Track & Field Championship. The Eagles took home the top spot with 274 total points, beating host SUNY Delhi who finished with 190 points and Thomas College who tallied 130 points.

In an ever-changing environment altered by the Covid-19 pandemic, it was incredible to see some semblance of "normal" brought back to the collegiate athletics world.



Bailey Donovan was named Husson University's first women's basketball All-American

Husson finished winter and spring 2022 with five NAC championships and its first women's basketball All-American in **Bailey Donovan** since the 2001 season.

Though these trophies may age, the memories that they brought will last a lifetime for these student athletes.

Butch Babbin (center) and the 2022 NAC championship-winning Husson women's swimming & diving team.



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**

1970s

Maine artist, **Joël LeVasseur '76**, had an exhibition of his work on display at the University of New England's Biddeford Campus Center earlier this year. Entitled "Paradox of Landscape: River of Life, River of Death," this exhibit focused on obstructions in the rural landscape and the loss of natural environments. LeVassuer is a multidisciplinary environmental artist who has had exhibits displayed in New York City, Houston, San Diego and Maine; specifically at the Center for Maine Contemporary Art Biennial, the University of Maine at Farmington, and was an artist-in-residence at Husson University in 2018.

1980s

Elizabeth Russell '82, '91G has been appointed president of Eastern Maine Community College in Bangor. Russell was previously EMCC's vice president of academic affairs. She's held multiple roles at the school as well, including dean of student affairs, dean of student success, associate dean of enrollment management and director of admissions.

Husson alumni, **Steve Levasseur '84** and **Sharon Siebert '91, '92** are inductees of the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame's Class of 2022. While coaching at Schenck High School, Steve led the girls' teams to three Class C state titles and the boys' teams to two state championships. At Husson, Levasseur scored 1,000 points and was an All-State player at Schenck. Seibert scored 1,000 points and 1,000 rebounds while playing at Husson and was a four-time all-conference player, three-time All-American Honorable Mention, a conference rookie of the year and an NAIA All-District selection. She was inducted into the Husson Sports Hall of Fame in 2001 and led the Deer Isle-Stonington Mariners to the 1987 state title.

1990s

Bruce A. Grainger '90, has been promoted to managing operating partner at Francisco Partners, a leading global Private Equity firm with $45 billion of assets under management. Bruce joined Francisco Partners in 2015 as an operating advisor, and was promoted to senior operating advisor in 2017 and then to operating partner for the Sales and Marketing practice across the firm's entire portfolio. He has previously held senior executive positions with Oracle Corporation, American Management Systems, and EDS. He also serves on the Board of Directors of a number of technology based companies. Bruce lives in Charlotte, North Carolina with his wife **Cynthia (Clavette) '90**, and has a son Christopher in the banking industry, a daughter Madison in public relations, and a son Samuel, a junior at Virginia Tech.

Lannie Moffatt '93 has been promoted to chief operating officer at Bangor Savings Bank. She has been with the bank for more than 15 years, serving most recently as chief experience officer, executive vice president.

Misty Coolidge '95, '96 was crowned Mrs. USA 2021. As Mrs. USA, she will visit food banks across the country through the national Feeding American organization to share her story and help feed the hungry. Misty will compete for the title of Mrs. Worldwide 2022 in Nebraska in July 2022.

Christopher Paradis '97G has joined Eastern Maine Development Corporation as a procurement counselor in the Procurement Technical Assistance Center. Using his over 25 years of marketing and sales experience, coupled with his over 10 years of workforce development experience in Maine, Paradis will work with businesses across Androscoggin, Franklin, and Oxford counties to promote and sell their goods and services to local, state, and federal governments.

Christopher Funk '99 was inducted into Caribou High School's Athletic Hall of Fame in June as part of the Viking's inaugural class. Chris was a State of Maine Mr. Basketball finalist with a compilation of almost 1500 points and over 700 rebounds during his high school career, a collegiate All-American during his time at Husson, and played professionally in Germany.



Calling all Kappas!

Kappa Delta Phi and Kappa Lambda are going to throw an epic reunion party on Saturday, November 12, 2022! If you need details, email Christopher.Stevenson@edwardjones.com.

2000s

David Utterback '03, '05G was honored in April with the Robert Lahey Athletic Administrator of the Year Award by the Maine Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association. David has been Brewer High School's athletic director since 2012 and implemented a student-athlete advisory council.

