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The First Lady of Husson University



Tricia Clark

Tricia Clark, the beloved first lady of Husson University and the spouse of President **Robert Clark**, passed away as a result of an unexpected burst aneurism on November 4, 2020.

Born on March 11, 1955 in New Brunswick, New Jersey, she was a 1973 graduate of Bangor High and a 1977 graduate of the University of Maine in Orono where she played the organ and majored in music education. Tricia later earned a master's degree in music from UMaine in 1990. She was a music educator in the Bangor and Sanford School systems for several years and served at various churches as their organist and music director for more than 50 years, most recently as the organist and bell choir director at Hampden Highlands United Methodist church.

Always supportive of her husband's career, Tricia and her family lived in a variety states including Vermont, Indiana and Florida. The family also spent time in Oslo, Norway where her husband Bob was a Fulbright Fellow. They relocated to Bangor in 2010.

While at Husson, she was an active supporter of the University's athletic teams and the Women's Philanthropy Council. Behind the scenes, she worked as an unassuming advocate and supporter of Husson initiatives.

She and President Clark were happily married for 38 years and had two daughters, **Sarah Clark Branam** and **Elizabeth Clark Wilcox**; two sons-in-law, **Clarence (Clay)** and **Justin**, and three grandchildren, **Oliver**, **Logan** and **Quinn**.

At the memorial service, **Louise McGarry**, Tricia's younger sister said, "The loss that we experienced when Tricia passed was like no other. Her passing has left a monumental hole within the fabric of our lives. A light has gone out… Yet despite the dimming of her own personal light, I see pieces of that light living on in all of us. She deposited a thousand points of light all around this city and the other places that she's lived. Tricia lives on in all of us."

The family asks those wishing to honor her memory make a donation to the Clark/Waltz Family Endowed Scholarship at Husson University, in lieu of flowers at **https://www.husson.edu/alumni/triciaclark**.

Expressions of condolence may be sent to the attention of **Kandi Hale**, President Clark's executive assistant. She will make sure they reach the president and his family.

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Dear Alumni and Friends,



As I write this, snow has wrapped our campus in its cold, velvet embrace. While students were away on winter break, we made substantial progress on our College of Business building. The structural components of the exterior walls and the roof are being added to the facility. The basic shape of the building is now easily discerned. Having toured inside the current shell, I am most impressed!

Most importantly for our campus and our nation, is the development of several COVID-19 vaccines with more on the way. These inoculations will allow our country to return to a semblance of normality. I'm proud to say that graduates and students from Husson University's College of Health and Pharmacy are playing an important role in helping to free this country from the grip of the pandemic.

Our nursing students are on the front lines in a variety of healthcare settings and helping to care for the sick. Our School of Pharmacy is providing vaccine training to pharmacists, interns and pharmacy technicians in an effort to make sure an army of trained professionals is ready to help accelerate the national vaccination campaign. Alumni in leadership positions at healthcare organizations, swab manufacturers, and public health agencies are all doing their part to address the COVID-19 crisis.

We all look forward to the day when we can welcome our alumni back to campus for events like Celebrate Husson, Homecoming and Commencement. Someday soon, we'll be able to celebrate together as a Husson community unencumbered by the fear of disease transmission. Until then, stay healthy, wear your mask, maintain physical distancing and wash your hands frequently. Before you know it, we'll all be together again as a united Husson family.

On a personal note I want to thank those of you who expressed your condolences on the unexpected passing of my wife Tricia. Your support during this difficult time was greatly appreciated.

Thankfully,



Robert A. Clark, PhD, CFA
President



Every student I spoke with this fall was happy to be back on campus and in the classroom. The entire Husson community worked hard and followed some very restrictive guidelines to make that possible. Battling the COVID-19 virus has required significant time, effort and resources to keep our campus as healthy and safe as possible.

Our community is also feeling the insidious, non-medical effects of COVID-19. A significant portion of our student body needs to work so they can generate the income needed to attend Husson. With the pandemic forcing many businesses to reduce their workforce, our students are struggling to pay for their college education. Scholarships help address educational expenses.

We are also aware that more Husson students are struggling to access affordable, nutritious food or are faced with emergency needs such as prescription medications, automobile repairs, or other unexpected expenses. Donations to Husson University's Food Insecurity and Emergency Fund defray these costs.

If you've ever considered making a gift to Husson, now is the time! On April 7, Husson will hold its third annual Giving Day. I've heard stories from many of you about Clara Swan, Chesley Husson, Del Merrill, or another beloved administrator or faculty member, who helped students complete their education at Husson. Many of our faculty and staff continue this tradition through charitable gifts. Will you join them? Any gifts received in the enclosed envelope will count toward our Giving Day totals and help our students stay in school.

It's often said that we can collectively get through any crisis if we all pull together. That's never been more true than now. I hope we can count on you to help students who are struggling during one of the most challenging periods in our nation's recent history.

Best regards,



Sarah Cary Robinson
Vice President for Advancement

Around the Circle

Accomplishments, events and items of note happening at Husson

Campus

Welcome: Sarah Dyer and Steve Soba
Sarah Dyer joined Husson University as our new diversity, equity and inclusion officer on Monday, January 11, 2021. Her responsibilities include leading the development and implementation of initiatives designed to create a learning and working environment where everyone has the opportunity to succeed. In mid-February, **Steve Soba**, started working at Husson as our new vice president for enrollment management. He will lead efforts to increase enrollments at Husson and continue the University's decades-long history of growth and success.

College of Business

Four Husson Faculty Present at 42nd Annual Meeting of NABET
College of Business integrated technology faculty **Dr. Michael Knupp**, **Dr. Gerald Wright**, and **Dr. Laura Gurney** and College of Science and Humanities Occupational Therapy Professor **Dr. Kim Davis** presented at the 2020 Virtual Conference of the National Association of Business, Economics, and Technology (NABET) on October 22 – 23. Dr. Indira Guzman from Trident University International also participated.

Their presentations included:
- "Investigating the Role of Alignment as a Foundational Building Block for Willingness to Adopt Learning Analytics by Higher Education Faculty" – Knupp
- "State of Augmented Reality and Virtual Reality" – Wright
- "Impacts of Project Based 3-D Printing Modules on Student Technology Efficacy" – Gurney and Davis
- "Assessing the Impact of eWOM on E-Commerce at Amazon.com" – Gurney and Guzman.

College of Health and Pharmacy

Murray Named President of the Board of the Hospice and Palliative Nurses' Association



On January 1, 2021, Director of Clinical Education and Assistant Professor **Dr. Alicia Murray** will be serving a one-year term as the president of the board of directors for the Hospice and Palliative Nurses' Association. Hospice and palliative care nurses work with patients who are near death and provide support to families after death occurs. Murray has served on the organization's board for the last four years.

DPT Students' Research Published
Research conducted by Husson University Doctor of Physical Therapy graduates has been published in the *Internet Journal of Allied Health Sciences and Practice*. Their research, entitled "Exploration of Grit and Emotional Intelligence and Success in a Doctor of Physical Therapy Program," was conducted when they were students at Husson under the supervision of **Dr. Karen Huhn**, professor and chair of physical therapy. The authors are **Brittney Rusinski**, **Amanda Saucier**, **Victoria McIntyre**, **Teresa Rock**, **Makeala Nelson**, **Yieng Huah Tham** and **Courtney Duval**.

Physical Therapy Faculty Publishes

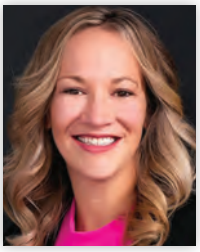


Associate Professor **Dr. Kelly Macauley** has published a paper, "Students' Perceptions of a New Doctor of Physical Therapy Curriculum Based on Constructivism and Cognitive Load Theories: A Qualitative Study," in the *Journal of Physical Therapy Education*.

Macauley also published two manuscripts in the September 2020 issue of the *Journal of Physical Therapy Education*. The first was called, "A Theoretical Framework and Process for Implementing a Spiral Integrated Curriculum in a Physical Therapist Education Program." The second paper was called, "Organizational Change Associated with a DPT Curricular Transformation: A Qualitative Study of Faculty Experiences in One Program."

Pharmacy Faculty Earn Point-of-Care Testing Certification
Seven faculty members from Husson University's School of Pharmacy recently participated in a 20-hour course to become certified in community-pharmacy point-of-care testing (POCT). The program trains participants to administer a variety of point-of-care tests such as throat swabs, oral fluid collection, nasal swabs, and finger sticks. Physical and health assessments were also part of the training. This included the measurement of blood pressure, pulse, respiratory rate, oxygenation, cervical lymph node inspection, and body temperature, plus testing programs for COVID-19, influenza, group A Streptococcus, HIV, and hepatitis C. Faculty pharmacists who finished the course on Saturday, November 7 were **Dr. Cassandra White**, **Dr. Kelsie Snow**, **James Singletary**, **Dr. Kacie Guerrette**, **Dr. Thomas Frail**, **Dr. Angela Hartsig**, and **Dr. Kristene Welch**.

Pharmacy Faculty Presents at State Conference



Dr. Cassandra White, an associate professor of pharmacy practice, provided a one-hour program for the Maine Pharmacy Association's virtual fall 2020 conference. Her presentation was entitled, "Geriatric Care for the Most Geriatric State (Maine)" and was available online for licensed pharmacists to earn continuing education credit from November 9 through December 5, 2020.

College of Science and Humanities

New Dean of the College of Science and Humanities

Dr. Phillip Taylor has accepted the position of dean of the College of Science and Humanities. He will attend select virtual meetings and interviews throughout the spring to ensure a smooth leadership transition and will officially begin at Husson on July 5, 2021.

Since 2015, Taylor has served as the chief operating officer at Ohio University's College of Business. Prior to that, he was the dean of science, liberal arts, and business and the dean of commercial, applied and liberal arts at Paul Smith's College in New York.

Assistant Professor Presents at the MDI Biological Laboratory's Science Café



Dr. Elisabeth Marnik, assistant professor, presented virtually at the MDI Biological Laboratory's Science Café on what mRNA is, how the immune system works, and how these principles have been applied and work in new mRNA vaccine technology.

Associate Faculty Presents: "When AI Begets AI"



Dr. Julia Upton, vice chair of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Maine - Communications and Computer Society Chapter (Also known as IEEE Maine COM/CS Chapter), participated in a virtual presentation at the "IEEE Deep Conversations on Deep Learning: A Technical Discussion" series on December 16. These conversations on the latest topics in artificial intelligence and machine learning are organized by the IEEE Maine section with presentation resources provided by IEEE Region 1.

