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Husson Puts Healthcare on the Map



The new Wellness Learning Center is set to open this fall.

One of the most visible locations on the Husson University campus has undergone quite a transformation in recent months. What was once a parking lot between the Robert O'Donnell Commons building and the Beardsley Meeting House, is now a hub for health.

The new 7,000-square-foot Wellness Learning Center will officially open its doors to the Husson community this fall. "We are currently on schedule and on budget," says **Tom Warren**, associate vice president for Auxiliary Services Administration. "We've really had no surprises."

The one-story, wood-based building will house a Wellness Center consisting of Husson Health and Counseling Services on one side and a state-of-the art Simulation Center for the Schools of Nursing, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Pharmacy on the other side. There are several common areas as well as a conference room.

"It's been exciting to watch the construction," says **Jacqueline Ireland**, clinical coordinator for the Wellness Center. "Our students will benefit with the Wellness & Learning Center being more centrally located and visible on the circle of the campus. The ease of stopping by before, between or after classes for appointments or scheduling appointments will be more of an option in our new location. We will also benefit from all the foot traffic including commuter students."

Providing a private check in/check out for patients was a top priority when designing the Wellness Center. In addition, a private exit was installed near the Simulation Center. "We were told that some of these counseling sessions can be very stressful," explains Warren. "If someone had a difficult experience, we didn't want them to have to walk out past everyone else. Therefore, we've revised the design to incorporate a door close by providing students with a quick and discrete egress from the building when desired."

The contractor, Nickerson & O'Day, Inc., is expected to turn over the building to Husson on August 16th. "That will give us enough time to finish outfitting the building to be ready for fall," says Warren.

Fifty-six parking spots were removed to make room for the building. To make up for that, Husson expanded the parking area next to the New England School of Communications, adding a total of 233 new spots.

Plans are now being considered to add another parking lot to campus this summer, in anticipation of the new College of Business building.

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Dear Alumni and Friends,



Every year, it is my great pleasure to preside over our annual Commencement exercises. This year, at our 120th Commencement exercises, Husson University awarded over 860 associate, bachelor's, master's, doctoral and honorary degrees to individuals who are utilizing the power of education to enhance or embark upon successful professional careers. At Husson, we cultivate the potential of our students, and in the process, transform their lives.

Commencement is a time of celebration where we honor students' academic accomplishments and recognize their transition to professional lives. Simultaneously, it is a time when our students acknowledge the many individuals who helped them along the way. Their future professional and personal achievements were made possible because of the efforts of their families, friends and Husson faculty and staff members.

At graduation this year, our students gave standing ovations to all those who made important contributions to their educational success as they celebrated Commencement. Looking out into the audience, I saw an accomplished class of graduates – individuals who exemplified Husson University's values of character and humility.

If you're a donor and you couldn't attend Commencement, I want you to know that, like the family, friends and faculty members who were at the ceremony, you made an important contribution to the success of our students. Your gifts helped make facilities possible, attract world-class faculty members to the University, create scholarships and purchase technology.

No matter what you did, or how much you gave, you helped make our graduating class a success. On behalf of our students, thank you. Your gifts are making a difference in the lives of all of our students and all who follow in their footsteps. The financial support you provide is helping to create the educational opportunities of tomorrow and a future made possible by Husson graduates who are known to be work ready on day one!

Sincerely,



Robert A. Clark, PhD, CFA
President



Commencement is a milestone in a person's life. It recognizes the culmination of years of hard work. It's a time when one makes the transition from accumulating knowledge to applying that knowledge.

Just like our graduates, our campus facilities have life stages and milestones. The birth of our current campus here in Bangor took place in 1968. In the over 50 years we have been at One College Circle, we have gone through different stages where the campus added new facilities, residence halls or upgraded existing buildings.

By now, any regular reader of *The Ledger* knows that we plan to construct a new College of Business building. For 50 years, the University's business programs have been housed in Peabody Hall. The time is now for a major transformation. We need modern classroom, laboratory, study and gathering spaces that together form a cohesive, innovative and entrepreneurial ecosystem where faculty, students and members of the local business community can interact, learn and grow.

I invite you to be part of this next critical milestone in Husson's story. No matter when you graduated, you were aided in your education by the generosity of others. Is now the time for you to pay that generosity forward? Your support of the College of Business building will create educational opportunities for generations of Husson students to come. Please join me and help complete the funding for this transformational effort. Together, we can continue Husson's 121-year tradition of delivering business educational excellence.

Best Regards,



Sarah Cary Robinson
Vice President for Advancement

P.S. Every gift or pledge received prior to December 31, 2019 and earmarked for the College of Business building, will be matched with an additional $0.50 from the Harold Alfond Foundation, up to a total matching grant of $4 million.

Around the Circle

Accomplishments, events and items of note happening at Husson

Campus-wide News



Students and Faculty Demonstrations at the Maine Science Festival
Husson University students and faculty shared their in-depth knowledge of science with members of the public on March 16-17 as part of the Maine Science Festival in Bangor. The team from the Science Vs podcast brought their "Science vs UFOs" presentation to the Gracie Theatre on March 16.



Dining Services Awards
Two of our executive sous chefs competed in the Central Maine Harley Davidson Chili Cook Off. Chef **Dave Schultz** received first place for his sweet spicy smoky chili and Chef **Nick Andrei** got the People's Choice Award for his barbequed pork chili.

Husson and the Largest Community College in Maine Partner to Help Students
Husson University and Southern Maine Community College (SMCC), the largest community college in Maine, entered into a series of agreements that helped smooth the transfer of credit process from SMCC to Husson on January 31
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Husson Counselors Present at National Conference
Husson University's Wellness Center Counselors, **Gretchen Fall Sawyer**, **Colleen Owens** and **Nichole Proulx-King**, presented at the American College Counseling Association's annual national conference in San Diego on February 9. -Their presentation on wellness and prevention inspired others to maximize resources and be creative in the ways they conduct campus outreach.