Jane Stack '06G has been named chief financial officer for Gorham Savings Bank. She has been with the bank for over 25 years, first serving as a teller and working her way up to her most recent role as senior vice president, controller.

Hiroki Ueda '07 is an independent financial advisor with Fan Company Ltd. of Toyama City. He is in the new office established in Hamamatsu. Ueda is working with small business owners and wealthy individuals in Aichi and Shizuoka Prefectures. His company manages 13,000 customers and assets in excess of 70 billion yen.

Deputy Chief **John O'Malley '08, '12G** has retired after 30 years with the Scarborough Police Department. He first joined the department in 1992 as a reserve officer and rose through the ranks until he was promoted to deputy chief in 2019. Over the

course of his career he attended the FBI National Academy, served as a cadre at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy and was the first municipal officer to serve as an instructor for the Maine State Police Emergency Vehicle Operation Course.

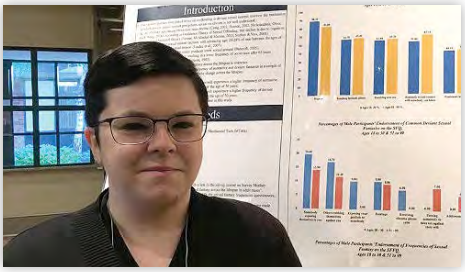


Oscar Ody '08 and his fiancé, Mae, were married on February 14 in a yogic marriage ceremony in the Vellingri Mountains of Southern India. This is a special place for the couple.

2010s

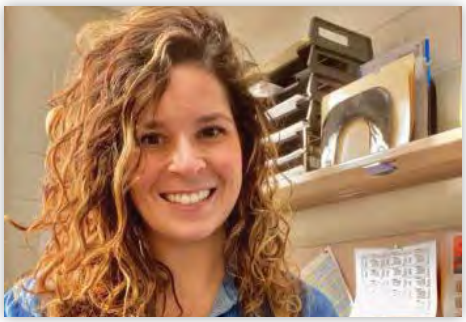
Craig Pendleton '10 was appointed director of transportation at Biddeford Saco Old Orchard Beach Transit. This new role oversees the delivery of service by front-line staff and monitors the customer experience.

Stephanie Vigue '10, '12 was appointed as director of finance for Sesen Bio, a late-stage clinical company developing fusion protein therapy for cancer patients. In this role, she will utilize her decade-long corporate accounting experience to lead the company's financial planning and analysis functions.



Tiffany Harvey, MA, '11 has been admitted to the clinical psychology doctoral program at the Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP). She will begin their doctoral program in the fall of 2022. Previously, she obtained a master's degree in forensic psychology from John Jay College of Criminal Justice at The City University of New York, where her research interest was in sexual offending. She will be continuing her area of focus in forensic psychology at IUP. Her research will focus on sexually violent predator civil commitments and forensic decision-making.

Amanda Cummings '12, '16G was promoted to supervisor, safety and compliance at Versant Power. She first joined the company in 2018 as a corporate communications specialist.



Amanda Grenier '12 has joined the Lewiston Fire Department as a fire prevention clerk. She is a Lewiston native and most recently served in the Oxford County Probate Court in South Paris.

Patrick Longstaff '13, '15G has joined Versant Power as a distributed generation program supervisor.

Chase Guerrette '14 has joined Thompson Financial Group as the firm's newest financial advisor. He comes to Thompson Financial with six years of experience at Bangor Savings Bank.

Cathleen M. Lutz, PhD, MBA '15G was named vice president of the Rare Disease Translational Center at The Jackson Laboratory. The newly expanded Center will focus on genetic engineering, phenotyping, and in vivo pharmacology to research rare diseases.

Caleb King '15, '17G has joined Greely High School as the head football coach. Although he will be coaching for the first time, he played football at Greely and at Husson. In addition to his new coaching responsibilities, Caleb is also the general manager of MJ Storey, a landscape construction firm.

Taylor Pond '15 has joined the Council for International Educational Exchange (CIEE) as their registration coordinator. She previously worked in Seoul, South Korea teaching English to elementary school students.

Seth Reed '16 was unanimously approved by the Regional School Unit 24's Board of Directors to be the new assistant principal for Sumner Middle School. He most recently served as an eighth-grade science and history teacher at Bucksport Middle School where he was part of the leadership team and chair of the science department.

Hailey Smith, MSOT '17G has joined Eastside Center for Health & Rehabilitation as the director of rehabilitation.