Upton's presentation, "When AI Begets AI: the Evolution of Automated Machine Learning and the Future of Human-AI Collaboration" focused on the recent advances in automation of standard machine learning practices (such as data preparation, feature engineering, hyper-parameter optimization, and machine learning model selection), and the implications for Human-AI collaboration.

Professor Featured on Climate Podcast

Kathi Smith, an assistant professor of studio arts and art appreciation, discussed her work and connection to the environment – particularly Great Cranberry Island – on the December 16, 2020 episode of the Colorado-based podcast, "Carbon Social Club." To listen to the recording, visit Carbon Social Club.

Adjunct Faculty Member to Publish Book with Tin House



Tin House will publish author and adjunct faculty member **Morgan Talty's** *Night of the Living Rez*, a collection of interconnected stories about family and life in the Penobscot Indian Nation in Maine, in 2022. Books published by Tin House have made the *New York Times'* and other national bestseller lists, won the Kingsley Tufts Poetry Award, and the National Book Critics Circle Award.

New England School of Communications

NESCom Music Festival Shifts into OVERDRIVE

On Friday, February 6, the New England School of Communications (NESCom) presented "OVERDRIVE: Full Saturation Benefit Show," a curriculum-focused concert event. This live-streamed music festival involved faculty and students from every major offered at Husson's New England School of Communications. These major areas of study included live sound, video production, entertainment production, marketing, journalism, graphic design and audio engineering and emerging fields.

Historically presented in front of a live audience in the Gracie Theatre, this year's musical festival was broadcast over YouTubeLive, in order to comply with the University's COVID regulations. Another unique element to the 2021 OVERDRIVE event was the establishment of a GoFundMe page to raise funds for the local Bangor Area Homeless Shelter. Thirty donors contributed $2,000.00, exceeding the students' goal by $500.00.

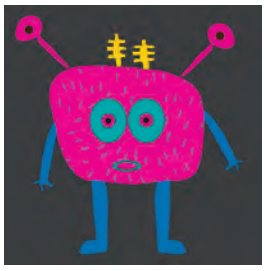
Tales of Mystery and Imagination

Husson University's New England School of Communications (NESCom) celebrated the 11th anniversary of its annual live Halloween radio broadcast with a performance of Edgar Alan Poe's "The Tell-Tale Heart." The broadcast originated from Husson University's Gracie Theatre on Friday, October 30, 2020 without a live audience in order to prevent any possible spread of COVID-19. Instead, the show could be heard over Husson University's own WHSN-FM 89.3, Bangor's non-commercial alternative rock station. **Kenneth Stack**, NESCom entertainment production program coordinator and instructor, directed the show.

The Monsters Are Coming to Get You

NESCom Instructor and Program Coordinator of Graphic/Visual Design **Theresa Ayotte** joined together with College of Science and Humanities Associate Professor **Kathi Smith**, MFA to offer "The Monster Project" as part of the class "BR120 Art and Design Foundations." This project was a collaboration between the students at Husson University and local second graders at Central Community Elementary School (CCES) in Corinth, Maine. Students in Mrs. Bryer's second grade art class drew monsters. The students at Husson then converted the monsters into digital illustrations. The project demonstrated how the art and design elements of scale and proportion can be exaggerated to create emphasis.



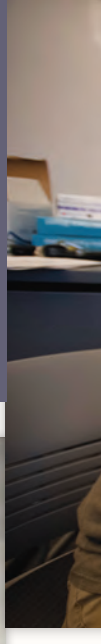


The digitized illustrations were created by Matt Coskran, a Husson University student enrolled in our Bachelor of Science in Data Analytics program. The illustrations used CCES students' artwork as models.

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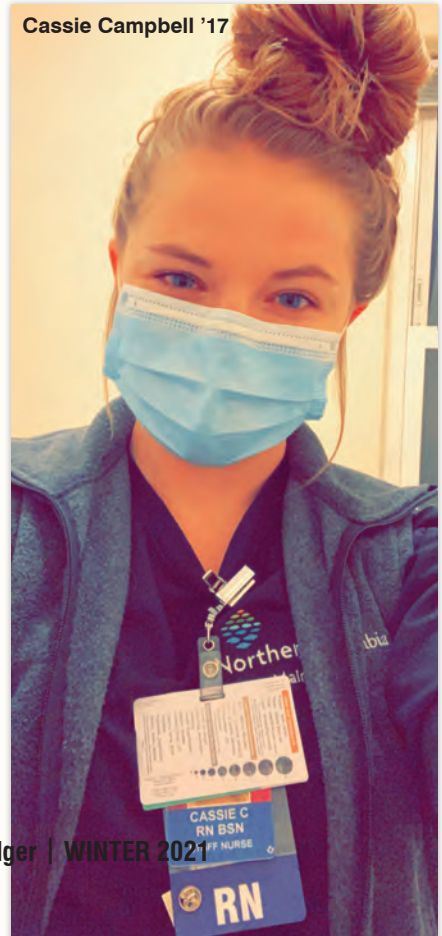
Husson students and graduates are healthcare heroes

"I've never seen so many people so sick at one time..."
—Cassie Campbell



The cavalry soldiers of the 17th and 18th centuries used to lead the charge into battle to defeat adversaries. Today, our healthcare workers are leading the fight to protect our citizens in a no-holds-barred battle against COVID-19. Their extraordinary efforts are saving lives.

"Being a nurse who is trying to save lives during a pandemic is like living inside a never-ending crazy movie that you can't escape from," said **Cassie Campbell '17**, a registered nurse at Northern Light/Eastern Maine Medical Center. "I've never seen so many people so sick at one time. And they're not just having trouble breathing. Complications resulting from COVID-19 include kidney failure, heart attacks, strokes and other health issues."



Cassie Campbell '17


Katy Roberts RN '02


Jinger Pepin RN '01

You have to rely on your training and your team to get through this crisis," said **Katy Roberts, RN, '02**, a clinical nurse – 4 assigned to the Acute Care COVID Unit at UNC Hospital in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. "I work with a great team. Despite all the challenges, no one has quit. We're all here to support each other."

"My Husson training did a great job preparing me to be successful," continued Roberts. "One of my clinicals was with Eastern Maine Medical Center's respiratory oncology unit. It taught me a lot about the importance of prioritization and organization; skills that turned out to be invaluable throughout this pandemic."

Hospital-based nurses aren't the only ones on the front lines trying to protect lives during the pandemic. **Jinger Pepin, RN, '01**, is a school nurse with the Bucksport School Department. She has seen the pandemic completely alter the way the school system delivers education. "Our reopening plan had to address physical distancing, personal protective equipment (PPE) and the issues we were experiencing obtaining it, mask breaks, plexiglass dividers, isolation rooms for sick students, and changes in food services – and that was just the beginning," said Pepin. "School nurses have become a liaison between the CDC and parents. They have played key roles enforcing the guidance, keeping transmission of the virus lower in schools, and making schools a safer place for teachers and students."

If anything, the pandemic has reinforced the public's appreciation of the role nurses play in our society. These healthcare professionals are providing care and comfort to patients when they need it most. And despite the apparent risks to personal health in treating those with a contagious disease, more people want to become nurses than ever before.

"High school students who want to make a positive contribution to society are increasingly interested in nursing," said **Melissa Rosenberg**, director of admissions. "We're seeing application essays where students are talking about how they've been impacted by COVID-19 and how they want to give back to the community."

During the current Spring 2021 semester, Husson University enrollments in School of Nursing programs ***doubled***. This growth was due to increased interest in our graduate nursing program and



As part of a training course designed to help licensed pharmacy interns administer COVID-19 vaccines to the public, students (foreground) in Dr. Kelsie Snow's (center background) vaccination training course practiced giving injections to each other.

interest by transfer students on the undergraduate level.

One aspect of the Husson University nursing program that makes it appealing to students is its emphasis on experiential learning. This learn-by-doing approach lets students participate in clinical experiences where they get supervised hands-on experience in delivering healthcare.

For example, Husson University nursing students recently assisted with vaccination clinics at the Cross Insurance Center in Bangor. This large, mass inoculation clinic is working to help get the current pandemic under control by putting COVID-19 vaccines into as many people's arms as possible.



Allegra Edelston '22

"Husson student nurses are playing an important role at the vaccine clinic," said **Allegra Edelston '22**, a student working toward her Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN). "Our efforts are helping to take some of the pressure off of practicing nurses. The sooner we can get everyone vaccinated, the sooner we can all return to a normal life."

Allegra's classmate **Johnna Grant '22** agrees. She also thinks working at the clinic will help her personal professional development. "Every time I talk to a working professional, I come away with some great piece of information, tip or piece of advice," said Grant. "This experience will allow me to learn more about the profession and network. I'm excited to be a part of an event that will be seen as a milestone in the history of our community."

Husson nurses aren't the only ones making positive contributions to the war on COVID-19. Our School of Pharmacy has also played an important role in helping to make sure pharmacy professionals are fully trained and prepared to administer vaccines to every American.

Since January 9, Husson University has been providing training to licensed pharmacists, interns and pharmacy technicians that will help them safely provide COVID-19 vaccinations. With training sessions running every two weeks or so, Husson is also working to provide this vital training to pharmacy professionals in remote rural locations throughout Maine. In addition, the School of Pharmacy has received inquiries from pharmacy professionals in other states, including Massachusetts and Arizona, about providing training in a virtual format.