College of Business

Husson Dean Member of Maine Criminal Justice Academy Board of Directors
For the past seven years, **Marie E. Hansen**, JD, PhD, SHRM-SCP, dean of the College of Business and the New England School of Communications (NESCom) at Husson University, has been on the Maine Criminal Justice Academy Board of Directors representing the educational community.



Hospitality, Sport and Tourism Management Career Fair
The Hospitality, Sport and Tourism Management Career Fair was held on Tuesday, February 26. Representatives from over 30 companies came to the Richard E. Dyke Center for Family Business to meet and interview students.

Director of Legal Studies Quoted in Bravo TV Article
John Michaud, Director of the School of Legal Studies was quoted in an article posted to the website of Bravo TV called, "Yes, Murder for Hire Is a Real Thing — Here's the Psychology Behind It."

College of Health and Education

Assistant Professor Presents at ACA Conference
On March 31, **Dr. Jade Letourneau**, an assistant professor in the counseling and human relations graduate programs, presented "Using Reflexivity to Become a Practitioner-Researcher" at the American Counseling Association's (ACA) annual conference in New Orleans. The ACA conference is the counseling profession's largest conference. Only 34 percent of the submitted presentation proposals are invited to speak. Letourneau and her co-presenters delivered a 60-minute education session for professional counselors interested in turning practice into research.

OT Professor Appointed Vice President of Maine Occupational Therapy Association
Dr. Kim Davis, an associate professor in the School of Occupational Therapy, was named vice president of the Maine Occupational Therapy Association (MEOTA) at their January 2019 board meeting. In addition to this role, Davis will continue to be the Husson liaison to the association, the advisor to the association's student representatives from Husson University and the bylaws policies and procedures chair.

Social Services and Healthcare Career Fair
The Husson University Career Services Department hosted a Social Services and Healthcare Career Fair on March 4 at the Campus Center in Peabody Hall. Employers attending the event included PCHC, Sweetser, Covenant Health, and many more.

College of Science and Humanities

Faculty Presents at Thomas Jefferson University
Dr. Ozlem Dilek, an assistant professor of biochemistry, presented an invited research seminar to the Life Sciences Department at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia. Her seminar entitled, "Development of Smart

Fluorescent Probes: Targeting of Proteins in Cancer Cells," described the results of research carried out in collaboration with the National Institutes of Health. The methods developed by Dr. Dilek focus on imaging aggressiveness in live cancer cells. Her process could help improve the diagnosis and treatment of cancer.

Green Jobs Fair
Husson's AmeriCorps team hosted a Green Jobs Fair on Wednesday, March 6 in the Campus Center. Organizations in attendance included Cianbro, the US Department of Agriculture, the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association, the Natural Resources Conservation Service and AmeriCorps.

COSH Faculty Publish on Sustainability Bridge Course
College of Science & Humanities associate professor **Dr. Thomas Stone** and assistant professor **Dr. Nicholas Jenkins** have published an article in *Sustainability: The Journal of Record*. The article, "Interdisciplinary Responses to Climate Change in the University Classroom," describes the bridge course they created on climate change. Their work was supported by a Davis Educational Foundation grant.



Husson's Bridge Courses Highlighted at Conference
Professors **Dr. David Prescott** and **Dr. Therese Anderson** presented and conducted a workshop on February 16 at the 2019 Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U) General Education and Assessment conference in San Francisco. Their workshop, entitled "Bridge Courses as a Central Component of General Education," focused on Husson's revision of its general education program and the role of interdisciplinary bridge courses in the new general education curriculum.

Faculty Member Invited as Visiting Artist-In-Residence
Kathi Smith, assistant professor of studio arts and art appreciation, was the University of Southern Maine's visiting artist-in-residence in late March. During her time on the Gorham campus she worked with 15 junior and senior art majors, provided individual critiques of their current work, and discussed contemporary themes in painting and drawing. Some of her students shared their work in a juried exhibition at the university's gallery.



Students Experience the Arts in Portland
On April 6, members and advisors from the Husson University Art & Design Club and the "Get Lit" English Club traveled to Portland as part of an Arts and Culture day. Participants enjoyed several hours at the Portland Museum of Art and spent time visiting galleries, local bookstores, eateries and the Maine College of Art. Members also attended the opening reception for "Maine: The Painted State" at Greenhut Galleries in the Old Port to see new paintings exhibited by Assistant Professor **Kathi Smith**.

Faculty Member Quoted in *Psychology Today*
Dr. Christine Selby was quoted in an article in the April edition of *Psychology Today* called "Should You Be Friends With Your Ex?"

New England School of Communications



Student-Produced Short Film Wins International Award
The 2018 musical short film "When The Music Changes," written and produced by Husson's New England School of Communications students, won the Royal Reel award at the Canada International Film Festival.

Radio Broadcasting Student Wins Award
Radio broadcasting student **Jordan Verge '20** took third place in the Broadcast Education Association's Festival of Media Arts Awards in the "PSA, Promo or Commercial category (Student Audio Division)." The award was given to Verge in Las Vegas in April.

WHSN Takes First Place at the College Broadcasters Inc. Awards
Husson University's campus radio station, WHSN, was a National Student Production Award Winner in the "Special Broadcast Audio" category at the College Broadcasters Inc. awards in Seattle. The award recognized the 2017 edition of "Edgar Alan Poe's Tales of Mystery and Imagination" live radio drama broadcast. This is the 15th award given to the annual Poe radio broadcast since 2011.

School of Pharmacy



Professor and Student Provide Testimony to Maine Legislature
Associate Professor **Stephanie Nichols**, PharmD, BCPS, BCPP and **Megan Ireland '19**, a student studying at Husson University's School of Pharmacy provided testimony during a hearing at the Maine Legislature. Both testified in favor of recognizing pharmacists as providers of health care services in a hearing devoted to LD (legislative document) 267 – An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Practice of Pharmacy. Written testimonies were submitted by pharmacy student **Anna Graham '19** and **Dr. Cassandra Parsons**.



