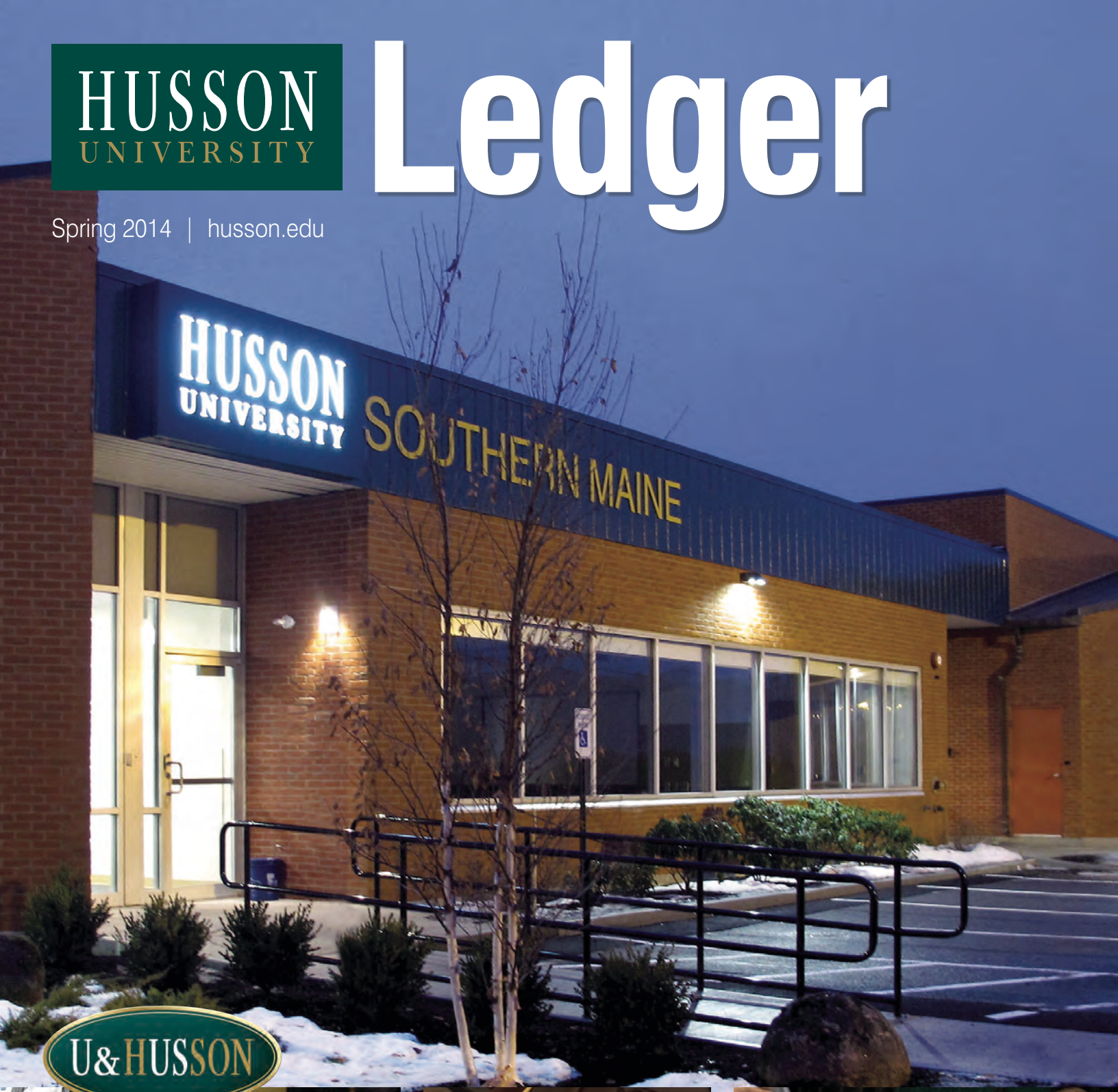
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Dear Alumni and Friends,



As I complete my fifth spring here on campus, I am mindful of how fortunate we are as an institution to have strong roots and the support of loyal and committed alumni and friends.

There are a number of challenges facing higher education in Maine including a declining number of college-age students and increased market competition. Nevertheless, while other institutions may struggle to identify a clear direction and mission, we continue to focus on delivering a high quality, affordable education that prepares our students for their future professional lives.

We have been pleased to be identified by *US News and World Report* as one of the top ten colleges and universities in the United States in the percent of our graduates who have completed an internship, practicum, or clinical experience. We know that integrating these experiences with solid academic preparation leads to a graduate who is ready for a job on day one.

As our graduates walked across the stage at graduation, they exuded confidence. I extend my great appreciation to each of you for your support of Husson's mission and our commitment to student success.

Have a great summer. Tricia and I look forward to seeing you on June 28th at our Reunion event – or whenever you are in the area!

Thanks,

Robert A. Clark, PhD, CFA
President



In my professional role here at Husson University, I take great interest in the activities of my peers at other educational institutions around the country. Nowadays, it's not uncommon for large, public and private institutions to engage in multi-billion dollar fundraising campaigns, with each seeking to outdo the other in terms of total dollars raised.

When asked why they need so much money, you'll hear a variety of responses. "We need to make up for reduced government support," or "We need to compete with other institutions." While the need for support shouldn't be minimized, I worry that in the quest to raise money and build endowments to previously unfathomable ten-digit levels; these other institutions have forgotten something.

The student.

Asking for these gifts shouldn't be about institutional recognition or maintaining bloated, inefficient organizations. A gift to a college or university should be about helping to transform students' lives.

Here at Husson, I'm proud that the donations given by our donors make a difference in the lives of students every day. Your gifts fund scholarships that help make education possible for those of limited means. We never forget that our primary role is educating students; as a result, our strategic investments, including the construction of new facilities, are always made in ways that support teaching and learning.

Your generosity brings top-notch faculty members to campus who are dedicated to enriching the lives of young adults. And unlike other universities, we work consciously to keep our overhead down so as many resources as possible can be devoted to our students.

When you choose to support Husson University, you're making an investment in people. You're telling students that you care about their future and about helping them to achieve career success.

As someone who has held leadership positions at some of these big educational institutions, I'm grateful to be working at Husson University. The vision that helped found this institution continues to resonate today. Our priority always was – and always will be – the education of students.

And that's the way it should be at *every* university.

Best Regards,

Thomas A. Martz
Vice President for Advancement

Correction Corner

The following names were inadvertantly omitted from the Fall 2013 Annual Report Edition. Our sincerest appologies.

In Honor of Frank P. McGarry
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Frank M. Carter Tax Institute

Husson University hosted the 41st Annual Frank M. Carter Tax Institute at the Richard E. Dyke Center for Family Business on December 6th. This annual event, co-sponsored by Husson University, the Penobscot County Bar Association and the Maine Society of Certified Public Accountants, was designed to provide tax practitioners with the most current information available about the tax and legislative changes affecting their practices and their clients in the upcoming year.



Hour of Code

The Husson community participated in the worldwide "Hour of Code" movement, organized by Code.org, during Computer Science Education Week (December 9th through 15th), which encourages grade-school students to learn computer science skills. More than 100 students from Bangor-area middle and high schools participated in on-campus educational workshops while computer science faculty traveled to three local schools to teach lessons in coding.

CMCC transfer agreement

Central Maine Community College (CMCC) and Husson University have approved a memorandum of understanding that will ease the transfer of credits from CMCC to Husson for approved coursework. Students who have completed approved CMCC programs in accounting, business administration, computer information systems, criminal justice, hospitality and tourism management, and sport management will be able to apply these credits towards degree programs at Husson.



Husson receives award

Maine International Trade Center (MITC) is pleased to announce Husson University as the Service Provider of the Year at the 2014 International Trade and Investment Awards presented during Maine International Trade Day on May 15, at the Cross Insurance Center in Bangor, Maine.

The Service Provider of the Year Award is presented to a service provider that has established an international presence for the export of their service. A long-time state leader in international education, Husson University participated in the 2013 State of Maine Trade Mission to Mexico & Colombia, currently enrolls 33 foreign students from 20 different countries, and is an active leader/mentor in MITC's StudyMaine program.

Husson Offers Free Taxpayers' Assistance Program

The program was offered on a drop-in basis from February 1st until the tax filing deadline, April 15th. Husson alum **John Dalzell, B.S. Accounting '04**, volunteered to manage the program, in which he and third-year students from the School of Accounting worked one-on-one with people who came in for help.

The program was open to Husson students, staff, and faculty, as well as anyone in the Bangor area who wanted assistance with filling out their individual tax forms.

Unlike a traditional tax-filing service, the program's primary goal is to educate individuals about how to fill out their own taxes so that they can understand how the process works, says **Dewey Martin, director of Husson's School of Accounting**. "The program has an educational mission," he adds. "When people come in for help, volunteers guide them through the steps so that they'll be able to do it on their own next time."

College of Business

New Legal Studies Degree

Husson has added a new Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Legal Studies with a Pre-Law Concentration degree to the fall slate of course offerings available through the institution's College of Business. This new program meets the needs of current and prospective students who want to develop the skills necessary to succeed in law school.