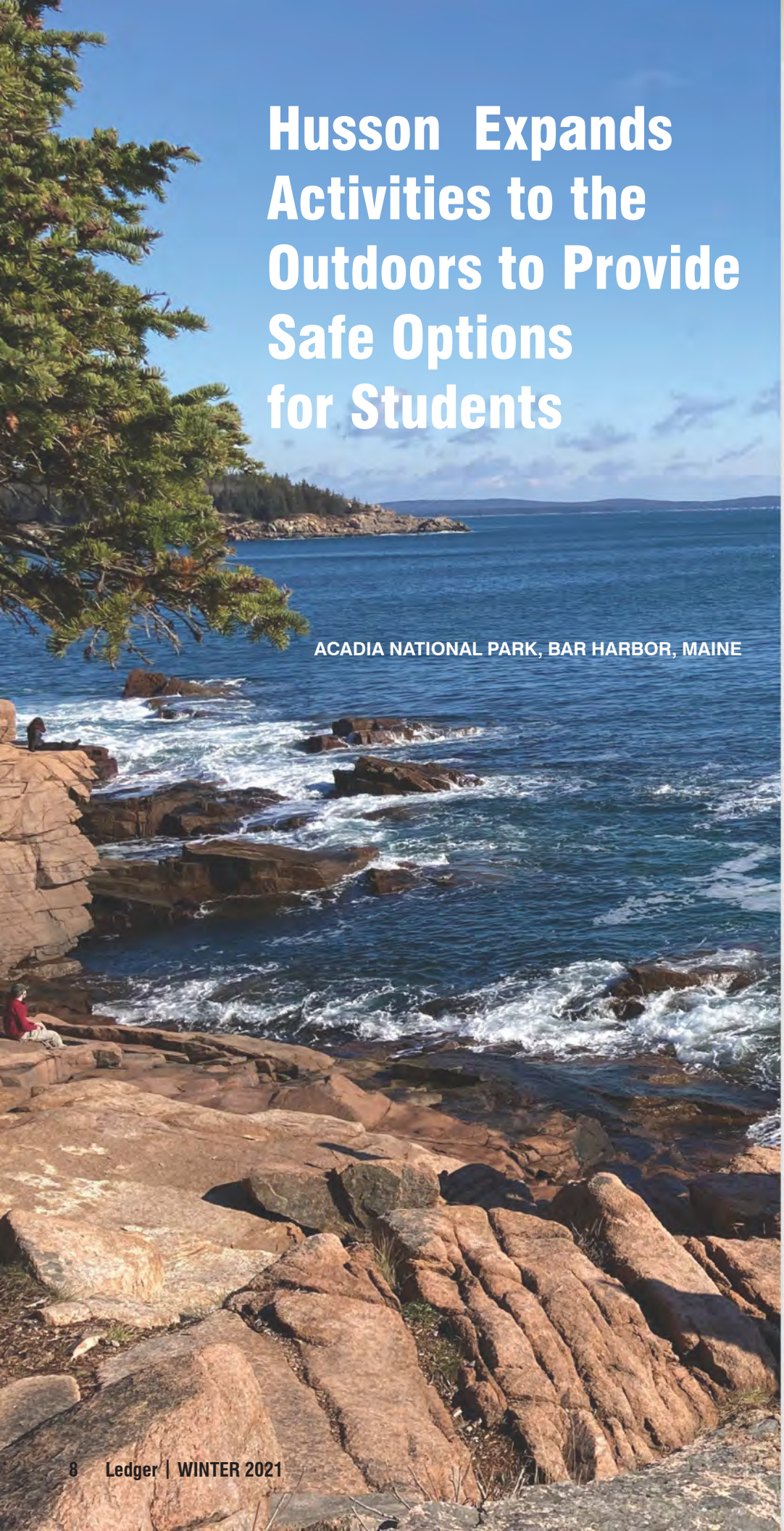
"Our College of Health and Pharmacy is continuing to produce the successful professionals our country needs to keep people healthy. Addressing this pandemic completely changed the ways we deliver healthcare and live our lives," said **Dean Rhonda Waskiewicz**, EdD, OT, dean of the College of Health and Pharmacy.

"What we have seen is that Husson University students and graduates have the creativity and flexibility to make sure healthcare gets delivered," continued Waskiewicz. "The abilities of our nursing, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and pharmacy students as well as the students in our MBA in healthcare management and Bachelor of Science in healthcare administration and public health programs, should never be underestimated. Their ability to adapt to this pandemic and provide vital healthcare services in a safe and effective manner, without thought of personal reward, shows their character and humility. They are true heroes in every sense of the word."



Dean Rhonda Waskiewicz, EdD, OTR (ret), dean of the College of Health and Pharmacy.

Husson Expands Activities to the Outdoors to Provide Safe Options for Students



ACADIA NATIONAL PARK, BAR HARBOR, MAINE

As news of a global pandemic swept through the Husson University campus, many decided to take a hike- literally. "We had been toying with the idea of starting a hiking club for a semester or so," says **Dr. Robert Northington**, faculty advisor for Husson University's newly formed Hiking Club and an assistant professor in the College of Science and Humanities. "The pandemic definitely spurred it on and made it feel more immediate and timely."

An overwhelming turnout at their first interest meeting last fall solidified the decision. "Getting outside and hiking was how I coped with the social isolation as the pandemic spread," says Northington. "Through conversations, it became clear that there was interest from students because they were feeling isolated."

"I joined as soon as I found out there was one being formed," says **Ivana Radovanovic**, vice president of the Hiking Club and a junior majoring in environmental science with minors in sustainability and biology, and a certificate in legal studies. "It's a great way to meet new friends and actually see people in the real world rather than online."

Gorham and Champlain Mountain in Acadia National Park as well as Blue Hill and Tunk Mountains along the coast are just some of the spots the group visited. "The Hiking Club took the weekend of Halloween off, but because so many people still wanted to hike, we took an unofficial trip to Great Pond Mountain [in Orland] and hiked with our Halloween costumes on!" says **Wilson Radulski**, president of the Hiking Club and a senior majoring in biology with a concentration in environmental sciences and a minor in sustainability. Students, staff and faculty are all welcome to join. "We welcome people of all abilities," says Northington. "Prior to every hike, we provide a breakdown of the intensity, possible elevation gain, rough estimate of timing for the hike and anything else they would need to know."

"For so many of us, the pandemic has been a mental struggle at times," says Radulski. "When you are out on the trail, taking in the natural beauty of the world around you, there is not much to think about except for what you see right in front of you. All of our members agree that this is a special and important activity during this time."

The Office of Campus Life at Husson focuses on continuing the growth and development of students outside the classroom. When the pandemic hit, that mission took on a more literal meaning. "In the fall, all in-person events were either outside or indoors but in larger spaces," says **Mike Maberry**, director of campus life. "We followed all Maine CDC requirements and made sure cleaning and sanitizing supplies were available."

Activities adjusted to COVID-19 safety protocols meant some outside the box thinking. Student favorites, like trips to see the Red Sox play in Boston, Lip Sync Battles, and Just Desserts weren't able to take place this year. "It is easy to think of all the ways something may not work," says Maberry. "But at the essence of each event it's a balance of engagement and connection to peers. So long as these are included, we can still connect safely with our community."

The school offered weekly movies nights at the Bangor Drive In, door decorating contests, pumpkin carving, and take and make crafts. Students also enjoyed virtual fitness classes, line dancing lessons, magicians and comedians.



CHAMPLAIN MOUNTAIN, MOUNT DESERT ISLAND, IN ACADIA NATIONAL PARK

Mary Cushing helped organize a "Create Your Own Hand Sanitizer" outdoor project. "I got to thinking about the limited supply of hand sanitizer available in stores and thought it would be a fun project to do," says Cushing, a junior working towards her Bachelor of Exercise Science/ Physical Therapy DPT. "The idea I had for 10-12 people became something much larger. I think that activities [like these] help create an outlet for students as they cope with the pandemic, a way to feel like you're part of a community at a time when we're being told to stay apart."

Finding activities that cater to the emotional needs of students is something Campus Life already took into consideration before the pandemic. Now, it is at the forefront of their program planning process. Isolation from the pandemic, coupled with no fall break this past semester, meant embracing the great outdoors of Maine. Programs included free ice skating at the Penobscot Arena, snow sculpting contests, ice fishing, bowling nights and more. **Madison Hewitt**, a senior Nursing School student, helped to organize a face mask tie dying program. "I was going to just do it for my floor since I am a Resident Assistant in Hart Hall," she says. "We ended up having three different sections. We ran out of masks and dye because it was such a hit."

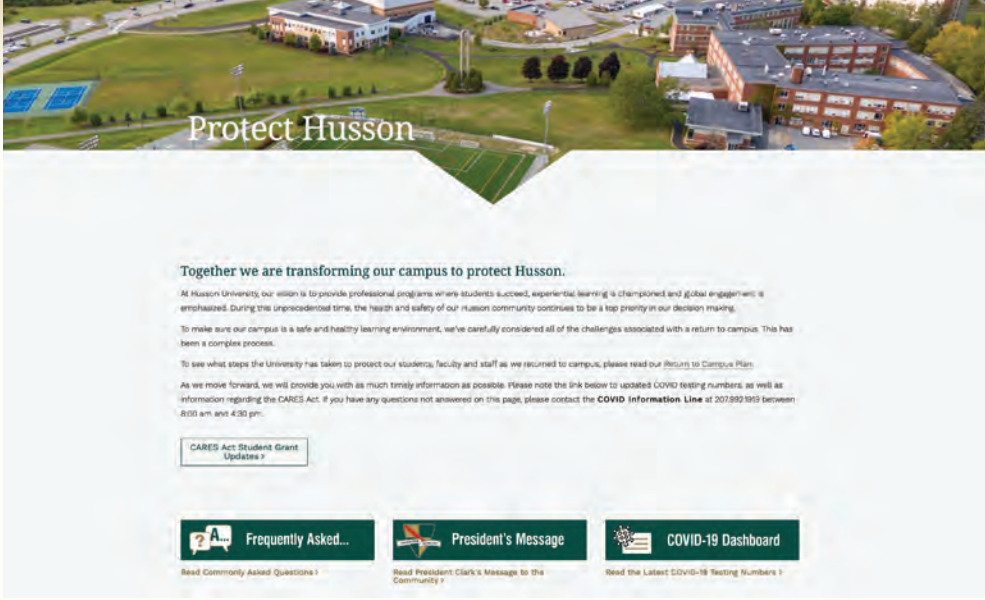
Hewitt also helped put together a crafts program. Stations were set up in tents on campus with themes ranging from friendship bracelets to painting with slime. There were also lawn games and other outdoor activities to participate in. "I think the biggest thing with these activities is getting people out," says Hewitt. "Both of the programs I created were very simple, but they were really effective and fun."

"The response has been overwhelmingly positive," says Maberry. "Students appreciate the precautions we take and enjoy the creative offerings. While it was not the same, we felt like we were able to offer new and exciting events while holding on to the Husson spirit inherent in student activities."



TUNK MOUNTAIN, TOWNSHIP 10, BETWEEN FRANKLIN AND CHERRYFIELD, MAINE

How Husson is Using Information to Win the War Against COVID-19



The COVID-19 pandemic is constantly evolving and changing. As things change, Husson University relies on the most current and accurate information available to protect our student's health.

"Surveillance testing is the best way to gauge the health of our campus community at any given moment," said **Susan Lauritano**, LCPC, Husson University's director of wellness. "We look for any discernable patterns. If we were to find that students who tested positive came from similar academic programs, athletic teams, or residential halls, we could immediately take actions to minimize the spread of the virus."