Sam Brown '19 was recently appointed as the Penquis Valley High School's boys varsity basketball coach. He currently works as a science teacher at Penquis Valley Middle School and was most recently the school's boys junior varsity basketball coach.

Brendan McGowan '19 was promoted to operations manager at Realplay, Inc. In this role, he will travel the country filming amateur athletics to assist them in the recruitment process.

2020s

Ryan Weston '21G started at Division I Grambling State University as their football coach for tight ends this January. He most recently served as the football teams' offensive coordinator at Denison University in Ohio and was previously an assistant football coach for Husson University.

Kayla Brooks '21 was recognized earlier this year with a lifesaving award from the Town of Bucksport for helping to prevent a suicide on June 25, 2021. Kayla was sworn in as Bucksport Police Department's first full-time female officer on June 10, 2021.

Katherine Higgins '21, '21G has joined Golden Pond Wealth Management as a client service associate.

Madison Hodgdon '21 has joined Penobscot Community Health Care as a pediatrics social work care manager.

Kellie Bonito '22 has joined the law firm of Bendett & McHugh as a legal administrative assistant.

Maya Odlin '22 joined Legacy Properties Sotheby's International Realty as a real estate agent earlier this year. Her passion for real estate started with vacation rentals through Facebook and AirBnB, while also helping with her family's property management company. She hopes to create a positive and memorable process for customers.

John Rohman Receives Chesley H. Husson, Sr. Award

Rohman recognized for his many contributions to the success of WBRC, Husson University, the Greater Bangor community and our state.



Every year, Husson University recognizes outstanding individuals, who made an effort to improve both the University and the greater community, by presenting them with the Chesley H. Husson, Sr. Award. This year the University presented the award to John Rohman, the former chief executive officer of WBRC, mayor of Bangor and current chair of the University's Board of Trustees.

"John epitomizes our core values of character and humility," said **Dr. Robert A. Clark**, president of Husson University. "He has been instrumental in making a difference at Husson. With a passion for the arts and strong business acumen, John has consistently contributed to the success of WBRC, our University, the local community and our state."

The presentation of this award was part of Husson University's annual hooding ceremony. The ceremony recognized scholars and professionals who earned their master's and doctoral degrees from Husson in 2022.

MORE ABOUT JOHN ROHMAN

Graduating from the University of Maine with an engineering degree in 1968, Rohman was later drafted into the U.S. Army and served with distinction in Vietnam. Returning to Maine, he worked first for Eaton Tarbell, a well-known architect, before joining the company that is now known as WBRC in 1973.

He enrolled at Husson in 1977 and received a bachelor's degree in business management. His career at WBRC spanned more than 38 years. For 20 of those years, Rohman was CEO of the firm. He became the company's major shareholder in the early '90s and restructured WBRC's ownership by giving some of his own shares to junior partners in order to make sure everyone had ownership.

Rohman served on the Board of the Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce in the mid-1990s and went on to serve on the Bangor City Council, including a one-year term as mayor. His efforts led to him being appointed to the Maine Arts Commission by then-governor Angus King. He served this commission for many years, including nine as chair.