"Our new Legal Studies Pre-Law program teaches students to think like lawyers. This can be an important competitive advantage for graduates interested in pursuing their education and succeeding in law school," said Assistant Professor Margaret Campbell, School of Legal Studies.

Discussion on multi-generational family business ownership

In *A Conversation at the Dyke Center* on December 5th, Husson students, faculty, and invited guests from the Bangor community gathered together for an insightful discussion on multi-generational family business ownership. At the event, Tim Hussey, CEO of Hussey Seating, and Kevin

Hancock, CEO of Hancock Lumber, participated in an interactive question-and-answer session with attendees about the benefits and challenges associated with managing a long-running family-owned business. Both Hussey and Hancock are sixth-generation chief executive officers of their families' companies.

"While classroom lessons come alive for students as they listen to these entrepreneurs talk about their successes, I think it's their recounting of their failures that have the biggest impact," said **Nancy Forster-Holt, Ph.D., M.B.A., C.M.A., executive director, Entrepreneurship and Executive Development** at Husson University. "To hear these leaders tell stories about the lessons they learned through failure and then say that they love what they do, and if they could do it all over, wouldn't have sought a shortcut around those lessons, is a powerful message for young people."

New England School of Communication



NESCom earns awards

At the 2013 Maine Association of Broadcasters awards dinner on October 19th, 2013, NESCom students were honored with three awards. Journalism student **Tim Stitson** received two awards, placing second in the News Feature category for his radio segment on the beloved Husson University Dining Services employee known as "Grandma Husson." In the Locally Produced Program category, "Edgar Allan Poe's Tale of Mystery and Imagination" placed second as well. And in the Public Affairs category, 2013 Radio Broadcasting graduate **Nick Jacobs** received a first-place award for his segment on the WHSN show "Community Connections," which focused on the work of Spruce Run, a Bangor-based non-profit organization dedicated to serving people affected by domestic abuse.

Recording session held

Acclaimed a cappella quartet ***The Anonymous 4*** recorded a set of vocal tracks for a new album by Grammy Award-winning composer Christopher Tin at a NESCom

Black History Month Program



Husson University partnered with the Greater Bangor Area NAACP to present a Black History Month program and celebration on February 9th at the Gracie Theatre, commemorating the 50th anniversaries of the March on Washington in 1963 and the signing of the Civil Rights Act in 1964.

The event featured a discussion panel of notable Maine residents, who shared their reflections on the 1963 march and activism in 2014, followed by an audience Q&A session. The panel included the Honorable Gerald Talbot, the first African-American elected to the Maine Legislature; activists John and Marisue Pickering, early members of the Greater Bangor Area NAACP; and Professor Douglas Allen, professor of philosophy and former chairperson of the Department of Philosophy at the University of Maine. Former State Representative Herb Adams served as moderator.

The program also featured a screening of the legendary "I Have a Dream" speech delivered by the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. during the March on Washington. This speech is widely regarded as one of the finest examples of stirring political oratory ever delivered by an American.

Following the screening, musical entertainment was provided by the Husson University Singers; Brewer-based gospel choir, The Destiny Worship Praise Team; and singer Nancy Dymond.

The program served as an important reminder of all that's been accomplished by the civil rights movement, and the work that must continue to be done.

"The passage of the Civil Rights Act and the March on Washington were some of the most important moments in the history of the United States during the 20th century," said Robert Talbot, Vice President of the Greater Bangor Area NAACP. "These efforts, made possible with the leadership of Nobel Peace Prize recipient, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., led to the reform of voter registration laws and ended legalized racial segregation in schools, at the workplace and at public facilities. In remembering these events, the week's program served as a reminder of the importance of social justice and the need to continue the work that began over 50 years ago, to rid our society of bigotry, hate and prejudice."

recording studio on January 18, 2014. Tin's composition, *Seirenes*, was commissioned by the Bangor Symphony Orchestra and debuted on January 19. The full song cycle will also feature music by London's Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and will be released on an album later this year. NESCom students will also have the opportunity to use the recorded tracks in their educational curriculum. "This material will be a great addition to our audio recording and sound mixing curricula," said Associate Professor **Walter Clissen**.



Students work Red Bull Frozen Rush event

On January 10, 2014, NESCom video production students **Chris Rancourt** and **Jack White** got some real-world experience as utility grip on the Red Bull Frozen Rush off-road truck race event at Sunday River in Newry, ME. Rancourt and White, along with NESCom Video Production Instructor **Steve Vachon**, spent a week running cables and setting up camera angles to achieve the perfect shots for the event's NBC television broadcast.

The Hub radio program

The Husson Counseling Services Center and the New England School of Communications recently launched a new pilot radio program on WHSN-FM radio, called *The Hub*. Hosted by **Dr. Josh Lawrence** and **Colleen Owens**, licensed clinical professional counselor, the five-episode show focused on stress management and decision-making. Students from NESCom's journalism and radio departments oversaw the program's production, while other journalism students interviewed Husson students to gain their feedback about the programming. The show will be available in podcast form on WHSN-fm.com.

School of Education

Yasenchak speaks at conference in India



John Yasenchak, Ed.D., assistant professor in the Graduate Counseling Program, traveled to India to speak at a series of conferences put on by the American Counseling Association. These international conferences focused on spirituality, suicide prevention and addictions. "The counseling students were eager to hear about our program, but they also shared their enthusiasm for their education. They see their chosen vocation as integral to the overall development of India," said Yasenchak.

School of Physical Therapy

One hundred percent of the members of the class of 2013 majoring in Physical Therapy have taken and passed the national exam for licensure. Three of the class members achieved perfect scores.

School of Nursing

Graduates of the Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) and the Advanced Practice Psychiatric Nursing (APPN) master's tracks achieved a perfect 100 percent pass rate on their national certifying exams in 2013.

School of Pharmacy

Annual meeting

Husson University School of Pharmacy, along with the University of New England College of Pharmacy and the Maine State Board of Pharmacy, recently co-hosted the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy/American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy District I & II Annual Meeting. The event, which was held October 17-19, provided an opportunity for pharmacy board members and school faculty to come together to address pharmacy-related issues of regional and national concern.

Board of Pharmacy Specialties Certifications



Three Husson University School of Pharmacy faculty members, **Dr. Stephanie Nichols**, **Dr. Allison Strobel**, and **Dr. Evan Williams**, earned Board of Pharmacy Specialties certifications in Fall 2013. In addition to their existing credentials, Nichols is now a Board Certified Psychiatric Pharmacist (BCPP); Strobel is a Board Certified Ambulatory Care Pharmacist (BCACP); and Williams is a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist (BCPS).



Cassandra White, Pharm.D., assistant professor of pharmacy, represented the Husson University School of Pharmacy at the American College of Clinical Pharmacy's (ACCP) Annual Meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico in 2013. Dr. White's presentation, given on October 15, focused on her and her co-author, Alisa Hughes-Stricklett's, insights into developing clinics that help geriatric pharmacy patients gain a better understanding of their medical needs. Their own clinic proved to be highly effective, leading to the discontinuation of 143 medications that did not contribute to improving patient health.

New hires

In Winter 2013, the School of Pharmacy hired **Gwen Bartlett, Pharm. D., BCPS**, as an assistant professor, and **Sandy Bartlett, Ph.D, Pharm.D., BCPS**, as an associate professor.

School of Science and Humanities



Jonathan Bayless, an assistant professor of Mathematics, recently co-authored two research papers in academic journals and spoke at the Joint Mathematics Meetings (JMM) in Baltimore, Maryland on January 15th. The first paper, "New bounds and computations on prime-indexed primes," published in the journal *INTEGERS*, served as the basis for his well-received JMM speech. His other recent publication, "Reciprocal sums as a knowledge metric: theory, computation, and perfect numbers," appeared in the *American Mathematical Monthly*.



Assistant Professor of English, **Adam Crowley, Ph.D.**, presented a lecture at the Northeast Popular/Culture Association (NEPCA) conference on October 25th. Crowley's presentation, part of a panel on visual culture and digital media, was a critical analysis of themes in the popular video game Resident Evil.



Matthew Pifer, Ph.D., associate professor of English and director of the Writing Center, has been appointed as an educational policy analyst for the National Council of Teachers of English, a group dedicated to supporting policy initiatives, pedagogical innovations, and English Studies scholarship.

Research award



Karl Bishop, Ph.D., associate professor of Chemistry, is co-founder and chief science officer at Cerahelix, Inc., a company that was recently awarded a $1 million Department of Energy Phase II Small Business Innovative Research Award. The company has developed ceramic filtration technology that provides an energy saving alternative to customers across a wide range of industries.





Mayan Blue

Mayan Blue, a documentary film that explores the history of Samabaj, an ancient Maya city recently discovered beneath the waters of Lake Atitlan, Guatemala, has a strong Husson connection: **Todd Eastman**, associate professor of digital filmmaking at the New England School of Communications, served as a cinematographer throughout the film's three-year production. The completed film was screened at the Gracie Theater on February 20th.

"Having the privilege to film in some of the most sacred places of the Mayan culture was humbling," said Eastman. "For many viewers, these images would be some of the few visual connections they would have to these historic people of Guatemala. My cinematography needed to capture and reflect their beliefs and traditions."