Surveillance testing is used on campus to help identify carriers of COVID-19 who aren't displaying any symptoms of the disease. This type of test is self-administered and open to students, faculty and staff. Individuals swab the inside of their nostrils while observed by trained personnel. The swabs are then sent to the Broad Institute in Boston for analysis. In addition to providing results to the individual, Husson University's Wellness Center and the Maine CDC are alerted if anyone tests positive.

> "I'd talk to students about quarantine procedures, rescheduling missed surveillance tests, contact tracing and students who thought they were experiencing symptoms of the disease."
> —David Buterbaugh



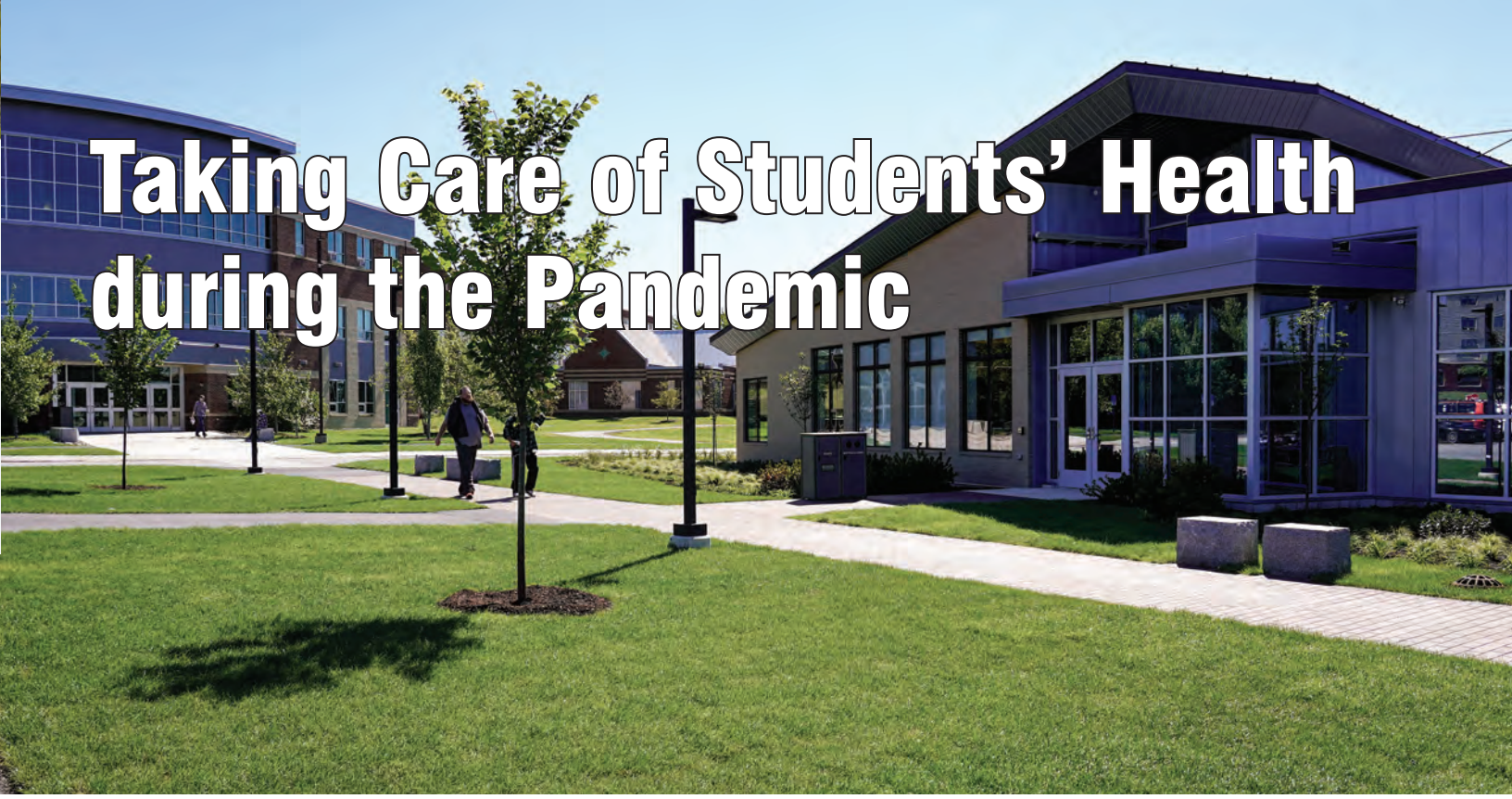
Besides getting testing results from our students, Husson University is also working hard to provide our students with information they can use to make good healthcare choices. "Protect Husson" is one such information source. Part of the Husson.edu website, this online resource includes a COVID-19 dashboard where everyone can see the latest testing numbers. The total number of tests performed, number of individuals who have tested positive and number of individuals who have recovered from COVID-19 are just some of the measurements available here.

There's also a Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) section of the "Protect Husson" webpage. Answers to some of the most commonly asked questions from parents and students can be found here.

If students or parents have questions that aren't covered by the "Protect Husson" webpage, they have the option to call the COVID Information Line at 207.992.1919 weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. This information line is staffed by trained Husson University nursing students who understand COVID-19 and the processes we have here at Husson University.

David Buterbaugh '21, a student pursuing his Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Husson University was one such student. "The pandemic made some students nervous. Since nothing like this has happened in recent memory, we were in uncharted waters," he said. "I'd talk to students about quarantine procedures, rescheduling missed surveillance tests, contact tracing and students who thought they were experiencing symptoms of the disease. Having a call line where students could get questions answered by someone with medical knowledge proved to be very valuable. In addition, it gave me the chance to be a part of the COVID-19 response effort. As nurse, I feel I have a responsibility to promote public health."

Getting and providing information to our Husson community is the best way to protect everyone's health and safety. Keeping our community healthy is Husson University's first priority.



Taking Care of Students' Health during the Pandemic

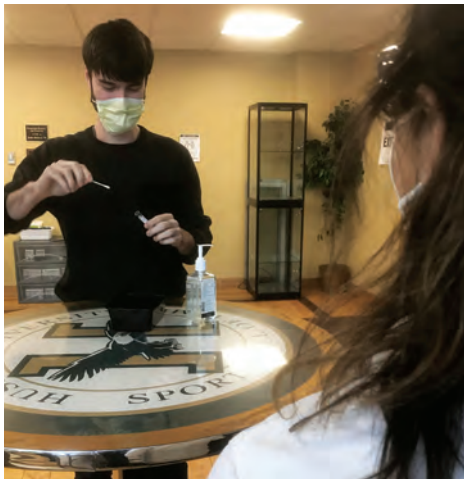
Husson University's new Wellness Learning Center is physically at the heart of our campus and the central focus of our coronavirus healthcare response.

"Everyone at Husson is doing everything we can to prevent the spread of COVID-19 on our campus," said **Susan Lauritano**, LCPC, the University's director of wellness. "We've put a variety of protocols into place about masking, physical distancing, hand washing, daily self-assessments and regular surveillance testing. All we can do to stop COVID-19 in its tracks is being done."

Unfortunately, the pervasiveness of this virus in our state and our country has made it impossible for the University to completely halt the spread of COVID-19. Instead, Husson has focused on implementing a series of procedures designed to quickly and effectively prevent the spread of COVID-19 within our campus community.

Symptomatic Testing

Anyone showing symptoms of COVID-19 can call the Wellness Center for an assessment by a trained healthcare professional. Rather than going to the



walk-in clinic and potentially infecting others, the Wellness Center has developed a process that begins with a phone assessment.

Anyone who is exhibiting symptoms gets tested. While the University awaits the test results, students are placed in quarantine. Quarantines doesn't mean that a student has COVID-19. Instead, it's a precaution that's taken to ensure no potential disease transmission takes place while we await more information.

Surveillance Testing

The goal of this process is to identify and isolate students who may have recently contracted COVID-19 before they can spread it to the rest of the campus. If a student tests positive for the coronavirus, the results are sent to the student, the Wellness Center and the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The student will then be placed in isolation.

Mental Health

In addition to the physical complications caused by COVID-19, the pandemic has created mental health issues for some of our students. Feelings of isolation and loneliness are some of the most common issues.

"Assisting students who are having difficulty coping during this unprecedented period in our nation's history is the job of Husson University Counseling Services," said **Nichole Proulx-King**, LMFT, lead counselor. "Students aren't having the opportunity to engage with each other socially in the same ways they have in past years. We try and help students learn how to connect with the campus community and fellow students in new ways."

Keeping our Husson community healthy is essential if we want to continue to offer classroom-based instruction on campus. The efforts of the knowledgeable professionals in Husson University's Wellness Center are helping to make sure our entire Husson community stays healthy and safe.

Finding Positives Amid the Pandemic

Business owners with ties to Husson help community during COVID crisis

"My business came to a screeching halt overnight," says Tracey Whitten '92



The owner of the Black Bear Inn and Conference Center, and University Inn Academic Suites in Orono watched reservation cancellations pile up as college sports games, school tours, graduation and then summer weddings all got cancelled due to the coronavirus.

Ten days after Maine Governor Janet Mills announced a statewide lockdown, Whitten closed the hotel.

"That first month I cried a lot," she said. "I had 40 employees that I somehow had to take care of."

But then, an opportunity presented itself in the form of a phone call from the state of Maine. "They wanted to know if we would help to lodge first responders that were knowingly exposed to the virus and didn't want to quarantine at home," she explains.

Whitten called it an agonizing decision. "Everyone was scared because we didn't know that much about coronavirus exposure at that time," she says. "We were a hotel not a hospital, with no medical grade personal protection equipmen (PPE) or training."

Whitten called a staff meeting and brought in the Orono fire chief to answer questions. After, they unanimously agreed to help. "I give so much credit to my staff because some of them were considered high risk," she says. "We all just wanted to help in whatever way we could."

Easter Sunday, a first responder was staying in one of the rooms. His wife and kids came to the hotel that day. While the boys rode their bicycles around the parking lot, the mom planted a lawn chair outside the window of her husband's room, celebrating the holiday as a family in the new realm of normal. "It was just so emotional to watch," says Whitten.

These days, the University Inn is playing host to a new group of guests–quarantined University of Maine students. "The school blocked out 10 rooms to house students who need to quarantine," Whitten explains. "There's a separate entrance so they don't have to interact with other guests or staff."

Whitten sits on Husson University's Board of Trustees. And she's "thrilled" that her daughter just started classes at the Bangor campus. "Husson taught me everything I know. They set me up for success."