IN MEMORIAM

1940s: Barbara ALLEN Harris '43 | Sylvia SODERGREN Carr '44 EMGH | Celia BONVILLE, RN '45 EMGH | Evelyn KIMBALL Nadeau '46, '95 | Roberta JONES Picard '46 | Mary LEALI Blackmore '47 | Anne PETTENGILL Flanagan '47 | Virginia BRADSTREET Hutchins '48 EMGH **1950s:** Jeannette WILLEY Seeley '51 | Janet BRADBURY LeVasseur, RN '52 EMGH | Glenace ROBERTS Underhill '52 | Gwendolyn CONDON Thompson '53 | Lurleen TIBBETTS Ryan '53 | Audrey DUFF Anderson '54 EMGH | Shirley MYERS Davis '54 | Patricia ROBBINS True '54 | Harold GEROW '55 | Donalene BICKFORD Blackie '56 EMGH | Kenneth LEEMAN '56 | Emily RANDLETT Farmer '56 | Mary Lou BLAISDELL Hassan '57 | Roger B. DAIGLE '57 | Marion MONAHAN Russell '59 EMGH **1960s:** John DILL '61 | Jacquelyn ARTUS Smith '61 | James DOUGHTY '61 | Julian WHITE '62 | Conrad WIGHT '62 | Verne FLOOD '63 | Benjamin WELCH, Jr. '63 | Donna WENTWORTH Olesky '64 | Pamela CARLISLE Kitchen '65 | Amelia DAVIS Shew '66 **1970s:** Linda WOOD Kelleher '70 | Martha DYER Winzler '72 | Thomas SHOREY '72 | Michael SCANLON '73 | Dana WILLIAMS '73 | Alan WOOD '74 | Kathryn SHEEHAN Eadie '76 EMMC | Lynette DICKEY O'Hara '77 | Jerry COLE '78 **1980s:** Roger A. JORDAN, Jr. '80 | John F. MACKAY '82 | Judith ADLEY Collette '84 | Michael BROOKER '86, '86G | Tammy LEVASSEUR Dow '86 | Brenda BOONE '88 | Betty SMITH Gray '88 **1990s:** Judith JORDAN '90 | Carolyn ROCKWELL Smith '91 | Evelyn BERRY Dempsey '95 **2000s:** Jeffrey MURDY '01G | Maurice KIDD, II '02 | Troy VARNUM '02 | Paul E. HUSSON '09H **2010s:** Matthew PELLETIER '12 | Patrick Danforth '13 | Brett HAYWARD '18 | Lara SARETT '19 **ATTENDED:** Joseph FARMER 1955 | Joyce HAMILTON Kennedy 1962 | Gerald SWETT 1962–1964 | Helen KNOWLES Placella 1964–1965 | Rebecca LEIGHTON Robey 1965–1966 | Phyllis DONHAM Jenkins 1945–1946 | Cheryl JOY Hurley 1976–1977 | Paul ACERNO 2000–2005 **FORMER EMPLOYEES:** Par KETTIS | John T. SENTER, Jr. **FRIENDS OF HUSSON:** Leonard MINSKY



PAUL E. HUSSON ’09H

The Man Who Brought the World to Our Campus

1940–2022

Husson University’s founder Chesley H. Husson Sr. looms large in our educational institution’s history. It was his vision that led to the creation of our campus on Park Street in Bangor and the current campus at One College Circle. Chesley was the man who gave up his ownership of a proprietary educational business to create a non-profit college. He lived long enough to see the One College Circle campus become a reality and begin operations in 1968. Two years later, however, he passed away.

Making Chesley’s vision a reality after his passing fell to those who would follow in his footsteps. Building on the foundation Chesley created, they were able to sustain and grow the University that today bears his name.

One of the key individuals who made that happen was Chesley’s son Paul. Since the day he was born in 1940, Paul’s life was connected to Husson University. That was the same year his father, Chesley Husson, Sr., completed construction of a new building on Park Street in Bangor for the Maine School of Commerce, one of Husson University’s predecessor institutions. Paul was the last of Chesley H. Husson, Sr.’s three children. His earliest memories were of playing games in the hallways of the Park Street building.

Steve Flanagan '67
Judy and I were saddened by the news of Paul's passing—he was one of the good guys and will be sorely missed by all of us who knew him.

Thomas Mooney '00
Paul always had a friendly, slightly mischievous smile! Ever since I first met him as a John Bapst High School senior, back in 1981–1982, he always made me feel welcome, important and valued. He appreciated people, no matter who they were. He saw the goodness in them, and cultivated long-lasting relationships—through his warmth, charm and grace.

Earl Goodyear '69, '92H
For the Husson alumni from my generation, Paul will be remembered as the Chief's son; a good friend to Maine, out-of-state and international students; and as an example of why Husson College was nicknamed "the friendly school on the hill." He will be remembered and missed.

Lara Husson Pardy
I will never forget the most valuable thing Papa ever told me, "No one can ever take your education from you." I will honor him forever by continuing to learn everything I can.[1]

In 1948, when Paul was just eight years old, the Maine School of Commerce became Husson College. As a high school student, he earned spending money by painting the walls and sweeping floors at the "school on the hill" on Park Street, along with the custodial crew.

As part of a family with a strong dedication to public service, it surprised no one when Paul voluntarily enlisted in the U.S. Army after high school. Getting stationed in Korea and the Philippines, as part of the Army, gave Paul new insights into life in other countries. After his military service was completed, Paul returned home and enrolled at the University of Maine. While he was there, he met **Judy**—the woman who would become his wife. She was an English and anthropology major from Lincoln, Maine. The two married and became devoted parents to **Lisa**, **Kelley**, and **Peter**.

Little did Paul know, he would soon be inexorably entwined with the University that bore his family's name for the rest of his life.