The film, which was directed by Rafael Garcia, won for "Best Cinematography" and "Best Documentary" at the 2013 Geneva Film Festival and received the "Audience's Choice Award" at the 2013 Savannah Film Festival.

Eastman's focus throughout the film centered on lighting and making sure every image of this murky hidden world was clearly visible to viewers. "We were coming onto Lake Atitlan after an algae bloom so the water was green. A lot of times the camera would accentuate the green so it would look worse than it actually was and nothing looks worse on the big screen than green water. It repulses the viewer," he explained. "As the director of photography, I was responsible for whatever image was projected up on the screen. So I had to make some adjustments."

In reflecting on his experience, Eastman said, "I'm proud to have worked with such a talented director as Rafael Garcia. His passion and knowledge of the subject fueled the entire project."

"Every day of production, I had the opportunity to do what I love. Immersing yourself in another culture gives you an opportunity to learn as much about yourself as it does about other societies and traditions."

New Southern Maine campus is designed for working adults and other traditional and non-traditional students





Ribbon-cutting participants left to right: Charles Collins, Executive Director Southern Maine; Mayor of Westbrook, Colleen Hilton; President Robert Clark; Carol Kanar, Chair, Husson Board of Trustees; Provost Lynne Coy-Ogan; and Matt Cook, president AlliedCook Construction.

Husson Hosts Ribbon-cutting Ceremony for New Westbrook Campus

On February 4th, Husson University held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for its new Southern Maine campus, based in a 17,000 square-foot building in Westbrook at 340 County Road.

The ceremony featured speeches from notable attendees including President Robert Clark; Carol Kanar, chair of the Husson Board of Trustees; and Westbrook Mayor Colleen Hilton. It was attended by more than 120 guests, including many Husson alumni who now live in the Portland area.

Although Husson has offered courses in the Portland region for close to 30 years in leased buildings, Husson made an investment of more than $6 million to purchase the new Westbrook location and renovate the existing building. “It’s a bigger presence and an increased commitment to the region,” says Charles Collins, executive director of the Southern Maine campus.

“This facility is a long time coming,” said Kanar at the event. It represents the “fulfillment of the trustees’ vision to have an even stronger presence in southern Maine.”

The Southern Maine campus is designed to provide a convenient education model for working adults and other non-traditional students, with most classes held in the evenings and on Saturdays.

“We have an outstanding traditional campus in Bangor, but our trustees also believe that with the types of professional-oriented programming that Husson offers, it was important to extend our presence in Southern Maine” says Collins.

Students enrolled at Southern Maine have access to career services, the Sawyer library, live video events, and many other services available through Husson’s main campus in Bangor. “We can use technology to show students that you can gain access to a high-quality college experience, without multiple buildings” says Collins.

The new campus offers substantially more space for courses, and the school has already increased program offerings there: “We’ve added new degree programs in hospitality management and software development, and we’ve just added a master’s degree in education as well,” says Collins.

He went on to explain that the school’s new location is ideal for working students, who can access the campus within five minutes of exiting the turnpike. It’s a simple drive for anyone in the Portland region, and easily accessible for students coming from as far away as Lewiston/Auburn. The school is also adjacent to many large employers,

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providing opportunities for students at these organizations to pursue education that will further their careers.

Westbrook officials are thrilled to have the new campus located in town as well, and are impressed with the school's array of educational opportunities. "We're really pleased students will be able to attend school in Westbrook from kindergarten right up through their doctorate," said Westbrook's mayor, Colleen Hilton, at the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The campus has 225 students enrolled for the current spring semester, but the new building contains enough room to host 500 students. Collins expects the school's enrollment to grow quickly: "Word of mouth is spreading," he says, "and to the University's outstanding programs meet students' needs for quality professional programs.






















Husson Launches Southern Maine Alumni Board Chapter

Over the last few years, Husson's director of alumni relations, Buffie McCue, has worked to build an active, engaged group of Husson alums who have helped to plan and promote activities for fellow graduates. The original Alumni Board has since grown to 22 members—but, as Husson expands its presence in Southern Maine with the new Portland/Westbrook campus, McCue wanted to expand the Alumni Board's presence beyond the Bangor region.

"We have huge pockets of alums in southern Maine, who've either attended the Portland campus or moved to the Portland area after graduating from the Bangor campus," says McCue. "We felt it was important to engage with people in Southern Maine." In order to accomplish that, she's developed a new Southern Maine chapter of the Alumni Board.

The six members of the Southern Maine Alumni Board, Chairman Jack Donovan '64, Christopher Paradis '97, Bob MacKenzie '13, Roger Daigle '72, Odie Bachelder '02, and Lee Ann Lowe '87, bring diverse expertise to Husson's Alumni Relations Committee. For instance, Donovan is president of the Maine Innkeeper's Association, and MacKenzie is the chief of police in Kennebunk. "They all bring different pieces of the world to the picture, and they work together really well," says McCue.

The group works together to develop and promote alumni activities throughout Southern Maine and they were on hand to greet attendees of the ribbon-cutting event at the new Westbrook campus. They helped to facilitate a networking event in Portland in May and looks forward to a summer guest lecture series.

As Husson's alumni community grows, McCue is eager to add new chapters of the Alumni Board in different regions of Maine and throughout the country. "We have a strong network of alums in many regions, and we want to bring them together," she adds.

Husson and NESCom Uniting in Fall 2014

Husson University and the New England School of Communications (NESCom) have always had a lot in common. They are both high-quality academic institutions offering a diverse range of professional degree and certification programs. For more than 30 years, students from the two schools have learned and lived side by side.

NESCom was originally founded as a small school in downtown Bangor in 1981. By 1985, it had outgrown its building and the institution began to lease space on the Husson campus. Husson bought the smaller school in 1997, though the two institutions have continued to operate separately, apart from shared resources such as the dormitories and dining hall. But this fall, the two schools will become a single academic powerhouse, as NESCom becomes formally integrated into Husson University.

The merger between the two schools has been several years in the making and offers many benefits to students enrolled at both institutions.

"The synergy between NESCom and Husson will increase the academic and career opportunities for all of our students," said President Robert Clark in a town hall meeting discussing the integration between the two campuses.

Cross-school course enrollment has always been an option for Husson and NESCom students, but students who are currently enrolled in either institution will now gain access to additional major and minor options, and will have greater flexibility in using the resources of both schools. "It broadens the Husson mission and market in ways that haven't been done before," says Thom Johnson, President of NESCom.

Many of Husson's existing degree options, such as accounting and health sciences, "are very structured," he adds. With the addition of NESCom's programs, such as video production, audio engineering, and web media, "you start to develop a more creative and artistic side to the institution, but within the context of professional education."

Like Husson, NESCom has long advocated the philosophy of experiential learning and NESCom students have been involved in many internship and externship programs to gain real-world work experience in fields like television, radio, and journalism. As a result, the integration is a natural fit.

For students at either school, the day-to-day experience won't change much—however, "there are a lot of changes going on in the back office," says Johnson. For instance, the two school's registrars will be integrated and future students will apply directly to Husson regardless of which program they are interested in.

The merger was a long time coming. "It was a march of inevitability," says Johnson. "We'd become neighbors, and now we've become family."

Welcome to the family, NESCom.



Environmental Science Students Get Real-World Engineering Training

Chemistry instructor Ken Johnson organizes new *Experiences* internship program.



For Husson students, learning doesn't begin and end in the classrooms. Students are encouraged and expected to learn from the world around them in hands-on experiential learning programs. For example, freshman Environmental Science students are required to participate in a series of single-credit internships, known as "Experiences," which help them to apply their academic knowledge in the real world.

This year, Husson Chemistry Instructor and Lab Coordinator Ken Johnson has organized a new Experience in the Environmental Science program that offers students the opportunity to be involved in a stormwater evaluation of the Husson campus. Husson has partnered with Stillwater Environmental Engineering, Inc. (SEE), located in Orono, to implement an innovative internship program that gives students the chance to work with environmental engineers as they analyze how Husson University can manage its stormwater runoff more efficiently.

Stormwater runoff that passes over asphalt and other impervious surfaces can pick up debris and other pollutants, such as petroleum. These impurities can flow into a storm sewer system or a body of water. The project's goal is to evaluate how the campus stormwater management system is currently functioning and to consider alternatives that ensure the safety of local water bodies and protect the health of wildlife.

The students' roles involve both strategic and hands-on work under the supervision of Johnson and Phil Ruck, P.E., President of SEE, such as opening up catch basins to make sure they drain to the right locations; analyzing stormwater discharge areas; and confirming the accuracy of Bangor's mapping.

"We have unique challenges because of the stream down the hill, which is a breeding ground for a protected salmon species," says Johnson.

Additionally, students will have the opportunity to present their findings to other students, faculty, staff, and the public in a series of educational outreach events, including Husson's Annual Research and Scholarship Day.

"In this Experience, students are both learning about concepts that apply directly to their degree, and gaining the opportunity to become stewards of the environment," Johnson adds.