Helping others in time of need is something **Robbie Irving '07** was doing even before the pandemic. His family has been growing potatoes in Caribou, Maine since the 1860s. "We provide a lot of potatoes to food banks all over the country," says Irving. "We work with the Good Shepherd Food Bank in Maine, and the Greater Boston Food Bank. We also work with an outfit called Feeding America so we might deliver potatoes to Virginia one week, the Bronx next week and Texas the following week."

Typically, they freight one load every two weeks, filled with five-pound bags. "One trailer can feed about 8,800 families," explains Irving.

When the pandemic hit, those requests nearly doubled. At the same time, the demand for his product grew exponentially in the grocery store chains Irving sells to. "Food was flying off the shelves because everyone thought there was going to be a shortage."

Meeting both those needs proved challenging, "to say the least," says Irving. Then came a severe drought that threatened his crop.

Irving decided to take a chance, investing almost $1 million on specialized harvesting equipment for dry conditions. "I was fortunate enough to take the risk management course at Husson taught by **Dr. [Phil] Grant**," says Irving. "His advice certainly paid off, because that helped to save us."

Irving is grateful for the opportunity to help others, especially now. "So many people being out of work, I'm happy to be able to provide them with a little bit of a safety net."

And he feels "blessed" to use lessons learned at Husson to grow his family farm. "My son is 11 years old. I'm hoping he'll carry on the tradition and be a Husson graduate and seventh-generation potato farmer."



Lisa Leonard will be attending two Husson graduations this spring. Her son, **Jackson** is obtaining a degree in business administration and her daughter, **Julie** is finishing up her psychology requirements. Leonard sits on the Husson Board of Visitors.

The owner of Evenrood's Restaurant in downtown Bangor admits that when the pandemic first hit, they grossly underestimated how long it would last. "We were hoping it would be maybe a few weeks, a month at the most," she says.

Four months later, Leonard was back open but only for curbside pick up and take out. That's when a co-worker suggested meal preps. The idea being to offer fresh and healthy meals prepared ahead of time. Folks simply take it out of their fridge, remove the lid and pop in the microwave.

"We dove into the idea," says Leonard.

Initially, they made 50 meal preps and gave them away. "We focused mainly on the gym and fitness communities because that's where we were seeing a lot of clientele in different parts of the country."

Turns out Mainers too were hungry for it.

"The second week, we received 30 orders," says Leonard. "Now, we're making between 300 and 350 meal preps each week. Some pick up one or two, others 14 – it's crazy!"

Leonard says her customer base runs the gamut. "A lot of professionals are telling us it saves them time and energy and more importantly, they're eating better."

Evenrood's also offers delivery of its meal preps, something that perked the interest of patrons thousands of miles away. "I received a call from a woman in Hawaii," says Leonard. "Her mother is elderly and lives alone in Bangor. She heard about the meal preps and wanted to have them delivered to her mom. We're finding that many are using the meals as a way to provide for their elderly loved ones who can't get out of the house during the pandemic."

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COVID-19 and Rural Maine:

Innovation and a Can-Do Spirit Carry the Day

"It says a lot about Husson that so many healthcare leaders have degrees from the University."
—Tyler Hews

The pandemic has tested both healthcare professionals and the healthcare system. With nurses retiring early, initial shortages of personal protective equipment (PPE), and an increased patient population, many organizations and individuals are starting to exhibit signs of stress.



Kristin Cyr '01, '11

"At rural hospitals where resources are often limited, we face the same challenges seen at larger healthcare facilities." said **Kristin Cyr '01, '11**, the vice president of nursing and patient care services at Blue Hill Hospital and Maine Coast Hospital. "This is especially true when it comes to the number of people available to address a serious community health issue." In 2017, the Maine Nursing Action Coalition (MeNAC) reported that Maine's nursing workforce would be short by 3,200 nurses by 2025.[1] In response, educational institutions, like Husson University, increased their program capacity. Thanks in part to their efforts, the shortage is now projected to be 2,700 nurses by 2025.[2]

COVID-19 prompted Cyr and her organizations to reimagine their work processes. "To maximize healthcare efficiencies, we collaborated in new ways with other hospitals to foster a teamwork approach that meets the needs of the community and our patients."

"We're also using technology in new and innovative ways," continued Cyr. "In effort to keep individuals safe and prevent the further spread of COVID-19, we significantly restricted onsite visitations. To combat feelings of isolation, we're using Zoom and FaceTime to connect patients with loved ones. We're also using this technology to facilitate communications between our care team and patients' families."

Flexibility and adaptability were two things Cyr learned when she attended Husson. She has a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and a Master of Business Administration (MBA) with a concentration in healthcare management, also achieving her master's in nursing with a concentration in nursing administration. This combination gave her an understanding of both the operations and the business side of healthcare.

Another Husson graduate that's delivering healthcare in a rural setting is **Tyler Hews '08, '12DPT**. Tyler has both a master's and doctoral degree in Physical Therapy. He appreciates the values inherent in a Husson education. "Besides helping to prepare me to do my job well, the University infused all of the physical therapy students with a helpful, can-do attitude. When the second wave of COVID-19 hit, we all chipped in to make things happen. In addition to our normal duties, my team would take temperatures and help clean. It was all hands on deck," continued Hews."



Tyler Hews '08, '12DPT

He sees a lot of Husson graduates rising to positions of responsibility in Northern Maine. "It says a lot about Husson that so many healthcare leaders have degrees from the University. **Kris Doody '97G**, the CEO of Cary Medical Center, **Leslie Anderson '05G**, the COO of Cary Medical Center, and **Patty Hamilton '01G**, the director of Bangor Public Health – they're all Husson graduates. Everywhere you look, you find a Husson graduate that's working in healthcare. I didn't realize until I graduated that the Eagle's wings spread so far," said Hews.

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Staying Ahead of the Curve

Husson Alumni Use Entrepreneurial Skills to Survive 2020

Governor's Restaurant has been serving up comfort food in Maine since 1959. When the pandemic hit, the iconic eatery took proactive steps to protect its loyal customers and staff. "We were sort of ahead of the curve in terms of shutting our dining rooms down and going to take out," says CEO **Randy Wadleigh '87**. "We got a lot of positive comments from our customers and the community."



Governor's already had a strong take-out model at its six restaurants. It also helped that their menu features stick to your belly favorites that became coping food for many. "We sold a lot of cookies," says Wadleigh, smiling. "Still do, in fact."

Before the pandemic, Wadleigh had 238 employees. Today, there are still 215 people working for the company. "We were fortunate enough to receive funding in the second round of the federal Paycheck Protection Program," says Wadleigh. "The first thing we did was reward those employees who stayed with us from day one."

Wadleigh admits that before the pandemic, he was not the most patient businessman. 2020 changed all that. "We've had to adjust, then readjust and then readjust again," says Wadleigh. "Because we were patient and because we did the right thing, it all paid off for us."

Brad Libby '11, '13DPT has a unique perspective on the effects of the pandemic, in particular how it related to high school sports. He's the owner of Performance Physical Therapy and Sports Rehab, Inc. as well as the coach of the Bangor High School Boys Varsity Basketball team. "I'm seeing it from both angles," he says. "The hard part with the athletes is that they had not been active and then were able to start athletics. In basketball, we did have a few weeks of conditioning and skills to help get their bodies back into playing shape, but it can still be a strain on them."

That translates to different types of injuries that he's treating at his offices in Bangor and Brewer. When Governor Mills implemented a state lockdown, Libby was allowed to stay open because his business is considered essential. "We saw a deep decline in patient visits towards the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in April, May and June. We began offering telehealth visits using Zoom and FaceTime to help patients with home therapy programs whether it be stretching, exercises, self mobilization and more."

Libby says learning to adapt to change was a major life lesson for him. "I am a routine guy," he says. "When my routine gets messed up, it throws me for a loop. But my wife was a great advocate for me during this time. She kept reminding me that everything was going to be okay and things would come back. She's much better at having that outlook and instilling it on me."

Life lessons for **Louie Morrison '02** started at Husson when he was just 19-years old. The then sophomore used to workout when the Husson Women's Basketball team would practice. Soon, he got the attention of **Coach Kissy Walker '03G**. "She said– 'Hey, you look like you know what you're doing and I notice that you work out at the same time as my women's basketball team,'" recalls Morrison. "She then offered to pay me to help the women with their physical conditioning"

After that, Morrison knew he wanted to be a professional personal trainer. He opened LA Training in downtown Bangor almost nine years ago. "I opened this place because I felt like there was a need to just have clients and trainers," explains Morrison. "I had 10 trainers including myself and everyone was doing great."

Then the pandemic hit.

"It was almost instantaneous," remembers Morrison. "I hung in there for as long as I could but the trainers started dropping off one after another."

So did Morrison's clientele which is predominantly older. "They were afraid to come in," he says.

A few weeks later, Morrison was forced to shut his doors. "It was hard," he says. "I would come in every day regardless and just walk around. I'd think– 'Wow, this is everything I've worked for and it's come to this.'"

Thankfully Morrison had other incomes to supplement him during the shut down. His trainers weren't so lucky. When LA Training was able to reopen, only about half of the trainers returned.

Ironically, LA Training was already set up for social distancing even before the pandemic hit. "[Senator] Susan Collins is a long-time client of mine," says Morrison. "When she came in after we reopened, she said to me– 'Louie, you've been set up for this forever.'"

Morrison, Wadleigh, and Libby are all grateful to still be in business, recognizing that many others were not so lucky. All three credit the community for their success. "It shows that when times are tough, individuals can come together for the greater good," says Libby.

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Giving Day 2021



On Giving Day, choose to support the area of Husson that means the most to you!

Just months into the pandemic, Husson University moved forward with Giving Day in 2020 and focused on supporting Husson students through donations to the Emergency Financial Aid Fund and Food Insecurity Fund. Identified as areas critical to student success, these two funds were a prominent part of last year's event. Hundreds of students, alumni, faculty, staff and community members came together to support Husson students.

According to research conducted by the Hope Center in 2019, 44% of students at four-year institutions worried about running out of food while they were in school.[1] Students who spend time worrying about food and financial challenges are not focusing on their studies and achieving academic success. In addition, researchers have associated basic needs insecurity with self-reports of poor physical health, symptoms of depression, and higher perceived stress.[2] The pandemic has compounded the challenges affecting college students all over the United States.

Now, with our third annual Giving Day weeks away on April 7, 2021, the Emergency Financial Aid and Food Insecurity and Emergency funds are available for the Husson community to support. And, as always, individuals also have the option to support any area of campus that means the most to them.

"COVID-19 has placed a lot of stress on our students and campus as a whole," said **Lisa Frazell**, director of annual giving in Husson University's Office of Advancement. "Giving Day is fun and provides some normalcy in a time when we are all looking for ways to connect. With some friendly competition between the different areas vying for matching funds, Giving Day is a positive way to make an immediate difference."