Husson University's School of Pharmacy Represented at the Maine Legislature
Husson University School of Pharmacy students and faculty gathered at the Hall of Flags in Augusta on Tuesday, March 26 to advocate for the pharmacy profession. The event, sponsored by the Maine Pharmacy Association, allowed for legislators to interact with current and future pharmacists throughout our state.



Cultivating Campus Culture

Husson's Annual Culture Night Highlights Diversity Not Differences

Each April, an Epcot-style show at the Gracie Theatre features performers from up to 18 different countries in a kaleidoscope program of dance, music, poetry and fashion. It's a one night only event and the theatre is typically packed with audience members from the Husson community and beyond.

They come for the spectacular show, but perhaps what's most impressive about this program is that the entire cast consists solely of Husson University students. "I know that some people will be surprised to see just how diverse the Husson community has become," says **Julie Green**, associate dean of students. "The opportunity for our own students, staff and faculty, and the greater Bangor community to experience this array of culture is priceless."

More than 40 students are involved in the program, representing countries including Jamaica, Indonesia, Nepal, Ghana, South Korea and China. "Many of our students are first and second generation Americans who continue to celebrate their own unique heritage," says **Reverend Sarah Pringle-Lewis**, who advises the three clubs hosting the night. "When joined with students who have come from around the world to study at Husson University, it creates a strong, diverse, and inclusive community here on campus."

Culture Night features a plethora of performances on the Gracie Theatre stage. The show starts with poetry presentations and songs, typically in native languages. It ends with a fashion show featuring clothing native to the countries being represented. In-between, audience members are treated to a diverse display of dance including Afrobeat, Nigerian tribal, Passada from South America, Compa from Haiti, Caribbean, Nepali and Step. The finale is a compilation dance performance featuring everyone involved in the show, with a theme of "peace be with you."

Following the show, food from the various regions represented is presented for the audience to try. The show is free so that everyone has a chance to attend. "In a time when everything is moving so fast, it's nice to take a moment together as a campus and community to enjoy the celebration of other cultures," says **Ryan Lemon**, director of International Initiatives.

Husson's African Students Association, also known as ASA, is one of three clubs that host Culture Night. "We are a diverse group of students coming from Nigeria, Haiti, Puerto Rico, Rwanda and other regions," explains **Alexandra Martinez '21**, president of the African Students Association. "Our goal is to share our culture with the community that we live in. The first semester we focus on doing community service such as being a part of Acadia Clean-Up Day, volunteering as ushers at the Gracie Theatre and more. During the second semester, we shift our focus to Culture Night."

The International Student Association and United Student Association are the other two hosts of the evening. "Culture Night is a culmination of a



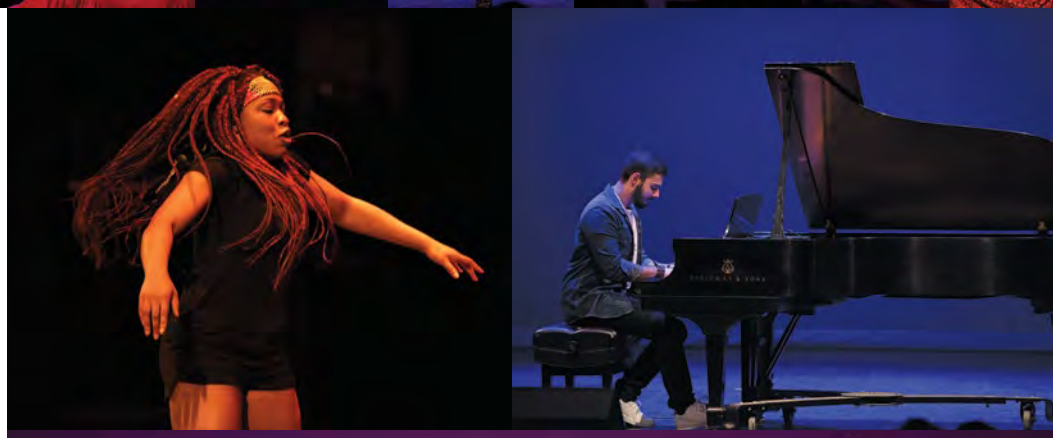


great deal of hard work that began in the fall and was built on a tradition of multi-cultural awareness," explains Pringle-Lewis.

That event featured booths displaying photos and artifacts from various countries, demonstrations of international dances, students dressed in native apparel, henna applications and food. "That gradually morphed into a more traditional evening show," explains Pringle-Lewis. "We have gone from the Campus Center to Kominsky Auditorium and on to the Gracie Theatre, sort of an off-Broadway to Broadway path."

In 2015, the International Student Association and the African Students Association were joined by the United Student Association to further spotlight Husson's cross-cultural community. "At Husson, we enjoy learning not only in the classroom and labs but also in the residence halls and playing fields," says Pringle-Lewis. "When you have a diverse community, learning and understanding are allowed to flourish. Culture Night is an opportunity that brings that to campus."

"This event is about students who have a story to tell about who they are and where they came from," adds Green. "It is something we are very proud of."







Professor Honored at Hooding Ceremony for Nearly Four Decades of Service

A ceremony recognizing the next generation of professionals who completed their master's and doctoral degree studies took place at Husson University's Newman Gymnasium in Bangor on Friday, May 10, 2019. Three-hundred-and-sixty-four graduate degrees were earned by students this year. This included 78 doctoral degrees and 286 master's degrees.

During a hooding ceremony faculty and students are dressed in academic regalia. Faculty members place the hood over the head of the graduate to signify his or her success in completing their degree. The practice of wearing special gowns and hoods dates back to the 12th and 13th centuries when universities began to form.