While the program both helps students gain hands-on work experience in environmental management and provides support to local engineers, such as SEE, the campus stormwater system evaluation project has an additional benefit. If Husson is able to increase the efficiency of its stormwater management program, the campus may receive a monetary credit towards the stormwater utility fee that the City of Bangor will soon be implementing.

"This program directly benefits the University," says Johnson. "The school can see a real economic gain from this."



Students discuss thoughts about the case presented during Interprofessional Evening of Conversation event.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Husson Brings Health Disciplines Together for Interprofessional Evening of Conversation

On January 30th, more than 250 students from diverse disciplines at Husson—nursing, education, physical therapy, occupational therapy, pharmacy, and clinical mental health counseling—came together for an evening of thought-provoking discussion at the Gracie Theatre for the second annual Interprofessional Evening of Conversation for Aspiring Healthcare and Education Professionals.

The event, developed by Peg Olson, an assistant professor at Husson's School of Physical Therapy, and Jeanne-Ann Ouellette, an assistant professor at the School of Nursing, provides a valuable opportunity for students trained in very different ways to come together and collaborate on a medical case study.

Olson and Ouellette developed the concept after a conversation they had in 2012 as part of a faculty development program aimed at improving teaching methods. When discussing a particular patient case study, "we took off in two different directions," says Olson. "She said that nursing was the big issue at play, but I said that if the patient had been engaged in physical therapy, she wouldn't need to be hospitalized at all."

"We were having a great conversation about how we interact, keeping the patient at the center of our focus, but coming at it from different angles," says Olson. "Then we thought, 'Why don't we get our students to have a conversation like this, too?'"

In the 2013 event, students talked about a hypothetical case study, but this year, an actor was hired to play the part of a patient, making the situation more authentic for the participating students.

The actor, a student from the New England School of Communications, played the part of a high school student with spina bifida. He was interviewed about his health and mental wellness by a faculty member and gave detailed answers that the attending students could reflect on in their notes.

The patient "was having problems in a multitude of areas," says Olson. "He had issues with fitting in with his classmates, he had issues with activities related to daily living, and he had anxiety and distrust surrounding the catheterization he needed for emptying his bladder."

During the case study presentation, students from each discipline wrote down their thoughts about his case. Next, they discussed the case from different perspectives in small, interdisciplinary groups.

The goal of the project wasn't to come up with a comprehensive treatment plan, but to "expose students to the fact that there are other ways of thinking and approaching a patient's care. This scope of experience prepares them for what they'll need to do in the real world," says Olson.

For example, students from nursing were able to see the role that physical therapy, counseling, and other disciplines could play in impacting a patient's physical and mental health, and vice versa.

"The event helped me see how we all rely on each other," says Lindsey Fredette, a junior in Husson's School of Nursing. "As nurses, we do the bedside communication, but without collaboration from everyone else, we wouldn't be able to provide the greatest care possible."

Philip Asere, a third year student in the School of Pharmacy, says that there's often a communication barrier between medical professionals in different fields, and that events like this help to close that divide. "Medical providers need to talk to each other," he says. "We need to work as a team and come up with customized approaches that help our patients."

The event "simulates a real-life environment," says Min Yang, a student in the School of Pharmacy. "When we go on hospital rounds, this is what it will look like. Here, we have the chance to interact with other professionals, and to apply our classroom knowledge in a practical situation."

Student participation in the event can help students gain credit toward course attendance, or credit for community service, at their professors' discretion. For some courses, students are required to write a reflective paper on the event afterwards.

Olson adds that the event brings faculty from each discipline closer together, and gives them a greater appreciation of each program's focus. "The faculty talk a lot more amongst themselves now that we've begun offering this annual experience," she says.

In the future, Olson hopes to have the opportunity to grow the interdisciplinary approach beyond a single experience and move into planning interprofessional courses that include professors from multiple disiplines. "It will take some planning among faculty members to make it happen," she says.

In the meantime, Olson is preparing for another successful interprofessional event next year and is collaborating with other faculty members to decide what the medical case study will focus on.

"We get such positive feedback from the community," she says. "It's hard work, but an excellent learning experience and fun for all."



The "Patient" interview regarding his health and mental wellness.



A presentation and review of the collobration outcomes from each group.



Kelly Mead, working with a group of education professionals on curriculum development.

A Fresh Take on the Advanced Teaching Degree:

Husson University's New Master's of Education

We've all had at least one teacher who made an indelible impression on our lives. In an effort to provide professional educators with the knowledge they need to make a lasting impact on the next generation, Husson University has launched a new Master of Education (M.Ed.) degree program. It is designed specifically for professionals working with grades K – 12 that are interested in strengthening their understandings of effective instructional techniques, current research and best practices.

In addition, Husson's new M.Ed. provides professionals with a core curriculum that addresses the social and emotional needs of students with content areas. Course developers in the College of Health and Education at Husson are confident that this holistic approach will prove beneficial in the classroom. Teachers increasingly need more than just a mastery of academic topics to work successfully with students.

Barbara Moody, M.Ed., director of teacher education explains: "The program is designed to support the needs of teachers interested in staying in the classroom who want to add to their skills and knowledge. Courses are offered utilizing a combination of online learning and traditional on-campus classroom instruction. The flexible nature of this program makes it ideal for busy teachers interested in furthering their careers."

Husson University is confident about the success of this new program. Program benefits include:

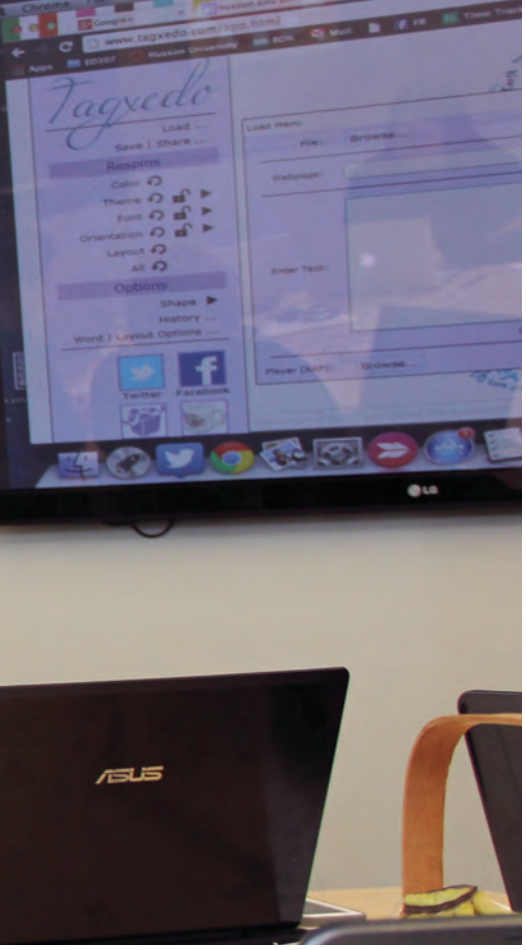
Increased Earnings. Professional educators working in a school system with a master's degree earn more than those with a bachelor's degree.

CE Credits. To meet state certification requirements, educators must earn continuing education (CE) credits. Since the coursework for this degree is recognized for CE credit, individuals can now qualify for certification renewal as they work toward a degree.

Improved Professional Practices. The M.Ed. experience can help create more effective educators by teaching best practices and providing hands-on experience.

Convenience. The M.Ed. is taught in a hybrid format that emphasizes both convenient class schedules and online content delivery. This combination allows professional educators to balance the competing demands of career and family as they earn their degree.

Affordable. Husson University is the lowest net-priced private institution



of higher learning in New England accredited by the New England Association of School and Colleges (NEASC).

Individuals interested in beginning their degree studies are encouraged to enroll immediately. The first class of the fall session will begin in August and there are a limited number of individuals being accepted into the first cohort. Education professionals in Maine interested in enrolling in this program may be eligible for the Maine Teacher's Scholarship.

Interested participants who have questions or need additional information should visit www.husson.edu/graduate-ed or contact Graduate Admissions at 207-992-4994 or graduateschool@husson.edu.







Husson Hosts Big Gig Pitch-Off

As part of an effort to enhance local economic development, four innovators were invited to pitch their business ideas to a panel of select judges and an attentive crowd at the Richard E. Dyke Center for Family Business.

The crowd consisted of congressional representatives, members of the Maine Center for Entrepreneurial Development (MCED), the Maine Technology Institute (MTI), curious community members, and Husson students from multiple disciplines.

"The Big Gig is a supportive competition that connects entrepreneurs with individuals who can help fund their ideas. Along the way, students have the opportunity to network with these local business innovators, hear from experts and learn about the importance of self-marketing," said Dr. Nancy Forster-Holt, Husson University's Executive Director of Entrepreneurship and Economic Development for the College of Business and steering committee member for the Big Gig.

Many of the entrepreneurs pitching their ideas appreciated the support they received from local community members and spirited students. Kathy and Bruce Chamberlain, owners of Stone Fox Creamery had never done anything like this before. They were nervous about getting up in front of people and talking about their business.

"One of the most challenging components of the Big Gig competition is standing up in front of people and honing in for 3-5 minutes on your product. We received coaching that helped us focus on being concise and selling our ice cream," said Kathy.