When Husson College made the decision to leave the Park Street facility and create a new campus at One College Circle, Paul Husson was there. He was part of the construction crew who helped build the Dickerman Dining Center and Bell Hall.



Paul later joined the college and served in a variety of roles that helped the University grow and prosper.

One of the ways he did that was through a concerted international outreach effort. As the director of admissions during the late '70s, an assistant to the president, and a foreign student advisor, Paul Husson traveled to Korea, Japan, China, Thailand and other countries. His curiosity about foreign cultures allowed him to build international connections that strengthened Husson enrollments.



As a result of his efforts, the 1980s saw a strong international presence on Husson University's campus.



"At one point, more than 13 percent of our students came from abroad," said Husson University **President Robert Clark.** "This strong international presence was largely due to the tireless recruiting efforts of Paul Husson, who spent much of his time traveling in Asia during that period."

Paul's efforts didn't stop with getting students to Husson University, he also worked tirelessly to ensure their success once they arrived on campus.



"He took a great interest in helping new international students get integrated into the Husson community. In essence, Paul became a surrogate father to them," said **Thomas Martz**, retired vice president of advancement at Husson University. "Paul Husson was the champion of international students on our campus."



These students appreciated how Paul was always in their corner. Husson alum **Motohiko Kimura '94, '95** from Japan said "Paul Husson was my special friend, a big brother, my father figure in America, as well as my mentor

[1] *Bangor Daily News*, "Obituary – Paul E. Husson," https://obituaries.bangordailynews.com/obituary/paul-husson-1085147186, Accessed May, 17, 2022

while I was in college and the years that followed. He helped make my college experience easier. As a result, I was able to enjoy more success at Husson and subsequently in the real world. I'm grateful for how he was always there for me. Paul always embraced Husson's international students with open arms."





This commitment to international students was something Paul maintained in his many roles at Husson University, including a stint as one of the founding directors for the International Center for Language Studies, the director of alumni and international affairs and a senior development officer. In this development role, he was responsible for alumni affairs, publications, history and archives.



International recruitment was by no means his only accomplishment in these positions. As the director of admissions, he successfully led the University's initial recruitment efforts when the nursing and graduate degree programs were launched. Over time these programs have grown and prospered. In 2022, 82 Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN), one Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN-to-BSN), and nine Post-Master's Certificates in Nursing graduates participated in Husson University's nursing pinning ceremony. In addition, students earned 65 doctoral degrees, 264 master's degrees (including 42 Master of Science in Nursing degrees) and nine post-master's degree certificates. The current growth and success of these programs can all trace their roots back to the initial recruitment efforts overseen by Paul Husson.

His wife Judy was Paul's supportive partner in everything he did. She and Paul hosted countless international students in their home. They also entertained and worked with visitors from international colleges and universities. In an effort to support Paul and the University while Paul was away making numerous international trips to recruit students, Judy took on all of the couple's household management responsibilities, including raising their three children.

Judy's participation in the University's international recruitment efforts by opening her home to international students and partners allowed her to develop invaluable expertise that aided Husson's recruitment efforts. At one point, she was asked to lead alumni trips to Aruba, Spain and the Canary Islands. She also accompanied Paul on some of his recruiting trips. The two of them were a successful team at both the University and at home.



Dr. Laurie Mouradian
He was such a gracious and lovely man. I always enjoyed speaking with him. He always had a smile and an upbeat outlook....I am sure he has made a difference for thousands of students over his lifetime. I was so very sad to hear of his passing. My condolences to his family. May memories of Paul bring his loved one's comfort during this time.

L. Ann Deabay '87
He was an amazing man who never forgot a name or face. When I saw him at a homecoming football game 30 years after I graduated, he remembered me like I was an active student. Prayers to his family and the Husson community. He will be missed.

Allison Jack '85
He was so good to me! Thank you Paul for giving me a good start at Husson.

Janice Deabay Clark
So sorry to hear that Paul passed away. He was one of a kind. Such great stories and insight. I really enjoyed working with him at Husson. His dedication to education was inspirational. Thoughts and prayers to the Husson family.



Christa Constant
Papa… I have learned so much from you. The way in which you viewed life was unique and beautiful. You have touched the lives of many around the world, you instilled faith and encouragement for those who needed it most. Your passion for learning and knowledge has always inspired me. I'm beyond blessed to have had you as my grandfather. I will carry you in my heart forever.