Centuries ago, clerical attire was the typical dress of scholars. During those medieval times, long gowns provided necessary warmth in unheated buildings. Hoods as head-coverings also helped students and teachers resist the cold.

Today, hooding ceremonies celebrate the academic achievements of master's and doctoral degree candidates. No longer a serviceable article of clothing, they are now elongated scarves draped over the shoulders and displayed down the back with the lining turned inside out. The different colors, lengths, linings and bindings all indicate the individual school, degree and field of study completed by the graduate.

Ahe highlight of the hooding ceremony was the presentation of the Chesley H. Husson Sr. Award, named for Husson University's founder. This year, the award was presented to **Professor Dewey Martin**, MS, CPA, CMA, CGMA, director of the School of Accounting at Husson University's College of Business.

"While Dewey's students always have found his courses challenging, he truly garnered their respect, as well as that of his colleagues, through his knowledge, experience and advocacy," said College of Business and New England School of Communications (NESCom) **Dean Marie Hansen**, JD, PhD, SHRM-SCP. "His legacy will always be that he taught students how to strive to be the best in their professional and personal lives."

Husson University President Dr. Robert A. Clark (left) presented Professor Dewey Martin (right) with the Chesley H. Husson Sr. Award. Professor Martin retired in May.



CHESLEY H. HUSSON, SR. AWARD

Born into humble surroundings, Chesley Husson understood from an early age the true value of higher education. He earned his degree in Teacher Education and began his professional career as a teacher and coach at the Maine School of Commerce in Bangor. Later, he was named the Principal and, along with other investors, purchased the school and, in 1947, Husson College was born.

Husson University is Mr. Husson's legacy, founded and still maintained on the education principles he believed in; academic integrity, a commitment to experiential, hands-on education with an intensive, practical, professional experience, and service to the larger community.

This award is presented annually to an individual who shares the qualities of the Founder of Husson College.

First hired in 1980, Martin has been a faculty member at Husson University for 39 years. He retired in May. His professional achievements are numerous. They include recognition by the Small Business Administration as the Accountant Advocate of the Year for Maine and New England. The Maine Society of CPAs presented him with their Public Service Award. Martin is also past-president of the Maine Society of CPA's. He has testified before the Senate Finance Committee and House Ways and Means Committee in Washington, DC on small business tax reform.

The length of his tenure at the University has allowed him to teach generations of families. In addition, his community connections have served to extend awareness of Husson University and the College of Business throughout the state and beyond. Throughout his career, Martin served as an example to students, faculty, and staff through his advocacy and leadership.

Pinning Ceremony Celebrates Those Committed to Providing Care

Becoming a nurse is a special life calling. They help patients return to good health and comfort families during times of sadness. The young, the old, and those in between have all benefited from their ministrations. It takes a special person to become a nurse.

In an effort to welcome these newly minted graduates into a profession dedicated to caring for others, Husson University held a pinning ceremony that honored the graduates of their Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) and Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) programs. The ceremony took place on Friday, May 10, 2019 at 1 p.m. at Husson's Newman Gymnasium in Bangor.

Fifty-eight Bachelor of Science in Nursing, nine Registered Nurse-to-Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN-to-BSN) and 20 Master of Science in Nursing graduates participated in the pinning ceremony. Lisa Harvey-McPherson, vice president for Government Relations at Northern Light Eastern Maine Healthcare Systems, was the keynote speaker.

Harvey-McPherson shared some stories from a 2016 publication, *Maine Nursing: Interviews and History on Caring and Competence* as part of her address to the graduates. "As I see it, nurses are ordinary people who do extraordinary things," she said. "My speech included stories about heroic Maine nurses. It's my hope that my presentation helped inspire this class of graduating nursing students to become the future nursing heroes Maine needs."







During the pinning ceremony, undergraduate and graduate nursing students were symbolically welcomed into the nursing profession. They were presented with Husson University/ Eastern Maine Medical Center BSN or Husson University MSN nursing pins by a family member. As part of the ceremony, graduate nurses and registered nurses (RNs) who received a degree were asked to recite a pledge based on an oath originally created by Florence Nightingale, a renowned nurse and the founder of the first professional training school for nurses.

"Pinning ceremonies are different from graduation and licensure examinations. At graduation, students are recognized for completing their degree requirements. Passing licensure exams demonstrates that students have met the national requirements to become professional healthcare providers," said **Dr. Donna Beuk**, RN, CNE, chair of Husson University's School of Nursing.

"In contrast, a pinning ceremony serves as an acknowledgement by our faculty that a student is ready to fulfill the requirements of being a nurse. Our ceremony marks an important milestone in the careers of our students where they are recognized as members of an elite fraternity of men and women dedicated to caring for others," noted Beuk.

History of the Pinning Ceremony

The pinning ceremony has been a part of Husson University's nursing school tradition since 1986 when the first class of BSN students graduated. This rite of passage can be traced back to the Crusades of the 12th century. During this time, the Knights of the Order of the Hospital of St. John the Baptist tended to injured and infirm Crusaders. When new monks were initiated into the order, they vowed to serve these sick soldiers in a ceremony where each monk was given a Maltese Cross, the first badges given to those who nurse.

The modern ceremony dates back to the 1860s, when Florence Nightingale was awarded the Red Cross of St. George in recognition for her tireless service to the injured during the Crimean War. To share the honor, she in turn presented a medal of excellence to her brightest graduates. By 1916, the pinning of new graduates was a standard practice throughout the U.S.

The Pledge:

I solemnly pledge myself before God and in the presence of this assembly, to pass my life in purity, and to practice my profession faithfully.

I will abstain from whatever is deleterious and mischievous, and will not take or knowingly administer any harmful drug.

I will do all in my power to maintain and elevate the standard of my profession and will hold in confidence all personal matters committed to my keeping and all family affairs coming to my knowledge in the practice of my calling.