Once they saw the support from students, however, they realized they were not just pitching their product but serving as role models for future business professionals.

Among the students attending the event was Business Management major, Brooks Spaulding. "Being at this event is good experience for me and my classmates," said Spaulding. "Having the Big Gig event on campus is really valuable for the Husson community because it provides students with a real world perspective on what potential businesses are looking for."



Photo by Ryan Alexander Kahm

Director Aron Gaudet talking to Actor Sarah Sutherland during a night gravel pit party shoot for *Beneath The Harvest Sky*.

Aron Gaudet, NESCom '96 Filmmaking Journey

Growing up in Old Town, Maine, Aron Gaudet always longed to be a filmmaker. "But I thought all the films were made in Hollywood, and that seemed so far away from Maine," he says.

After graduating high school, however, he discovered that there were plenty of filmmaking opportunities right outside his door at the New England School of Communications (then called the New England School of Broadcasting). Gaudet attended a two-year program there from 1995 to 1996, where he learned the ropes of radio and television production.

"The program gave me access to sophisticated camera equipment, and helped me learn how to edit film better," he says. "Knowing that was all available here in Maine was very appealing to me."

Upon completing the program, Gaudet landed an internship with Bangor's ABC News affiliate, which he was able to turn into a full-time job. He spent close to ten years in TV production; then, working with his wife Gita Pullapilly as producer, he directed a documentary film about airport greeters who welcome returning troops at the Bangor International Airport, *The Way We Get By*. The film, released in 2009, was widely acclaimed, and was nominated for an Emmy Award.

Now, Gaudet and Pullapilly have completed their second film together, a scripted feature called *Beneath the Harvest Sky*. The film focuses on the coming-of-age struggles of two teenage boys growing up in Northern Maine. "One is working on a potato farm, and the other gets involved in smuggling drugs across the Canadian border," says Gaudet. "They're pulling each other in different directions."

The film was shot in Northern Maine and along the Canadian border, in towns including Madawaska, Van Buren, and Frenchville. "It's based on what life is really like up there," says Gaudet.

Creating a scripted feature was a big jump from the couple's previous filmmaking experience: "Before, it was just the two of us and someone running the camera," he says. "This time, the crew was 25 to 30 people, as well as a team of actors." One of the biggest challenges, he says, was "to keep 50 people all moving in the same direction and after the same goal."

However, the couple rose to the challenges, and are proud of their scripted feature film debut. The film opened on April 15th in theaters, and is also available through video-on-demand and iTunes.

"Making this kind of movie was my ultimate goal," says Gaudet. "I started at NESCom, which led to my TV news job. From there, making a documentary felt like a bridge to a scripted feature. NESCom was certainly a part of that journey."



Photo by Ryan Alexander Kahm

Directors Aron Gaudet & Gita Pullapilly talking to Actor Sarah Sutherland while filming a harvest scene for *Beneath The Harvest Sky.*

Alumni SPOTLIGHT

Sara Corey '12
2013 Young Farmer of the Year

Sara Corey, a 2012 Husson graduate, grew up working on Daniel Corey Farms, her family's 1,000-acre farm in Monticello, Maine. "I was involved from a young age," she says. "It wasn't an option not to work on the farm."

The farm has 15 full-time employees, and grows 45 varieties of crops including oats, wheat, and potatoes. The crops are sold locally throughout Aroostook County, and throughout the Eastern seaboard down to Florida. Seed potatoes are exported internationally, to countries including Brazil, Nicaragua, and Uruguay.

As a teenager, Corey learned to operate heavy machinery, including the harvester and the windrower. Although she was highly skilled in farming, Corey planned to go to Husson to study chemistry and eventually become a pharmacist. But mid-way through her studies, she decided that the family farm was her destiny after all.

Even so, Corey continued her degree in chemistry, and has found her education to be beneficial to her future career.

"We do a lot of soil analysis here, so my chemistry degree really helped with that," she says. "I also do some public speaking, which I took a class in at Husson, and I write a lot of letters, so my English courses helped too. It was a really well-rounded program that prepared me well."

Since joining the farm full-time, Corey has worked to increase efficiency with the help of modern technology, using GPS services to track the use of equipment such as planters and sprayers. "It's improved our accuracy," she says. "We can see when we start and stop using the equipment, and where it's gone. It's given us a lot of useful information."

Corey's skills haven't gone unnoticed by the local agricultural community. In October 2013, she was presented with the 2013 Young Farmer of the Year award by the Maine Potato Board. While Corey is the first woman to win the award and the youngest farmer to receive it, the award isn't new to her family. Corey's father, Daniel Corey, received the same award back in 1992.

Today, she is happy to be continuing the family tradition and credits her Husson education for helping her gain the skills she needed to elevate Corey Farms to the next level.

"I think nowadays, it's crucial for a young farmer to have a college degree," she says. "There are a lot of job opportunities out there, but you need the education first."

Peter McLean, Pharm.D. '13

After owning Stonington's Furniture and Flooring in Brewer, Maine for over 20 years, Peter McLean decided it was time for a change. McLean had always been interested in healthcare, so with encouragement from his wife, daughter and friends who work as pharmacists, the then-48 year old enrolled in Husson's first class of pharmacy students. "I'm at ease with young people and old people," he says. "No matter what a person's background, I seem to be able to communicate. I'm a little OCD, too. I think all pharmacists have a little bit of that."

Having studied business at Husson in the '80s, McLean knew it was the right fit for his next degree. "One of the great things about Husson is that the faculty get to know you as a person," he says. "They're very helpful if you have questions. It's a family-like atmosphere." McLean worked full-time as he earned his undergraduate business degree, so he didn't have much time for extracurricular activities. This time, however, he joined several campus groups including American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) and Phi Delta Chi, a fraternity for pharmacy students.

After graduating last May at the age of 54 and passing his boards, McLean went to work part-time as a community pharmacist at Rite Aid and a hospital pharmacist at St. Joseph's Hospital. "I had high expectations for working as a pharmacist and, it's exceeded my expectations," he says. "The school did a great job of preparing me, so there hasn't been a huge learning curve."

McLean advises others who are unhappy in their current jobs to consider a second career in pharmacy. "Pharmacy is a tremendous career with lots of opportunity," he says. "It's never too late to go back."





Kissy Walker, Husson's beloved women's basketball coach, has led the Eagles to countless milestones during her 24 years working at Husson University. And on January 18th, she hit a new one: 400 winning games in her career as head coach.

The Eagles were victorious against the New England College Pilgrims in the North Atlantic Conference game, winning by a score of 67-58. At the time, says Walker, she hadn't realized that the win would reach a new record. "We were focusing on winning the game so that we could get to the NAC semi-finals," she says. "The 400 wins was a bonus."

Walker's long career at Husson started in 1988, when she was hired as an assistant coach by her best friend, Lauree Gott. When Gott moved to Northeastern University, Walker stayed on as head coach and has led the basketball team ever since. "I was only 25 years old and didn't have much experience," she says. "Husson took a chance on me."

Walker credits her team's many wins to a variety of factors. "I'm fortunate that I've had great players, and wonderful assistant coaches," she says. "Assistant Coach Randy Dodge has been with me for 20 years. That's the kind of loyalty you can depend on."

She notes that the support of the administration has also been crucial to her success on the court. "They give coaches the tools they need to be successful."

And, when it comes to her philosophy on the court, Walker believes that a love of the game is more important than winning. "I've always believed in teaching first," she says. "When players come into the program, your first responsibility is to teach them and to have fun."

Walker's mentorship and enthusiasm for the sport has helped create a close-knit community of players, both past and present. "I've been able to see them get married and have kids. It's wonderful."

And many of her athletes are happy to jump back on the court any time. Last year, 27 former Eagles showed up to participate in an alumni basketball game, with their families there to cheer them on.

While Walker's 400th win is a significant milestone, she's not done setting records for Husson yet. "We've never won a game at the NCAA Tournament, and that's something I would love to do," she says. "We're putting the pieces together to get there."

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Kissy Walker Leads Husson Eagles to 400 Wins

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During each academic year, Husson University's Athletics Department sponsors 18 varsity sports, cheerleading and dance teams. Here is a look back at the 2013–2014 winter season's successes for the Eagles.

Men's Basketball

For the second year in a row, the Husson University men's basketball team won the North Atlantic Conference and received an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Men's Basketball National Tournament. The team traveled to Plattsburgh, New York for an NCAA Division III Tournament first round game to face the Eastern Connecticut State Warriors on Friday, March 7, which the Warriors narrowly won in a 81-75 match.

This is the second straight season the Eagles have won 20 or more games, and their 26-2 record is their best ever under Coach Caruso, who was honored as the NAC Coach of the Year. Sophomore Trevon Butler was named NAC Player of the Year and NAC Tournament MVP. Teammates Phil Leighton and Corey Wood joined him on the NAC All-Conference and All-Tournament teams.

Women's Basketball

The Eagles finished their season with a 15-12 overall record and a trip to the North Atlantic Conference Semifinals. The Eagles entered the tournament as the fourth-seed and advanced to the semis with a win over New England College, 77-62.