Amanda Husson '15
Throughout his life, Papa modeled an unparalleled passion for living and learning. He loved connecting with people. In tandem with his friendships, he cultivated his curiosities. An insatiable bibliophile, he cherished *The Compleat Angler* for its espousement of fishing and camaraderie. As author Izaak Walton says, "Good company and good discourse are the very sinews of virtue." Papa was a virtuoso of tempura, human connection, and storytelling. His society was second to none.

Allison Husson
Papa, as us grandkids know him—we miss you dearly. We love hearing how he impacted everyone around him.

Those who wish to celebrate Paul's life in a special way may make gifts in his memory to the Paul and Judith Husson International Scholarship Fund, c/o Husson University, 1 College Circle, Bangor, ME 04401. For more information, contact Lisa Frazell, executive director of development. Her email is FrazellL@husson.edu and her phone number is 207.992.1939.

By the early 2000s, however, Paul had to cut back on his international travel because of a series of health issues. By 2006, Paul was a three-time cancer survivor who had survived stage IV colon cancer, skin cancer and lung cancer. Those issues prevented him from making international journeys and the university's international enrollment dropped as a result. Two years later, he made the decision to retire.

But this was not the end of Paul's career at Husson University. By 2012, only 1% of Husson students were from international countries and action needed to be taken. Having recovered his health, Paul joined former Vice President for Advancement Thomas Martz in March of 2012 for an international trip to Seoul, South Korea; Bangkok, Thailand; and Tokyo, Japan to meet with alumni and prospective students.



Meeting and talking with alumni was very rewarding for Paul. "Alumni loved him because of the care and concern he gave them as students," said Martz. Together, the two of them met with members of the international community and helped them gain more insight about living and learning at Husson.

In later years, Paul served the University as a twrustee and continued to curate Husson's history and archives up until the day he passed away as a Husson Fellow.

In May 2016, for their lifetime of dedication to Husson University, the





Paul and Judy

trustees, administration, staff and students presented Paul and Judy with the Chesley H. Husson, Sr. Award, named for Paul's father. This award is presented annually by Husson to an individual who shares the qualities of the University's founder and recognizes outstanding service to both the school and the greater community. Eight years earlier, Paul was inducted into the Husson University Alumni Hall of Fame.

Paul Husson was important to the progression of Husson University. In addition to having been a living tie to our history and his father's dreams, he was an important innovator who helped bring the international community to our doorstep here in Bangor. His fight against cancer made him a symbol of perseverance and resilience in the face of adversity. In addition, his good humor and great stories made him a friend to all who knew him.

He will be dearly missed. Rest in peace.



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



John (Jack) W. Donovan '64
Southern Maine Alumni Board



John (Jack) P. Donovan '66
Bangor Alumni Board

A Tale of Two Jacks; A friendship 48 years in the making

1. In what year did you meet?



JACK '64: January of 1964. I was a proctor of Husson Hall. Formerly the Penobscot Hotel on Exchange Street, Husson leased the building in 1962 and it housed 246 men. As proctor, I received free room and board, which was a pretty good deal!



JACK '66: I had just transferred to Husson. Jack '64 was finishing up his senior year of college and I was halfway through my sophomore year.

2. How was your relationship when you first met?



JACK '64: We were friends right from the start. It was nice to see another guy with an Irish name.



JACK '66: We were good friends from the beginning. And our friendship has blossomed over the years.

3. When/where did you reconnect as adults?



JACK '64: Homecoming and other Husson Alumni and Friends events. Everyone gets a kick out of Jack and Jack.



JACK '66: After Jack graduated, we didn't see each other for years. I went into the service, we both got married and pursued our careers. It was the Husson Alumni Association that brought us back together. We're both donors to and supporters of Husson, so we see each other on a regular basis at events like Homecoming, donor recognition events and holiday parties.

4. How have you stayed connected to Husson and to each other?



JACK '64: Husson has kept us together. The crew in the 1960s were very close knit, so events like Homecoming and other alumni gatherings give us the opportunity to stay connected. Even when Jack was off in the service, I always knew where he was by asking my fellow classmates, "Where's the other Donovan?"



JACK '66: Husson Alumni and Friends events. At event registrations we joke about being Jack "The Old" and Jack "The New." We have always had a fun, joking around relationship. We are so fortunate to be able to see each other often at Husson events. Even though we took classes together at Husson for such a short time (just one semester), Husson has helped our relationship grow over the past 48 years.

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