With loyalty will I endeavor to aid the physician, in his work, and devote myself to the welfare of those committed to my care.



College of Business and Sigma Nu Tau Induction Award Ceremony

Exemplary and entrepreneurial are two words that best describe the College of Business (COB) award recipients and Sigma Nu Tau honor society inductees who were honored April 17.

From left to right: Derek Foy, David Ouellette, Dean Marie Hansen and Dr. Brien Walton.

"This is a time that all of the faculty enjoy as a way to honor the work they see the students do in and outside of class beyond the grades they achieve. I enjoy honoring both the students and the faculty with awards that demonstrate the legacy they are setting," said **Dr. Marie Hansen**, Dean of the College of Business and New England School of Communications.

The Awards Ceremony recognizes graduating students for their outstanding academic accomplishments. Special awards for service and leadership were also given.

Husson University received its charter to the Sigma Nu Tau honor society in 2014 and remains the only chapter in the state. The inductions were part of the College of Business Awards Ceremony.

2017 inductee **Robin Schmidt '18** said, "I was absolutely thrilled and honored to meet the qualifications for induction a year ago," she said. Schmidt graduated with an MBA and her undergraduate B.S. in business administration – entrepreneurship & small business management. She claimed, "The knowledge and confidence that I've obtained through Husson University and being inducted into Sigma Nu Tau were instrumental in starting a new and successful phase of my career."

Brien Walton, director of the Center for Family Business is the advisor for Sigma Nu Tau said four students were inducted at this year's ceremony. They are **Jackson Cust '19**, **Patricia Lyons '19**, **David Ouellette '21**, and **Derek Foy '23**.

"It is very exciting because our university is not widely known for its entrepreneurship program." Walton claimed, "Husson has faculty with the required expertise to identify potential entrepreneurs with the traits required for success. It is also a good feeling to know that we are part of much larger business community committed to best practices and ethical values that produce leaders of industry."

As an assistant professor of Entrepreneurship, Walton commented, "We are known amongst the universities as being heavily experiential, e.g., every class has the opportunity for students to engage with a real-life business." It is the students' commitment that not only builds on enthusiasm of this program but makes for exemplary students.

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AWARD RECIPIENT GRADUATES 2018-2019

Madisein Ashby '19
– *Ocean Properties Excellence in Hospitality and Sport Management*

Kamal Basnet '19
– *Excellence in Integrated Technology*

Joshua Bellomo '19
– *Leadership Through Humility Award*

Lucas Bickford '18
– *Excellence in Graduate Criminal Justice Administration*

Jane Bowker '19
– *Director's Award in Paralegal Studies*

Katie Burby '19
– *Director's Award in Accounting*

Ruth Curtis '18
– *Director's Award in Criminal Justice*

Vaunalee Foster '18
– *Director's Award in Masters in Business Administration*

Hanna Holte '19
– *Eagle Award*

Jessica Krueger '19
– *Excellence in Forensic Science Studies*

Kayla Mayo '19
– *Excellence in Marketing*

Aaron Nolan '19
– *Excellence in Graduate Criminal Justice Administration*

Tanner Paladino '19
– *Hollywood Casino Spirit of Hospitality Management*

Christopher Perkins '18
– *Dolores J. Mullane Award*

Catherine Poirier '18
– *Director's Award in Business Administration*

Gail Thibault '18
– *Director's Award in Business and Professional Studies*

Caleb Warren '19
– *Excellence in Finance*

Htet Nandar Win '19
– *Excellence in Graduate Business Administration*



Husson University Doctor of Pharmacy candidates received scholarships at this year's annual luncheon.

Spring Events Honor Graduating Seniors

Completing a degree at Husson University calls for celebration and several events that took place in the spring on campus did just that.

In March, the **School of Pharmacy** hosted a luncheon recognizing the scholarships funded by a variety of sponsors including Walgreen, CVS, Hannaford and Shaws. The School of Pharmacy Scholarship Luncheon took place during the school day at the Richard E. Dyke Center for Family Business.

"Students have to internally apply for these scholarships, which are then awarded based on the criteria specified by each company," explains **Dr. Conrad Dhing**, assistant dean of student academic affairs for the School of Pharmacy. "The criteria is usually centered, but not limited to grade point average, diversity, place of employment, and foreign language skills, among other requirements."

This year, about 30 scholarships were handed out at the School of Pharmacy Scholarship Luncheon. Representatives from the scholarship sponsors were on hand to present the awards to the students.

In early May, pharmacy students getting ready to receive their diplomas were recognized at an annual Graduation Awards Breakfast. This is a larger event, taking place at the Gracie Theatre. The entire graduating class, as well as School of Pharmacy faculty members, were invited to attend.

Student awards are based on academics, professionalism, service and clinical achievements. In addition to honoring the accomplishments of graduating students, the breakfast also recognized the achievements of clinical preceptors and School of Pharmacy faculty.

"As a program, we feel it's important to celebrate with events like these because it recognizes the students' hard work and dedication," says Dhing. "The PharmD is a rigorous, four-year doctoral program, so supporting our students and their achievements is always a top priority."

The New England School of Communications also understands the importance of recognizing student achievements. So much so, they call their annual event, NESCom Senior Recognition event. It always takes place the Friday before graduation ceremonies, in the Gracie Theatre. This year, the time was switched to an afternoon start so graduating seniors and their families could enjoy private celebrations and dinners afterwards.

"The NESCom Senior Recognition ceremony is an opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of the entire senior class at the New England School of Communications," explains **Edward Goguen**, academic director for NESCom who was also the master of ceremony. "While we do honor outstanding students with awards and highlight those students that have produced exemplary products, we showcase work from every senior in the graduating class."

One focal point at the ceremony is a short video program produced by NESCom faculty. It specifically showcases the work of the graduating seniors. Each senior is then presented with their own portfolio. The event ends with a group photo on the stage of the Gracie Theatre.