The team was led by first-year standout Chandler Guerrette. Guerrette picked up the NAC Rookie of the Year honor and was also named to the NAC All-Tournament Team. Over the course of her first season with the Eagles, she picked up Maine Women's Basketball Coaches Association Rookie of the Week five times, New England Women's Basketball Association Rookie of the Week twice, and NAC Rookie of the Week six times, while leading the Husson team in scoring and minutes played.

Women's Indoor Track & Field

Husson women's indoor track and field completed their second season of competition. Pole vaulter Courtney Lizotte represented the Eagles at the New England Division III Championships at Springfield College. The first year student was the sole qualifier for Husson, and she finished 18th in a field of 22 competitors that represented some of the top college athletes in New England.

Erin Ellison was a standout performer in the throwing events for the Eagles, and Kerianne Downing and Aisling Stephenson represented Husson in five events. The distance runners were led by Alecia Palmer. Erin Bolduc was strong in the hurdles and Brooke Hoople excelled in the sprints. Casey Modrey and Sarah LaPlante were consistently competitive in the jumps.

Women's Swimming & Diving

The women's swimming and diving season saw some outstanding individual and team performances from Husson. One of the biggest team wins for the Eagles was against St. Joseph's College (ME) at home on Senior Day, 132-117. Natalie Calligan stood out, earning three wins that afternoon and helping the Eagles win the Women's 200-yard medley relay. Calligan also had an individual win in the 50-yard backstroke with teammate Erin Benner winning second place. Calligan also won the 200-yard backstroke and 100-yard individual medley events. The relay team of Casey Pray, Erin Benner, Jilian Boyle and Sarah Klopp won by over seven seconds, propelling the Eagles to their 15-point victory.

Benner represented the Eagles at the New England Intercollegiate Swimming and Diving Association (NEISDA) Championships to close out the season. Having already qualified for the finals of the 200 Yard Individual Medley (IM) on Friday, Benner took on the 50-Yard Backstroke and the 100-Yard IM on Sunday. In the 100-Yard IM preliminaries, she qualified for the finals in the 15th spot and then took two-tenths of a second off her preliminary time in the finals for 14th place overall. Benner earned Husson all of its team points in the championship.

Men's Swimming & Diving

Husson men's swimming and diving celebrated its inaugural season in 2013–2014. The Eagles were led by diver Tim Smith. At the Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC) Invitational meet, he scored a new conference record in the 1-Meter Dive (11 dive format). His tremendous performance earned him a spot on the 2013 Men's Invitational All-Tournament Team. He then had a fantastic performance on the first day of the NEISDA Swimming & Diving Championships. Smith was seeded first heading into the Men's 1-Meter Diving Final, but trailed by three points heading into his last three dives. The junior diver stepped it up and came back to win the event by 36 points.

The season was highlighted by remarkable improvement, including a 21-point team score improvement from one dual meet to the next. At St. Joseph's College (ME), the team beat its previous score against St. Joseph's by 21

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points. Lou DeLima won the 50-Yard Freestyle and the 100-Yard Freestyle. He also led off the relay team of Ryan Robinson, James Nealey, and Chris Benson that won the 200-Yard Freestyle Relay. Robinson also picked up second in the 100-Yard Butterfly and 200-Yard Freestyle, while Benson grabbed second in the 200-Yard Butterfly.

Cheerleading & Dance

The co-ed cheerleading and dance teams are made up of 30 Husson students from across the state of Maine and New England. The teams support the football and basketball teams from the sidelines at all of Husson's home games.

The Husson University cheerleading and dance teams each placed first in their divisions at the annual New England Cheerleading & Dance Team Open Championships on Saturday, March 1. The cheerleading team was led by senior captain Danielle Gough, and dance was led by junior captain Melesa Punsky.

D. Bruce MacGregor Sports Hall of Fame Room Revamp Nears Completion







Visitors to Husson's Homecoming Weekend from October 12th to 14th got a sneak preview of the school's new and improved Sports Hall of Fame Room, which is currently undergoing an $80,000 renovation.

The room, which has capacity for around 50 people and is frequently used for sports-related meetings, events, and receptions, was first developed in the 1990s and hadn't changed much since then, says Warren Caruso, Husson's head basketball coach. "Around two years ago, we decided it was time to revamp it, and came up with a vision of what we wanted to do."

The initial commitment to the project came from D. Bruce MacGregor, who came to Husson in 1968 and coached basketball and golf for 25 years before his retirement in 1995. At the time of his retirement, Coach MacGregor had the best record of any coach in New England, with 545 basketball wins to his credit. MacGregor and his wife, Christina, donated a generous gift that spearheaded the renovation project in 2011.

The renovation included a new floor, a new entrance, a fireplace, new furniture, and new rugs. "We've completely changed the complexion of the room," says Caruso.

Along with the renovations to the room, the athletic department will also install a state-of-the-art digital display that allows visitors to search for Hall of Fame members by name or year. The display is a gift from Jackie Emerson '64.

"The project kind of found her," says Caruso. "This was the way for her to make the biggest impact on the athletic department."

Emerson has previously gifted annuities to the school, but this opportunity provided a way for her to see the impact of her gift during her lifetime. She played basketball and intramural volleyball during her time at Husson, so donating to the athletics department was a natural fit.

The renovation is now in its final stages. "The walls are the final piece of the puzzle," says Caruso. The entire renovation should be completed by September, Caruso estimates—just in time to have a rededication for the 2014 Homecoming Weekend.

Husson Eagles Athletics:

Academic Update

Husson's student-athletes have much to celebrate about their performances in the classroom this year.

In addition to their athletic accomplishments, Husson's student-athletes have much to celebrate about their performances in the classroom this year. At the conclusion of the Fall 2013 semester, Husson Athletics was proud to announce that its student-athletes earned a cumulative 3.17 GPA across all sports and teams.

Seventy-three student-athletes were honored as members of the 2013–2014 Athletic Department All-Academic Team at a banquet held at the Hilton Garden Inn on Sunday, February 16, 2014. Families of student-athletes, as well as members of the University faculty and administration, were in attendance during this memorable evening. To be selected to the team, a student-athlete must be in sophomore, junior, or senior standing with a cumulative GPA of 3.4 or better.

Eighteen Husson student-athletes were selected to the North Atlantic Conference's 2013 Fall All-Academic Team. To be honored, a student-athlete must have reached junior academic standing, completed a minimum of two years of varsity competition at their institution, and earned a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.50. Husson's conference-leading 18 honorees joined 78 other NAC fall student-athletes and represented the Husson women's cross country, field hockey, golf, men's soccer, women's soccer, and volleyball teams.

Seven members of Husson University's football team were named to the 2013 Eastern Collegiate Football Conference (ECFC) All-Academic Team. The seven Eagles joined 41 other student-athletes who participated during the 2013 season and received recognition. To be honored, a student-athlete must have reached sophomore academic standing, have participated a minimum two years with the team, and achieved a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.30.

Husson men's and women's cross country teams were recognized by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) for their academic performance. For the second year in a row, the women were named to the USTFCCCA 2013 Division III Cross Country Women's All-Academic Team. The men received the honor of being named to the USTFCCCA 2013 Division III Cross Country Men's All-Academic Team for the first time, in just their second season of existence. In total, 220 unique programs were recognized, including 141 programs that had both their women's and men's teams earn the honor. Programs must have compiled a cumulative GPA of 3.10 or greater and competed in at least five different meets with at least five runners representing their school.

This fall, Husson women's soccer earned the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Team Academic Award for the 2012-13 academic year. To earn the award, a team must post a 3.0 team GPA or higher. Husson joined 861 other teams across all NCAA divisions in receiving this award. Women's soccer captains Marcy Francoeur, Becca Jones, and Michaela Bicknell also each received honorable mentions for the 2013 NSCAA College Division Women's Scholar All-East Region Team. To be nominated, a student-athlete must have at least a 3.30 cumulative grade point average throughout her career; start more than 50 percent of all games and be a significant contributor to the team.



2013–2014 Athletic Department All-Academic Team

Class News & Notes

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

1960s

Edward Youngblood, '61 was given the Catherine Lebowitz Award for Public Service. It honored his hard work in support of the Omnibus Energy Bill and for setting a civil and sensible tone in the Maine State Senate in 2013. Youngblood represents Senate District 31, which includes Penobscot County communities.

Arthur Verow, '66, is serving his first term in the Maine Legislature as a Representative of House District 21. The seat in Augusta follows 40 years of service as Brewer's City Clerk, and six years on the Brewer City Council. Verow was also the Mayor of Brewer, Maine.

1970s

Edward Arsenault, '71, ΚΔΦ would like to say "hi" to all his fellow alumni and Kappa Delta Phi fraternity brothers. He's living in Scarborough with his wife Maureen and enjoying retirement after working for 20 plus years selling cutting tools and equipment.

John Angela, '71, was recently appointed as Vice President for Administrative Services/CFO for Urbana University in Ohio.

Parker Tripp, '72, ΜΣΧ, is the subject of a new book, *MAINE WILD, Adventures of Fish and Game Wardens, Volume 1*. The 280-page book is geared towards readers ages 9 to 99 who enjoy reading about outdoor adventure. Tripp is a retired Chief Warden with the Maine Warden Service, and now lives in Augusta, Maine.