Giving Day is an annual 24-hour online fundraising marathon that directly supports students and every aspect of campus. Donations on Giving Day help all areas of campus, from assisting students in paying for housing, transportation, food or other basic needs, to athletic teams or student clubs, to one's college or program. The support received from alumni and friends of the University helps students successfully earn their degrees, get good jobs and become productive members of society.

"We were extremely thankful to our generous alumni who have stepped up over the past two Giving Days and showed their belief in Husson students. To help our alumni maximize their donations, Husson University will be releasing matching funds throughout the day," said **Sarah Robinson**, vice president for advancement. "Giving Day shows our community that, especially through a pandemic, we are stronger together. We are thankful for the support of alumni and friends of the University and that we're able to help both our current students and the next generation of Eagles. It's all part of being Husson Connected."

For more information on Giving Day, visit **www.husson.edu/givingday**.

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STEM Career Panels Bear Fruit



Science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Between 2017 and 2027, the number of STEM jobs will grow 13%.[1] That's much higher than the growth rate for non-STEM jobs, which is only 9%.[2]

In recognition of this trend, Husson University held a series of career panels designed to introduce students to potential STEM employers and career options. **James Westhoff**, Husson University's director of career services feels that webinars like this are essential as students begin thinking about employment after graduation.

"Events like this connect students with alumni who have achieved career success in their fields," said Westhoff. "Besides learning more about their career options, students can develop a strong network of valuable contacts who can potentially help them get internships or jobs after graduation."

The events began on October 6, 2020 with a panel of three prominent biotechnology professionals. Participants in this first panel discussion included **Tracy Bantegui '13**, the former vice president of product management at Cerahelix, a company that develops nanofiltration technology. Other participants included **Zachary Boucher '18**, a research assistant in the Bolcun-Filas lab at The Jackson Laboratory and **Patrick Breeding**, a biotechnology entrepreneur who is involved in a startup that has created biomedical and cosmetic compounds out of lobster processing waste byproducts.

One month later, on November 10, 2020, the University held another STEM career panel with environmental science professionals. They included **Cara Belanger**, a project scientist at Stillwater Environmental Engineering, Inc. (SEE). Also participating were **Brandon Delano '17**, a water systems operator at Water Quality & Compliance Services and **Johanna Szillery**, a senior project scientist at Haley Ward, Inc. (formerly CES, Inc.). Haley Ward, Inc. is an engineering, environmental, and survey-consulting firm.

These professionals helped participants better appreciate STEM career opportunities. According to a 2018 article from the Pew Research Center, employment in STEM occupations has increased from 9.7 million to 17.3 million since 1990.[3] In addition to a strong job market, STEM jobs pay well. The median annual wage of STEM occupations in 2019, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, was $86,980 per year while the median annual wage for non-STEM occupations was only $38,160 per year.[4]

Husson graduate counseling student **Megan Morin** attended the biotechnology webinar and felt it was valuable. "I love stuff like this," she said. "In this format, you can speak with panelists who are living it firsthand. It's not teachers talking at you about the career or reading about it in a textbook. You're talking to someone about their actual, real-life situation."

Dr. Erin Owen, an associate professor and assistant dean for the College of Science and Humanities, feels that graduates with a STEM education benefit Maine's economy. "Companies are looking for employees who understand science and are willing to help develop innovative advancements in growing fields. A STEM educated workforce helps attract cutting-edge companies to our state."



Assistant Professor Robert Northington, PhD teaches environmental science courses at Husson University. Heightened public interest in climate change is increasing demand for professionals with degrees in environmental science.

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White House Council and HUD Invite Husson Assistant Professor to Speak at Webinar Series



Dr. Brien Walton, director of the Richard E. Dyke Center for Family Business and assistant professor of entrepreneurship was one of four expert panelists who discussed Opportunity Zones at a webinar sponsored by the White House Opportunity and Revitalization Council and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

It's not every day that the White House Opportunity and Revitalization Council and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development reach out to you about a speaking opportunity. "The invitation definitely got my attention," said **Brien Walton JD, EdD**, the director of the Richard E. Dyke Center for Family Business and an assistant professor of entrepreneurship at Husson University's College of Business.

The two government organizations invited Walton to speak during the capstone portion of their Opportunity Zone webinar series called, "Bolstering Growth in Opportunity Zones: Leveraging Public and Private Resources."

"I was honored to be able to be a part of this webinar series," said Walton. "This presentation to economic development leaders and other stakeholders in communities throughout the nation about federally designated Opportunity Zones was designed to encourage increased economic growth and permanent job creation in low-income communities while providing tax benefits to investors."

According to the Internal Revenue Service, Opportunity Zones are an economic development tool that allows people to invest in economically distressed areas in the United States. This federal incentive program was created under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 (Public Law No. 115-97). Thousands of low-income communities in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and five US territories are designated as Qualified Opportunity Zones. Taxpayers can invest in these zones through Qualified Opportunity Funds.

Dr. Walton was one of four expert panelists during a 50-minute session focusing on innovative Opportunity Zone strategies at a local level on December 15, 2020. He is recognized for pioneering a unique, collaborative investment model that prioritizes a family-focused approach to jobs and expedites scalable economic resilience. This has appeal to both traditional and social impact investors.

"We're very proud of Brien and the work he's doing here at Husson University," said **Marie Hansen, JD, PhD, SHRM-SCP**, dean of the College of Business and the New England School of Communications (NESCom). "The knowledge and insight he possesses has made him one of the nation's leading experts in his field. Being invited to speak at a White House and HUD event, is an example of the caliber of faculty we have working in Husson University's College of Business."

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> —Dean Marie Hansen

"In addition to Dr. Brien Walton, we have many talented educators here at Husson University," said **Lynne Coy-Ogan, EdD**, Husson University senior vice president for academic affairs and provost. "Besides having academic expertise, many of our faculty have professional experience working in the real world that they share with students. That's why Husson students are so well prepared for career success on day one and why they're in such demand after graduation. According to our most recent data, 96% of our graduates are employed or in graduate school within one year of graduation."

iEX Center to Mark Husson University's Entrance into Extended Reality

Like others, Brave Williams, MFA, an associate professor at the New England School of Communications and director of the new iEX Center, is enthusiastically awaiting the opening of the new College of Business building.

The building will be the home of the new iEX Center, a facility that'll be dedicated to the creation of interactive experiences.

"The iEX Center in the College of Business building will be an innovation hub for interactive extended reality (XR) like virtual and augmented reality," said Williams. "The tools we'll be using will have practical applications for professionals working in education, entertainment, business, engineering and other fields. Students interested in solving real-world problems using the advanced technology available in the iEX Center will be ready after graduation to be hired as extended reality professionals."

There's significant demand for professionals who can produce interactive virtual and augmented reality environments. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Outlook Handbook, the number of job opportunities for software developers is projected to grow 22 percent from 2019 to 2029, much faster than the average for all occupations.[1]

This cutting-edge facility will be part of Husson University's new School of Technology and Innovation. Launching at the end of the Spring 2021 semester, this new school will join the four other schools that already comprise Husson University's College of Business.

The creation of this school will facilitate the creation of Husson's new XR degree program in May of 2021. While the specifics of the degree offering are still in development, some of the concepts this new degree will cover include augmented reality, virtual reality, three-dimensional design, spatial mapping, and spatial sound design.



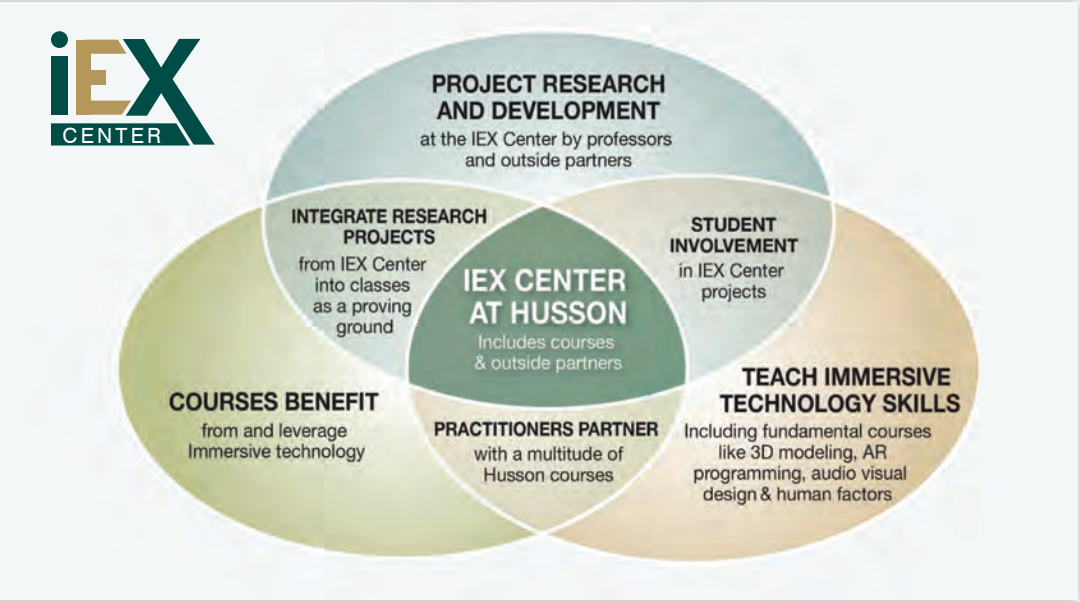
Hannah Dowers '20

Husson has been developing extended reality technology and course offerings since 2016 and students have already taken XR classes at the University. **Hannah Dowers '20**, a recent New England School of Communications (NESCom) graduate with a Bachelor of Science in audio engineering with a concentration in post-production was one such student.

"I loved those classes," said Dowers. "The first extended reality class I took was about game engines and I found out I had a passion for game development."

"I think augmented reality (AR) and virtual reality (VR) are going to be BIG," continued Dowers. "They'll become part of every professional's workday experience. Conferences and meetings will take place in VR. Tourism, training, and medical applications will be conducted in virtual reality as well.

Husson is one of only a few universities to offer a degree in XR. Husson is definitely leading the way.



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Coach Babin's Passion for Swim Triumphs a Four-Year Medical Rollercoaster



Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Head Coach Butch Babin '84, is a fierce competitor who is always driving his teams to excel in their sport.