"Honoring student accomplishments before graduation is a wonderful tradition that brings the students of the school together," says New England School of Communications Dean **Marie Hansen**. "The faculty, staff and I enjoy this opportunity to revisit the work of the students one more time before they walk across the stage at graduation."

Goguen agrees. "We share a sense of great pride towards our graduates and our Senior Recognition ceremony is an opportunity for us to express that feeling to our students with the hope that they can take a moment to reflect on their accomplishments realizing what they have all just achieved," he said.

Every New England School of Communications graduating senior had the opportunity to showcase their work at Senior Recognition.





Students with grade point averages of 3.4 or higher were presented with honor cords they could wear at commencement.

Celebrating Student Achievement

At the end of the academic year, both the College of Health and Education's School of Education and the College of Science and Humanities held recognition ceremonies where they honored students who excelled in their various disciplines. Attended by parents, friends, family members, faculty and University leaders, these ceremonies featured a variety of awards presented to students who made important contributions to their disciplines, demonstrated specific talents or skill sets, and distinguished themselves academically.

At the School of Education Award Ceremony, **Travis Allen**, MEd, CAS, chair of the School of Education welcomed everyone to the event. Faculty members **Lynne Atherly**, MEd; **Kelly Mead**, MEd, CAS; **Shelly Tennett**, EdD; and **Sandip Wilson**, EdD; spoke next and congratulated the graduates on their academic achievements. **Rhonda Waskiewicz**, EdD, OTR (ret.), the dean of the College of Health and Education presented the Dean's Award.

The presenters talked about the value professional educators bring their students and the important life-changing impact teachers have on the lives of their students.

"With the exception of parents, professional educators have the greatest impact on children and young adults," said Waskiewicz. "They interact with children starting in pre-kindergarten and continue to have an influence on young adults until they graduate college and are ready to enter the workforce. While the job can be challenging, the satisfaction that comes with helping a young person become successful is enormous."

The College of Science and Humanities presented the soon-to-be graduates with a variety of awards. They included: the Excellence in Writing Awards, the J. Harness Beardsley Memorial Prize, and awards for excellence in fine arts, biology, environmental science and health sciences.

Additionally, students were recognized for outstanding academic achievements in healthcare administration and public health, and psychology.

One especially moving moment that occurred during the College of Science and Humanities Student Recognition Event was the recognition given to Associate Professor **Stephanie Gross** for her contributions to the University.

"Stephanie was a longtime faculty member of the College, and she had a major impact on both the English program and General Education at the University," said **Patricia Bixel**, PhD, dean of the College of Science and Humanities at Husson University. "She will be missed"



Sara Carder, (left) a health sciences major, won the Excellence in Health Sciences Award from the College of Science and Humanities. Tristan Alley (right) received the Leadership and Service Award for the Sciences.

One of the highest honors at both the School of Education and College of Science and Humanities ceremonies was the presentation of the Watch Awards. The Watch Awards are presented to graduating students with the highest GPAs within a school of college.

In addition, any student who had a grade point average (GPA) of 3.4 or higher was given the opportunity to wear an honor cord at Commencement. There were three different types of honor cords awarded. Cum laude honor cords went to students who had a GPA of 3.4 to 3.59. Magna cum laude honor cords were presented to students who had a GPA of 3.6 to 3.79 and summa cum laude honor cords were given to students who had a GPA of 3.8 to 4.0.

At the School of Education Award Ceremony, faculty members recognized the achievements of future teachers.



GIVING DAY: A social media first for Husson

April 3 marked a first for Husson University.

"This day of giving was a fun way to get people involved and introduced to the importance of giving and philanthropy," said **Lisa Frazell**, director of annual giving in the Office of Advancement.

This 24-hour-long Giving Day was 100 percent driven online. Donors went to husson.edu/givingday and chose the area of the University that meant the most to them such as a college, the annual fund, athletics and student organizations. Frazell went on, "Under each of those "buckets" were separate teams, so under the College of Business, for example, donors could choose to give to the School of Accounting, School of Legal Studies, etc.

The student-based Sales and Marketing Association got involved, advised by Instructor **Susan Reisman** of the School of Hospitality, Sport and Tourism. "It's not just a way for the students to raise money but also a valuable opportunity to learn about fund raising. It also furthers their sense of ownership of the club and its financial success."

Reisman said there was much enthusiasm over Giving Day, "This was perfectly aligned with the club's mission and students' professional interests."

Casssidy Ouellette '19, president of the civic engagement club, took to Facebook with a video message. She promoted, "When you donate, and help spread the word, the area of your support has a greater chance of unlocking additional funds provided by our generous Husson alumni."

Sarah Cary Robinson, vice president for Advancement, said "Using social media helps us reach a group of alumni and friends who no longer rely on traditional means of communication." She reflected on reasons why gifting to Husson University should be considered, "if you are proud to be a Husson graduate, have hired a Husson graduate, seen a Husson education make a difference for your son/daughter, observed Husson's impact in the greater Bangor community, attended a show at The Gracie or other program on campus, enjoyed watching our athletic teams compete, or believe in making a difference in a student's life. You know the wonderful work Husson is doing. Your gifts enhance the work."

She agreed that the way Giving Day was structured, "encouraged people to give to the University in the way that made the most sense for them."

498 DONORS:
742 GIFTS TO
64 DIFFERENT FUNDS
TOTALING: $73,083.78

GIVING DAY
Husson University

And, the winners are...