James Wright, '72, ΜΣΧ has retired after a 41-year career in public education. He started as a business education teacher at what was then Searsport District High School. Wright also worked at Massachusetts Bay Community College and California State Polytechnic University at Pomona. He spent 19 years at the Ohlone Community College District in the San Francisco Bay area, before retiring as Vice President for Academic Affairs and Deputy Superintendent. He lives in Pleasanton, CA.

Caren Bragg, '75, provides consultant services for nine primary care practices. Caren's husband recently retired from the Air National Guard. They have even more reason to "bragg" since their only son graduated this past December from Husson University with a degree in Criminal Justice. The Braggs live in Brewer, Maine.

Verna Eldridge, '78, was named director of the Wage and Hour Division for the Maine Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Standards. She's worked for the state department for close to 30 years.

Lynn Gerrish, '78, ΚΔΦ, celebrated the wedding of not one, but two sons this past summer. She's now looking forward to the birth of her fifth grandchild.

Norma J. Parkinson, '78, has been living in the Memphis, Tennessee area since 2003 with her husband, James Parkinson. Norma enjoys working at International Paper in Memphis. "I think it is ironic that I had to move to Memphis to work for a paper company since I grew up in a paper mill town (Old Town, Maine)."

1980s

Khalifa Al-Jower, '81, is the director of accounts of the Central Bank of Bahrain. He also serves as president of ISACA Bahrain Chapter. Al-Jower lives in Arad.

Timothy Durling, '81, says "life is good" in Wesley Chapel, Florida. He's a teacher and life coach down there. After 30 years working in the corporate IT world, Durling says he decided to exit that life and give something back. He's now the career specialist at a local high school.

Tim Ward, '82, is enjoying life in the Bangor area with his 25-year old son, Cameron. The father-son duo is well-known in the community. Cam has autism so he spends most of his time with Tim. You'll spot them at baseball games and Bangor waterfront concerts. He calls the bond with his son, "a special love story between father and son."

Adel Al-Alawi, '83, is an associate professor at the University of Bahrain. He considers it the "perfect career." Dr. Al-Alawi and his wife live in Hamad Town but came to Husson University in September to help settle in their son, Fawaz who's now taking classes at his father's alma mater.

Scott Stacey, '83, ΚΔΦ, was promoted to vice president at Norton Insurance in Southern Maine. He joined the company in 2002, and became a partner in 2007. He manages property and casualty risks as well as professional liability, for the medical and legal field. Stacey lives in Portland with his family.

Randy Harris, '85, has spent the past 30 years as a high school basketball coach at Lee Academy in Lee, Maine. Harris has also coached girl's soccer and baseball. In addition to coaching, Harris is also the athletic director at Lee Academy.

William Pupkis, '85, ΚΔΦ. After retiring as the CEO of Capital Region Orthopaedics in upstate New York, Pupkis decided to move back to Frankfort, Maine and begin a new career in woodworking. Pupkis started Mainely Twigs, where he builds custom made furniture and toys.

Rick Varney, '85, ΚΔΦ, was named as one of General Motor's Dealers of the Year. It is the eighth time Varney and his company has been recognized by General Motors and they were the only GM dealership in Maine to receive the accolades last year.

Brent Hartley, '87, was elected as the new director of the Machias Bancorp MHC and its subsidiaries. Hartley is the vice president and CFO of Sargent Corporation in Stillwater. He lives in Hermon, Maine.

Richard Amero, Jr., '89, ΤΚΕ, is the new athletic director at Maine Central Institute in Pittsfield, Maine.

Renee Bishop, '89, received a promotion at her company, BerryDunn. Bishop, a principal, is now the practice group leader in the health care and not-for-profit group. Bishop joined the firm in 1993. She lives in Hermon, Maine.

1990s

Steven Pelletier, '90 is living in Lakeside Park, Kentucky and celebrating 25 years with xpedx/International Paper. Pelletier is married with three boys –

Tyler (16), Jack (14), and Will (11). He plans to visit Husson University within the next year and says he looks forward to seeing all the changes since graduating.

Peter Sirois, '91, ΜΣΧ, was named to the Maine Hospital Association Board of Directors. Sirois is the CEO of Northern Maine Medical Center in Fort Kent. This year marks his 25th year with the hospital.

Larry Shaw, '93, was featured in *Bangor Metro* magazine's December issue for his success at Maine Mutual Group Insurance, based in Presque Isle. Shaw is the long-time president and CEO of the company. Shaw graduated from Husson's Presque Isle campus.

Motohiko Kimura, '94, was promoted to Vice President for Neuroscience Business in Japan. Kimura works at Elekta, a global cancer care company based in Stockholm, Sweden.

Kris Doody, '97, is among eight new members of the American Hospital Association Board of Trustees. Doody is the CEO of Cary Medical Center in Caribou, Maine.

Mischelle Adams, '99, was hired by Bangor Savings Bank as an account officer for the Wealth Management Trust Group. Before that, Adams was with Bar Harbor Trust Services. She lives in Hermon, Maine.

2000s

Matt Mulligan, 2013 was an exciting year for the former Eagles football and basketball player. It started with the birth of Mulligan's first child, a daughter named Clara. Then in September, Mulligan signed on as a tight end for the New England Patriots. Matt recently returned to campus to speak to current Husson students.

David Shannon, '02, was appointed president and CEO of Jersey Shore Hospital. Before that, Shannon was CEO of Penobscot Valley Hospital in Lincoln, Maine, where he worked for two decades.

Evgeny Miroshnikov, '04, is the project manager for Cameron International, which produces subsea valves for oil and gas extraction. The position has taken the Husson grad to Colico, Italy for a year where he will work in procurement.

Jaclyn Fish, '05, is the new chair of Fusion Bangor. The service organization is made up of young professionals working to ensure the Bangor region continues its momentum and is a vital place for young professionals to call home.

Woodrow Cross, Honorary Doctorate '06. The patriarch of Cross Insurance Center was front row and center at the ribbon cutting for the city of Bangor's new $65 million arena bearing his name. The Cross Insurance Center replaces the Bangor auditorium, which was torn down last year.

Samuel Adolphsen, '08, is the new deputy commissioner of finance for the Maine Department of Health and Human Services. In January, he joined the department as the director of strategic development. Previously, Adolphsen was the director of the Maine Heritage Policy

In Memoriam: Husson Trustee Thomas Kelly '65



Thomas W. Kelly, who graduated from Husson College with a bachelor's in accounting, and later served as a Trustee for the school, passed away on January 20th, 2014.

Kelly grew up in Millinocket, and began working for the Great Northern Paper Company following his graduation from Husson, where he rose to the position of controller. After the company's acquisition by Georgia Pacific Corp. in 1990, he worked as a special consultant for Georgia Pacific, and then for Bowater Inc. for the remainder of his career. During that time, he and his wife, Linda, raised two children, Michael and Jill.

"He cared very deeply about Husson University," says Kenneth Hews, a member of Husson's Board of Directors. During his time on the board, Kelly promoted scholarship opportunities and supported the school's academic goals. Kelly will be deeply missed by the Husson community.

Husson University Inducts Charter Class of Sigma Nu Tau

Husson is now the home of the first and only chapter of this Entrepreneurship Honor Society in Maine.

On April 29, Husson University inducted the charter class of Sigma Nu Tau, the entrepreneurship honor society. The mission of Sigma Nu Tau is "to promote, recognize, and reward academic excellence in entrepreneurship and to encourage and recognize the practice of principled entrepreneurship."

The 25 charter members included students, faculty, alumni and other honored guests who were bestowed with a lifetime induction into the organization.

Inducted members included: *Students* Josh Cooper, Kathrine Medeiros, Tyler Shanklin, Ashley St. Ours, and Matt Cooper; *Alumni and Honored Guests* President Robert Clark, Joe Cyr '62, Ross Furman '72, Chuck Lawrence, Kyle Poissionnier '08, Dick Trott '65, Randy Wadleigh '87, Dick Dyke '58, Harry Frasier '75, Ed Darling '64, Phil Harriman '77, John Rohman '77, and Art Fuller '66; *Faculty* Tom Fitzpatrick, Nancy Forster-Holt, Marie Hansen, Dewey Martin, Lee Speronis, Alicia Wilcox, and Gerald Wright.

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Center's Center for Open Government as well as the organization's director of government and external affairs.

Abdulkarim Muhammad Al Agil, '08, is working for one of his family's companies in Saudi Arabia. Al Agil is an operations manager for 38 showrooms in different regions. He and his wife, Riyadh, have two young sons.

Jason Pierce,'08 and Whitney Henry, '09, are engaged to be married. Henry works as a substance abuse counselor in South Portland. Pierce is a sales representative in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. A September wedding is planned.

Adam Hunt, '09, is working full-time as an assistant video coordinator for the Trenton Thunder, a Yankees AA affiliate in New Jersey. Hunt oversees International Operations for the 2013 Eastern League Champions.

Amanda Lonko, '10, married Bradley King last summer. Lonko works as a certified public accountant at Haverlock, Estey and Curran in Hampden, Maine.