Over the span of the last five years, **Butch Babin**'s life has been a never-ending medical rollercoaster. He's overcome more implausible medical events than most have experienced in their entire lifetime. Despite these trials and tribulations testing Husson's head swim & dive coach each and every day, Babin remarkably remained in high spirits. A true inspiration to the entire Husson athletic department, he never lost sight of his passion to coach or gave up hope even after the loss of his right leg.

Flash back five years to the summer of 2016 when Butch's medical challenges all began with a quick slip on the Husson pool deck resulting in a broken hip and femur. One broken hip wasn't enough for one year. Just as he started healing a minor accident on a team bus flung Babin forward, re-breaking his hip. To add on to his long road to recovery, the swim coach had recently discovered that he had heart problems in need of fixing. After scheduling what he thought would be a simple coronary stent to help combat his newly found heart condition, the doctors had to switch gears mid-surgery upon discovering the need for an emergency quadruple bypass.

After recovering from his third major setback in less than a year, Butch was excited to get back to the place that felt most like home, his pool deck. He not only had the Husson men's and women's swim & dive programs readily awaiting his return, but the Hurricane Swim Club, as well. In the past two decades, Babin has become a well-loved and irreplaceable member of the Bangor swim community. In 2020, he commenced his 12th season as the Husson women's head coach and 8th season leading the Husson men.

After three broken bones and an open-heart surgery, a mere cut on Butch's foot was of little concern to him. When an extremely high fever and flu-like symptoms sent him back to the doctor, he found out that he had a bacterial infection eating away at his foot. Despite all attempts made by his doctors to stop the infection from spreading, the official decision was made to amputate his foot in order to save his life. Unfortunately, the bacteria continued to spread and the only way to make it stop was amputating from knee down.

In spite of the multitude of setbacks he's incurred, Butch has persevered through it all and each time he's come back stronger and, if it's even possible, more positive than ever. His strength and determination shine through in his coaching. Babin returned to Webber Pool in October of 2019 in his wheelchair and has since been fitted for a prosthetic leg designed by Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). He now stands confident and tall with his prosthetic, back to his regular routine and 6-0 stature.



Coach Babin and Morgan Veilleux, a sophomore pursuing her Bachelor of Science in nursing degree.

During the Pandemic, Dining Services Delivers



When the pandemic hit, the entire University had to begin wearing masks, washing their hands more frequently, maintaining physical distance and engaging in surveillance testing.

What many people don't know about are the many daily University processes that had to change in order to protect the health and well-being of our campus community.

"There were all sorts of issues we needed to address," said **Bob Sedgwick**, the director of Dining Services at Husson University. "First, state mandates limited the number of people we could have in the dining room to just 50 people. Second, we couldn't let the students interact with the food anymore since it could potentially be a source of disease transmission. We also had to take precautions to limit contact between our dining services staff and students. Finally, and most importantly, we had to make sure that students were still able to get hot, tasty, nutritious meals in a timely fashion."

Addressing these issues required Dining Services to reinvent the ways they created and delivered meals to students.

To start, everyone in Dining Services masked up and wore gloves as they made and provided food. To make sure anyone who interacted with the food was COVID free; all food preparation was limited to Dining Services staff. That meant that Husson University's popular salad bar and Mongolian cook-to-order Asian cuisine bar, where students select food items for themselves using tongs, were both temporarily shuttered. Instead, students were given the opportunity to access pre-made salads and meals prepared and boxed by Dining Services staff.

"Keeping our students healthy was our number one concern," said **Richard Hilaire**, dining operations manager. "As part of the effort we put stickers on the floor every six feet to help students maintain physical distancing as they stood in line for their food. We also put up Plexiglas® barriers at all of the food stations to help protect against virus transmission."

"In addition, we completely changed the layout of the dining hall," continued Hilaire. "Only 50 seats were made available and seating was limited to two people at a table. That made sure that if people weren't eating alone, they would still have the space needed to prevent the spread of the virus." Dining Services staff fastidiously cleaned and disinfected every table after students completed their meals. This made sure that no one who sat at the same table would have to worry about catching COVID-19 from the table's previous occupants.



As an added layer of health protection, food servers, like Ellen "Grandma Husson" Severence, are now separated from students by a Plexiglas® barrier. In addition, masks and gloves are worn by all food servers whenever they interact with students' meals.

Even the flow of traffic into the dining room was adjusted. To make sure entering students didn't have to be exposed to exiting students, diners were required to enter through one door and exit through another. This helped to limit potential disease transmission while individuals were standing in line.

Since only a limited number of people could be in the Dickerman Dining Center at one time, with the busiest time being midday, Dining Services expanded meal services to two additional areas. Cressy Marketplace, next to the Campus Center, and the Grab N Go attached to the Dining Center began providing meals mirroring those served at the Dining Center. This meant that students could now use their meal plan access at three locations, rather than just one, and avoid long lines at the Dining Center.

In the fall, the University set up some outdoor tents outside of the DDC where students could eat their meals. This took some of the pressure off the dining hall for seating and gave students the opportunity to enjoy the nice fall weather as they ate their meals.

Perhaps one of the most innovative programs put forth was a new "After Hours" delivery service. For those individuals who preferred to study in their residential rooms, Dining Services developed a WebPos online ordering system. Students could select items off a menu, pay for them online, and have them delivered to their rooms – hot, fresh and ready to eat. The delivery service has become so popular with students that Husson envisions keeping it going even after the pandemic ends.

"Being nimble and adapting to different market conditions is something Husson University is known for," concluded Sedgwick. "Since we adapt our programs to meet the needs of today's employers, it was only natural for us to adapt our dining services to meet the changing needs of our students. It's just another way that the University creates a student-centric environment on our campus. Here at Husson, students come first."

Thanksgiving Meals Prepared by Husson go to the Elderly and Disabled

At Thanksgiving, most of us are thinking about eating large amounts of turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie. "It's not a time when we usually think about elderly or disabled seniors on a fixed income who are struggling to pay the bills," said Bob Sedgwick, the director of Dining Services at Husson University. "For many of these individuals, food insecurity is a daily challenge."

To address this issue, Husson's Dining Services team prepared 96 Thanksgiving meals at the University's Dickerman Dining Center for elderly and disabled residents living at Bradford Commons and Kenduskeag Terrace in Bangor. Dining services partnered with The Caleb Group and Harbor Management to distribute these meals to those in need.

"We need to work together to solve the food insecurity problem," said Sedgwick. "If all of us in the Bangor area donated food to others through our local food banks or the pantry at the Bangor Area Homeless Shelter, we could make Thanksgiving better for a lot of people. No one should have to go hungry - ever."

Class News & Notes

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

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Class NOTES

1970s

Ann Harford '75 retired in April 2020 from the Bath Police Department where she served for 27 years as its animal control officer. While serving in this capacity, Harford also managed what is now called Midcoast Humane in Brunswick and worked as a veterinary technician at the Coastal Veterinary Clinic in Wiscasset.

Raymond Papera '78 is senior vice president at AllianceBernstein of New York City. Papera is celebrating his 30th year at the firm.

Don Levine '79, '80G is the owner of Two Rock Technologies in the Greater Boston Area. Two Rock specializes in waste-to-energy, public-private partnerships, water to waste water treatment, pulp and paper and mining project management from a financial viewpoint. Levine is a veteran and he and his company is involved in work with veterans. Don and his wife, **Patricia Betts-Levine '81** live in New Hampshire.

1980s

Paul Caron '84, manager of information technology/ windows server engineering at MaineHealth gave a presentation at "TEC 2020: Migration & Modernization – Lessons learned from MaineHealth." Caron and his wife Lisa reside in Raymond, Maine.

Richard "Rick" Perry '85, '93G wrote in to the Alumni Office, "Hello Husson University! I was just reviewing the fall issue of the Husson *Ledger* I recently received and finally decided it was time to write in. Thanks for continuing to publish it. Wow! How time flies!! It seems like just yesterday I was working in Husson Admissions with **Jane Goodwin**, **Carlena Bean**, **Linda Beaton**, among others. I served as one of the Asst. Director of Admissions from 1987-1994. I graduated in 1985 with a B.S. in Marketing and in 1993 graduated with an MSB in Business. I was a member of Kappa Delta Phi, Lambda Chapter, pledge class of 1982.



Foreign exchange students served as groomsmen at Rick Perry's wedding.

Since 1994, I've been working in sales with various consumer packaged goods companies including Hershey Chocolate USA, Unilever-HPC USA, AC Nielsen and Crossmark. Currently, I am employed at the Maine Specialty Foods Company, Stonewall Kitchen in York, Maine as the regional sales manager for the West Coast working/ selling in 22 of the western states. I live in Falmouth, Maine with my partner of 27 years, Jason Ronco and more recently, my husband as of September 15, 2018. Five of our nine foreign exchange students we have hosted over the years served as our groomsmen. The students came all the way from France, Italy, Denmark, Germany and Portugal. It's been so nice to see all of the positive changes Husson University has gone through over the years and so pleased to see it continue to grow and educate so many fine students from all over the world. My mother, **Barbara Ann (Albert) Perry** (deceased in 2000) was a graduate of the Eastern Maine General Hospital Nursing Program back in 1953-54. The program is now part of Husson University. Please say hello to **Paul Husson** for me if he's still working in the office, which I suspect he is. :-) Sincerely, Rick Perry, ΚΔΦ

Saundra Pelletier '89, '91 was named one of the 500 most influential people in San Diego in the November 2020 special edition of *The San Diego Business Journal*. Saundra serves as the CEO, president and executive director of Evofem Biosciences. She has led the company's expansive capital growth and public offering of Phexxi, the first FDA approved hormone-free female contraceptive gel in September 2020. In addition, Evofem Biosciences received the Business Intelligence Group's BIG Innovation Award of 2021 for the creation of Phexxi.

Gil Smith '88G, '16G has opened FPC of Bainbridge, NC as part of the F-O-R-T-U-N-E Personnel Consultants (FPC) nationwide network of over 65 franchised executive recruitment offices. Smith will be specializing in corporate operations positions within the government contracting industry. Smith's extensive experience includes several government positions at the White House, the United States Department of Agriculture and the Peace Corps, as well as senior executive positions at YRCI, Unissant and American Management Systems (now CGI).

1990s

In the November 30, 2020 publication of the *MaineBiz*, two alumni-managed accounting firms were listed in the top ten largest accounting firms in Maine, ranked by 2019 revenue. Purdy Powers & Co., where **Richard Emerson '89**

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Due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic and the uncertainty of seeing any improvements by September, the Reunion Organizing Committee has decided to postpone holding our reunion this year and are now planning for **Homecoming 2022**. While we are disappointed, we feel it's the prudent thing to do. If you haven't already contacted the ROC to be added to our list for updates, please send your contact details to **alphaomegatke@gmail.com**

serves as the managing stockholder, was ranked number 7 and Runyon Kersteen Ouellette, where **Donald Gaudet '93** serves as managing principal, was ranked number 10.