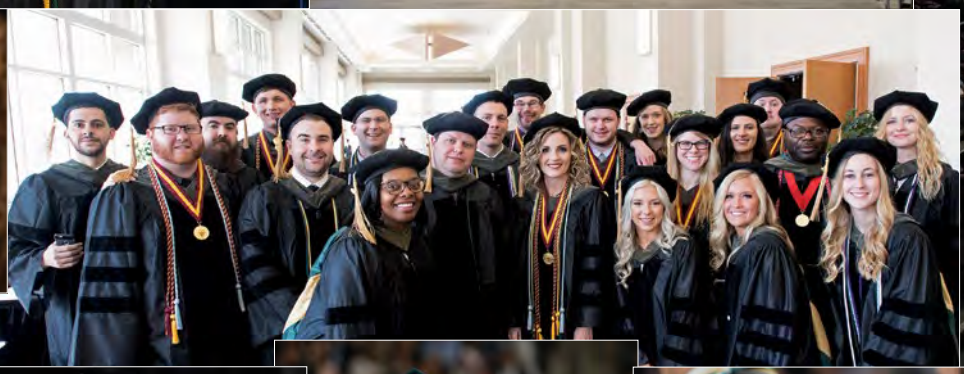
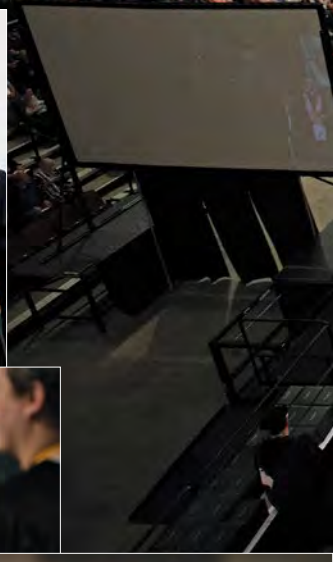
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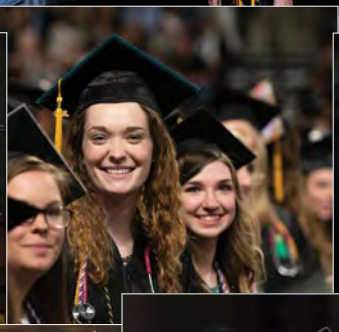
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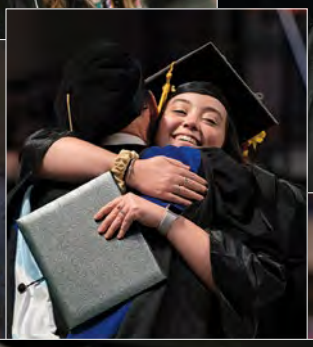


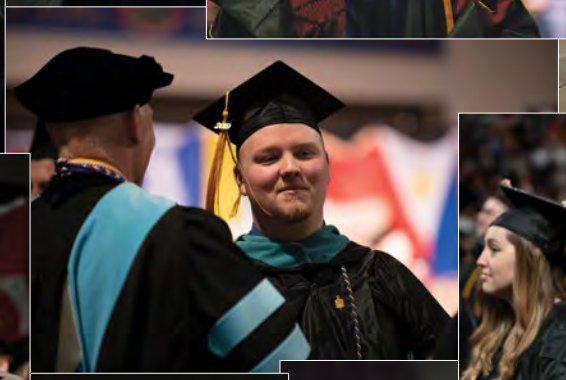




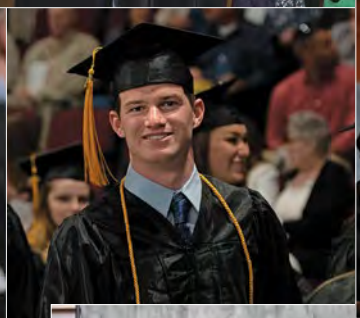
















Husson's graduation ceremony recognized individuals who completed their degrees from Husson University's College of Business, College of Health and Education, College of Science and Humanities, New England School of Communications (NESCom), and the School of Pharmacy. This year's Commencement awarded over 860 degrees to approximately 810 graduates.

A U.S. Senator, a Dedicated Educator and an Insurance CEO Help Husson University Graduates Celebrate Their Educational Achievements

United States Senator Susan M. Collins delivered the commencement address to this year's graduating class at Husson University's 120th Annual Commencement Exercises at the Cross Insurance Center in Bangor, Maine on Saturday, May 11, 2019.

Reflecting on the selection of Senator Collins as this year's speaker Husson University President Robert A. Clark, PhD said, "Being a United States Senator is a tough and demanding job. Working in the Senate entails long hours, hard work, as they address difficult decisions. Despite this, U.S. Senators try to make life better for their constituents while dealing with diverse issues. They must also navigate an increasingly challenging political landscape."

"Undeterred by this challenging work environment, Senator Collins has earned a national reputation as an effective legislator who works across party lines to seek consensus on our nation's most important issues," continued Clark. "Her insights into the importance of positive change, and the need to work with others, make her insights critically important during these difficult times. As an advocate for Maine's citizens, Senator Collins has completed more than 6,900 roll call votes, one of the longest consecutive voting records in the United States Senate. She is constantly working to transform the lives of the people of Maine."

Senator Collins shared these words with our graduates:

"Now, this would not be a true commencement speech if, in addition to offering my congratulations, I did not present you with a challenge. Here are two:

Please stay in Maine. Our state needs your energy and the education you have worked hard to achieve at Husson… Whether you are going to be an entrepreneur or a physical therapist, an accountant or a pharmacist, a nurse or a journalist, Maine needs your skills.

My second challenge: help to restore a sense of community and unity in our great country. We live in a time of ever-worsening divisiveness..."

"This polarization is contrary to the foundation of our society that values experience and expertise, the centrality of fact, humility in the face of complexity, the need for study, and a respect for differing perspectives.

Your Husson education strengthens that foundation. You have surrounded yourselves with people of diverse views. Your respect for knowledge, experience, and opposing philosophies is the first line of defense against the splintering of our society.

It is within our power to rekindle a spirit of community. Among people of good will, our strength is the sum of our similarities as well as our differences."