2010s

Thomas Hersom, '11, tied the knot in July with Kathyrn Dutil. Hersom teaches at Williams Elementary School in Oakland. He and his wife live in Winslow, Maine.

Amanda Gifford, '12, is the new coach of the Hermon High School girl's basketball team. While at Husson, Gifford played basketball for the Eagles, as well as soccer and softball. She also helped coach the Husson women's soccer team.

Mallary Miller, '12, is engaged to John Tripp of Spruce Head. Miller is the scheduling coordinator at Pen Bay Medical Center in Rockport, Maine. An August wedding is planned in Tenants Harbor, Maine.

Chelsea Paradis, '12 is engaged to Adam Kavanagh. Paradis is the accounting supervisor at Evergreen Manufacturing in Madawaska. A September wedding is planned in Frenchville, Maine.

Megan Bishop, '13, was published in the July edition of the *Journal of English Language, Literature, and Culture*. She actually wrote the article as a capstone project for Dr. Sand's class, and then revised it for the journal. It's called "To Be a Good Father."

Jonathan Niles, '13 & Lauren Hendrick, '13. Two recent graduates of the School of Pharmacy are now working in their field and getting ready for another life change together. They're planning to get married in September. Hendrick is working as a pharmacist at Rite Aid in Gardiner, Maine while Niles is employed at Hannaford in Turner, Maine.

Renee Powers, '13, is working at Lisbon Family Practice as a family nurse practitioner.

Brooke Smallwood, '13, married Brandon McAvoy this past August at Shin Pond in Maine. Smallwood is a graduate of Husson's doctorate program in physical therapy.

Sea Glass Picking with the Carneys

Story by Buffie McCue

Bill Carney, a '64 Husson graduate, and his wife Helen recently invited me to join them for a morning of sea glass picking on Eastport Beach. The Carneys have collected sea glass together for more than 15 years, and have built a collection numbering more than 50,000 pieces.

Eastport Beach is one of their favorite spots for sea glass picking, home to many of their best finds. Eastport once was a major port. During Prohibition, ships arrived with barrels and bottles filled with ale and spirits. When officers would approach the floating vessels, the ships' captains would order the bottles with illegal liquors to be thrown overboard.



Those bottle fragments have turned into smooth glass from years of rubbing against the rocks, due to the constant swing of the tides.



The morning I was with them, the air was crisp and the sun was warm—a perfect day to walk along in search of the pieces of glasses that held such a history. When you walked into the sunshine, the edges of the glass gleamed when caught by the rays of the sun.

Bill and Helen often compete for the "best pick of the day," discovering rare fragments of glass bottles, perfume bottles, and even shards of china. I didn't find a colored glass piece that day, but spending time with the Carneys was reward enough.

While glass picking provides a great way to spend time doing something they enjoy together, Bill also creates jewelry from the pieces they find. They often sell the jewelry and donate the money to the Lafayette Family Cancer Center as their way of giving back to the community.

Clara turned 102 on April 28, 2014!

When Clara Swan was born in Princeton, Maine on April 28, 1912, she only weighed a pound and a half. The doctor told her parents that she wouldn't survive the night. The spunk and zest for life that proved doctors wrong at her birth still shines today at 102 years old. Swan has influenced so many lives – from students and faculty to family and community members. In tribute to the enduring impact she has made on students' lives, more than 100 guests gathered on Husson's Bangor campus to help celebrate Swan's 102nd birthday.

President Clark spoke to the crowd about the important contributions our oldest living alumna has made to the university. The ETE sorority sisters led the guests in singing "Happy Birthday." The many "if it hadn't been for Clara" stories shared at the event clearly illustrated the impact she made on students. Thanks to the over $169,000 in contributions to her two scholarship funds, that legacy continues. Husson University is deeply grateful to Clara and to everyone who donated to her scholarship fund for all they have done to help transform students' lives.







Director's Corner

Dear Alumni & Friends,

As we are preparing to welcome another class to our Alumni Association, we marvel at the academic successes our students have achieved. We couldn't be prouder of our more than 750 students beginning their journeys into their chosen professional fields.

We are also looking forward to celebrating our Class of '64 and Class of '89 during our all-alumni reunion on June 28th. We'll be hosting a full day of festivities, including a Dean's Roundtable discussion, lunch with President Clark, tours of our facilities, and to cap it off, a lobster bake and performance by the ***Unexpected Surfer Boys***. The events will showcase our fine institution's latest endeavors and provide ample opportunities to connect you with other proud alumni. Please visit our website to reserve your spot.

In fall, mark your calendar for October 3rd through 5th to find your way home, as we plan another Homecoming Weekend. We also look forward to seeing you on campus or in the region as we travel the country sharing our gratitude to our committed alumni.

Drop us a line with your Husson stories, update your contact information, or help us connect with your former classmates. We are continuously working to serve you!

Regards,

Buffie McCue









What we've been up to...

Almuni & friends gathered for lunch in The Villages, Florda



FRONT: Carolyn Ruhe '65, Bett Ann Doucette '83, Donna Townsend '83, Kathleen Smith '75, Joyce Goodine '66, Nadine Millett '69, Buffie McCue, Donald Torr '68. BACK: Tricia Clark, Frank LIbby '71, Frank Russo, David & Nancy Laplante, Stephen Millet '67, and President Clark.

Alumni & friends gathered for lunch in Winter Park, Florida



Tricia Clark, Adam Kohler '01, Buffie McCue, Sandi Bourgoin, Gerry Bourgoin '71, Judy Flanagan, Steve Flanagn '67, Bob White '65 and President Clark.

Tom & Joyce Barrows along wih Don & Kristine Sperry hosted dinner for alumni & friends at Venice Golf and Country Club in Venice, Florida.



FRONT: Buffie McCue, Joyce Barrows, Lucia Roberts '61, Elizabeth Banta '62, Maria Petrola '69, Anne Baker '63,'83,'90, Daphne Mace, Hilda Hutchins McCollum '08, Lynda Rohman '03, Kathy Clark, Don Sperry '69. BACK: Tom Barrows '66, President Clark, Tricia Clark, Robert Petrola, Kristine Sperry '69, Edward Baker '65, Art Everette '59, Ellen Zibell Everett, Mark Clark '67 and Warren Caruso '89,'08.

Alumni & friends host a pregame reception for students before cheering on the Bruins at TD Garden



BACK: Fred Winzler '71, Michael Dubois, Chris Paradis '97, Michael Gower '85, Zachary Gower. FRONT: Martha Winzler '72, Marie Schramke, Alicia Rea, Ann Jones '53 and Danielle Colletti. NOT PICTURED: Sid '76 and Donna Snow, Ken '75 and Ellen Warner, Alan '71 and Paula Amiralian.

What we're planning for the 2014-2015 year...

Mark your calendars, and check for more details and registration info online at **www.husson.edu/alumnievents.**

Alumni Events **& NEWS**

JUNE 28
Husson University - Reunion Weekend

JULY
Saratoga Springs

AUGUST 22 - 23
Red Sox Game, Boston
Luncheon Cruise, Boston

SEPTEMBER
Northern Maine Social

OCTOBER 3-5
Homecoming

OCTOBER 11
Husson Football Game
SUNY, NY

NOVEMBER
Southern Maine Social

NOVEMBER 21
Sports Hall of Fame

JANUARY 2015
Bangor Social

Florida: The Villages, Winter Park, East Cost

FEBRUARY 2015
Husson Couples Dinner
Bruins Game

MARCH 2015
Sugarloaf, Maine

Florida: Naples, Venice, and Red Sox Spring Training

APRIL 2015
Senior Class Networking Event with Alumni Board

MAY 2015

Southern Maine Networking Event

Myrtle Beach, SC

Former classmates of 1964, and long time friends, Jack Donovan, Keith Bolster and Robert Dore hosted a gathering at Sugarloaf for alumni and friends



BACK: Kevin Bell '81, Buffie McCue, Don Amero '70, Thom Johnston, Karen Higgins, Patti Johnston, Alicia Rea, Roger Blake, Zoanne Paradis, Bob Dore '64, Keith Bolster '64, Mary Whited '79, Roger Daigle '72, Melanie Israel '04, Sarah LaPlante FRONT: Guest, Chris Paradis '97.



Dr Clark visited with Norma James, alumna of Maine School of Commerce class of 1944, during his recent trip to San Diego, CA. Norma and her late husband Oliver have generously established an endowed scholarship.

Alumni Board Hosts Networking Social for Soon-To-Be Graduates

Husson University's Alumni Board hosted its second annual Networking Social for soon-to-be-graduates at the Hilton Garden Inn in Bangor, Maine. More than 100 students, alumni, faculty, and friends joined us for the "Inspiration for Success" themed event.



Alumni Relations Associate, Alicia Rea, greeted students, faculty, alumni and friends at the Bangor Hilton Garden Inn.



Richard Crowe '72, Brenda Crowe, Bernard Plourde '14, Megan Bishop '13, Nate Donovan '14 and Betty Donovan '67 spoke about their experiences at Husson University.



Professors and students gathered together for a Psychology program photo.



Liana Fellis '07, Heather Hibbard '14, and Occupational Therapy Administrative Assistant Tina Ferrill talked about graduation and future career opportunities.

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