Carolanne Caron CPA, '91 has joined Greater Nashua Mental Health in Nashua, NH as their senior accountant in charge of grant tracking and reporting. Caron resides in Merrimack, NH with her husband Michael.

Christine Coburn '93 joined OneAmerica as vice president of underwriting in support of their employee benefits line of business. In her new role, Coburn brings over twenty years of executive experience and most recently served as vice president of national accounts for Prudential Financial.

Kris Doody, RN '97G, CEO of Cary Medical Center and Pines Health Services in Caribou, ME has been appointed as chair of the American Hospital Association National Committee on the Future of Rural Health Care. This task force will explore rural hospital challenges, identify future trends, increase awareness and recommend policy changes.

Amanda Peterson '99, '13G was named the 2020 Maine Career and Technical Education (CTE) Teacher of the Year by the Maine Administrators of Career and Technical Education (MACTE). Peterson is currently the business leadership instructor at United Technologies Center (UTC) in Bangor and is known for her ability to find each student's unique talents and help them build their skills and self-confidence.

2000s

Carolina Boutaugh '02 was promoted to national biologics account sales director at AstraZeneca. She has been with the organization since 2005 and has served in multiple capacities throughout her career, most recently as regional account director.

Britney Gallagher '02 has joined Friends of Community Fitness as the executive director in Guilford, Maine. ComFit is a nonprofit fitness and community center with a mission to promote a healthy lifestyle through providing various forms of physical exercise, social and educational opportunities for all ages and financial means. Gallagher previously worked and volunteered over 10 years for the Piscataquis Regional YMCA.

Jamie Chandler '02, chief operating officer for Aroostook County Action Program (ACAP) received certification as a Results Oriented Management and Accountability (ROMA) implementer. ROMA is based on principles contained within the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 and provides the framework for continuous growth and improvement to address the needs of the community.

Timothy Kelly '06, '08G has joined the Residential Lending Team at Bar Harbor Bank & Trust as assistant vice president, mortgage loan originator. He will serve the Greater Bangor area, helping individuals and families find financing solutions for their homes. Kelly first joined Bar Harbor Bank & Trust in 2019 as AVP, branch relationship manager for their Main Street in Bangor location.

Taryn Everett, DPT '08, '10 has opened a small business, Anchored Physical Therapy and Wellness, that provides individualized physical therapy, wellness, nutrition and bodywork services. In addition to her new venture, Everett is a fitness instructor at Evolution Athletix and a staff physical therapist and certified lymphedema therapist at Northern Light Mercy Hospital.

Leonard MacDaid '08 was appointed as the chief of police for the Winslow Police Department in October 2020. A U.S. Navy veteran, MacDaid started his law enforcement career as an officer and became a detective at the Somerset County Sheriff's Department. From there, he assumed his first police chief position in Clinton in 2000 and recently finished his 15th year as police chief in Newport.

Benjamin Shaw '09G has joined Thompson Financial Group as the chief operating officer. Prior to joining the firm, he served as the chief business officer at the University of Maine at Presque Isle and held various management positions at the Defense Finance Accounting Service Center in Limestone. In 2015, he became a Certified Management Accountant and holds his Series 65 Investment Advisor Representative and life and health insurance producer licenses.

2010s

Nicole Case '10G has accepted the position of principal at Machias Memorial High School.

Jon DiBiase '14 has joined Gray-New Gloucester High School as the varsity baseball coach. Since graduating from Husson, he has served several high schools as an assistant football and basketball coach. Outside of his coaching responsibilities, DiBiase is a high school completion specialist for Jobs for Maine's Graduates within South Portland High School.

Ray Harrington '10, comedian and creator of the web series 'Undependent', has won Best Comedy at the NYC Web Fest for the show. The web series is a scripted comedy about two independent documentary filmmakers desperate for success.

Jessica Barry '13 has joined the Bucksport Regional Health Center's team as the newest family nurse practitioner at their Ellsworth office, Coastal Health Center. She is a member of the American Nursing Association, Maine Nurse Practitioners Association and the American Association of Nurse Practitioners.



Elizabeth Incannella '14, '20 has joined Calais Regional Medical Services as a family nurse practitioner. She first started her medical career in her native Connecticut as a nurse and then worked at Calais Regional Hospital before continuing her education to become a nurse practitioner.

Christopher DelGiudice '15 is back at his alma mater, Messalonskee High School, serving as a math teacher and girls' soccer coach. In his first year of coaching, he earned Morning Sentinel Girls' Soccer Coach of the Year.

Phil Leighton '15, '15G has joined the Dartmouth office of Royal LePage Atlantic as a real estate agent.

Natalie Kitchel '17G and Ethan Sylvain have announced their engagement and plans of an August 2022 wedding. Natalie currently works as an occupational therapist and entrepreneur and her fiancé is an analytical chemist at Mylan Technologies, Inc.

Lyndsay Merrill '17 was crowned 2021 Ms. Maine American Women of Service

at the 12th annual Maine Academic Scholarship Pageant and Green Carpet Fundraiser Event for Crossroads Youth Center in September 2020. Lyndsay currently serves as the social media coordinator for SIG SAUER Inc. and is the creator of her personal healthy living platform, Livin' Lean with Lyndsay. She is a Bronze Presidential Volunteer Service Award winner and enjoys giving back to her community by reading children's books, donating goods to the Saco Food Pantry and local First Responder Organizations.

Parker Asselin '18 has joined Acadia Lending group as the newest loan analyst.

Samantha Dubay '18 started her career as a physician assistant at Miles Surgical PLLC in Wilmington, NC. She graduated from Desales University (MS: Physician Assistant) in September of 2020 and passed her certification exam in November 2020. She lives in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.



Kaci Rankins '18 has opened KR Real Estate Media, a professional full-service real estate media company that specializes in designed photos, video, drone, and 3D tours. He previously served on successful TV news teams at CBS 13 and FOX 23 where they won numerous awards and Emmys.

Alicia Farrell '19 joined KVHC in August of 2020 in the role of nurse manager. She has quickly garnered respect of her peers and become a leader in her department. She currently supervises the two fastest growing clinics in the organization.

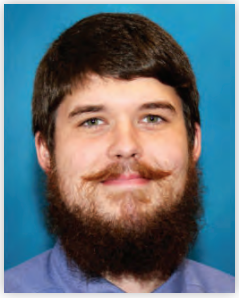
Liam Hughes '19 has earned his property and casualty license. He joined F.A. Peabody Company in October 2020 as an insurance agent in the Presque Isle branch.

Andrew Tham '19 was highlighted by his employer, Life Care Centers of America, during October as part of a series honoring physical therapists during Physical Therapy Month. Andrew serves as part of the rehabilitation team at Hallmark Manor in Washington. He has almost a decade of experience working in a private live-in rehabilitation and care center in England using a holistic, integrated and real-life approach. An approach that he now utilizes to provide patients with the best care possible.

2020s

Cameron Clark '20, owner of Cam's Lawn Care and Landscaping in Houlton, ME, has helped to find a new purpose for abandoned fire towers in Maine's northern wilderness. The fire towers, originally built by the Maine Forest Service to watch for signs of forest fires, are now used for hikers to climb and enjoy scenic views. Cam's landscaping company built the three new fire tower cabs, which were funded by the Public Lands Management Fund, to atop towers on the Allagash, Round Pond and Deboullie mountains in the Allagash Wilderness Waterway.

Dr. Michael Farrell '20G was promoted from director of rehabilitative services to chief operations officer for Katahdin Valley Health Center in June 2020. He is responsible for all aspects of daily operations for the organization.



Brandon Hussey '20 has joined Northern Maine Development Commission (NMDC) as a loan portfolio manager. In his role, Hussey will be responsible for maintaining current and accurate client loan file documentation and balances.

Daulton Wickenden '20 has graduated from the Safeco Producer Development Program. This program supports and encourages account executives new to the insurance industry to develop their skills. Wickenden currently serves as a personal insurance account executive for Allen Insurance and Financial.

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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



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1. How has Husson helped to shape your career?



ANNE: As a medical secretary, I had the opportunity to work in a variety of secretarial positions. After receiving my BS in Accounting, it gave me the opportunity to expand my knowledge and help the companies I worked for keep their records correctly and to train other employees.



ED: Most of my work has been in accounting and management. My education at Husson was Business Management, which helped me in most of the jobs I was involved in.



STEVE: Husson offered me a powerful business education to draw on over the years. I will always point at Husson as a key ingredient in my success.

2. What is something you appreciate about Husson?



ANNE: I appreciate the education I received from Husson and the small classes so I was able to know my professors and get any help needed.



ED: Most of my time at Husson was on Park Street. All the professors were really kind to the students and went out of their way to help them.



STEVE: The classroom education was only a part of the value that I received. Being from a small Maine town, I also gained a much appreciated exposure to diversity in all aspects of life. My fraternity brothers (TKE) are still part of my life. I hope that next year we will have a 50th reunion. Some of the growth lessons that I received from our advisor, Jack Slomback, still guide my life.

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



ANNE: Dewey Martin gave me some great advice when I was interviewing for accounting positions and he also took me on an audit with him. This gave me some very valuable experience.



ED: I went to the new campus and took a computer course and I had a problem with the software and the professor told me to come to his home and he took care of my problem.



STEVE: The biggest personal impact was that I met my wife of 45 years there.

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



ANNE: Serving on the Alumni Board has allowed me to interact with students, professors, staff and talk to prospective students. One of my favorite events is the late night breakfast during finals week. I will certainly miss this event this year.



ED: I enjoy working with Husson students. I work on the breakfast every year and all the students seem to enjoy the breakfast so much. I also have worked with students and their parents and they all seem to be very happy with Husson.



STEVE: Being on an Alumni Board keeps me connected to all that Husson is and offers. I’m delighted by the growth of Husson University. Husson was a great choice for me.

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



ANNE: I play bridge and cribbage, go to the gym pre covid, take hikes and spend time with family and friends. We also try to spend the month of March in Florida.



ED: My wife, Anne, and I play bridge and cribbage. We also do a lot of traveling. We have gone to Florida every March for many years. We have gone to many Husson Red Sox games in Ft. Myers Jet Blue Stadium. We have also gone to Ireland, Bermuda, Hawaii and many places in Canada over the years.



STEVE: I’m still a Maine boy at heart, choosing to stay with my roots. Outdoor activities on land and water with my family take up the majority of my time.

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