SUSAN M. COLLINS '97H

Susan Collins, Maine's senior United States Senator, was first elected to the Senate in 1996. She ranks 12th in Senate seniority and is the most senior Republican woman. Senator Collins chairs the Senate Aging Committee and the Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development Appropriations Subcommittee. She also serves on the

Intelligence Committee and the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee.

A native of Caribou, Maine, Senator Collins graduated Phi Beta Kappa from St. Lawrence University and joined the staff of then-Congressman and later Senator William Cohen. She was appointed director of the Small Business Administration's regional office in Boston by President George H.W. Bush, and she was the founding executive director of the Richard E. Dyke Center for Family Business at Husson University in Bangor, Maine.

Senator Collins received Husson University's Honorary Doctorate of Public Service in 1997.

At this year's Commencement, two honorary doctorates were awarded to leaders in recognition of their professional accomplishments.



LARRY M. SHAW '92G

Larry M. Shaw, the president and chief executive officer (CEO) of MMG Insurance, received an honorary Doctor of Business Administration degree in recognition of his leadership abilities, his dedication to the people of Northern Maine, and his devotion to furthering his community's financial security.

MMG Insurance, headquartered in Presque Isle, Maine, is an AM Best "A" Excellent rated regional property and casualty insurance company with operations in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Pennsylvania and Virginia. With the company since 1982, Shaw was promoted to president and CEO in 1995.

He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from the University of Maine and a Master of Science in business degree from Husson University. He has also attended the Executive Education Program at the Harvard Business School and the Wharton School of Business. Shaw is a recipient of the Maine CPCU's Lee Allen President's Award for Excellence.

In addition, Shaw was inducted into the Junior Achievement Maine Business Hall of Fame in 2015 and is a Rotary International Paul Harris Fellow. He has generously supported distance education technology at Husson's Northern Maine campus.



CAROL C. KANAR

Another person who will receive an honorary doctorate is **Carol Kanar**, a woman who has dedicated her life to education. Kanar received an honorary Doctor of Pedagogy degree in honor of her dedication and leadership in all areas related to student success and academic quality. Her lifetime of accomplishment was realized after many years of service to students and the higher education community. In 1967, she earned a Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of Florida. In subsequent years, she earned a Master of Education in developmental reading from Rollins College and a Master of Arts in creative writing from the University of Florida.

Embracing her passion for education, Kanar became a communications instructor at Valencia Community College in 1977, a post she held for 18 years. She has also written several college textbooks in her fields of expertise.

In addition to her professional accomplishments, Kanar has provided exemplary service to Husson University. She served as a member of the Husson University Board of Trustees for 12 years. For three of those years, she served as the board's chair.

Kanar received an honorary degree in communications from the New England School of Communications in 2014 and was inducted into the pantheon of honorary Husson alumni in 2016. That same year, Kanar was awarded the Husson University President's Medal of Honor for her service. In 2018, she received the Trustee Emeritus Award. Today, Kanar supports Husson University as a member of the Women's Philanthropy Council.

Valedictorian and Salutatorian Show How Hard Work Pays Off

Becoming a Husson University valedictorian or salutatorian is no easy task. It requires hard work, grit, perseverance and a willingness to consistently seek a standard of excellence.

OLIVIA WILLIAMS: VALEDICTORIAN



Olivia Williams '19 is the first generation of her family to complete a college degree. "I had to put myself through college," said Williams. "During the past year, I've been working two jobs."

Fortunately, Husson was able to help. "Scholarships are very important. I got a great financial aid package from Husson. I wouldn't have been able to go to college without it."

Simultaneously, Williams was a student ambassador for the School of Legal Studies, and a volunteer domestic violence crisis hotline worker at Partners for Peace. "Trying to stay involved with the community, working, supporting Husson and studying has kept me pretty busy," she said. "I didn't have a lot of free time."

All of that hard work paid off. In addition to earning a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice and a Certificate in counterterrorism and security, Williams was named the valedictorian for the Class of 2019 with a perfect grade point average of 4.0.

> *"A Husson degree can take you anywhere you want to go."*
> Olivia Williams

Williams chose Husson because of the strength of the university's education and faculty. "Once I visited the school, sat down and had lunch with **Professor Michaud** up at the Dickerman Dining Center, I was sold. He totally inspired me and assured me I'd be able to do something with this degree that would be meaningful," said Williams.

Four years later, Williams has no regrets. "I'll admit that I was concerned initially about how far a Husson degree would take me because the University is best known here in Maine. Having gone through the law school application process, I've realized how valuable my Husson degree is. My applications were sent to law schools across the country and I never received a rejection. A Husson degree can take you anywhere you want to go."

ZACHARY LACROIX: SALUTATORIAN



A personal tour of the New England School of Communications (NESCom) convinced **Zachary Lacroix, '19**, this year's salutatorian, to attend Husson. "At the conclusion of the campus tour, the tour guide offered to informally show me around the NESCom building. Seeing the technology and how much the University was investing in equipment impressed me. It showed that Husson was devoted to providing students with the resources they needed."

Lacroix continued: "I had seen what other schools had committed to their programs. Husson University was at a whole other level."

Lacroix excelled in his coursework over the past four years and is graduating from Husson University with a 3.996 GPA. "I earned an A in every course, except for one credit, where I earned an A-."

A lot of what drives Lacroix to excel is his willingness to challenge himself. "I try to push myself as much as I can," he said.

This is reflected in Lacroix's academic record. At graduation, he'll receive a Bachelor of Science in communications technology with a concentration in live sound technology. He'll have also completed a minor in information technology and five certificates during the four years he attended Husson.

"At Husson, the faculty do a great job of keeping up with things, bringing new content to the students and sharing their experiences out in the field from before they became educators. If someone is interested in a career in live sound, I'd definitely recommend Husson."



A Formal Affair:

toasting seniors and making connections

For college seniors, May is about all things graduation, but at Husson University, there is another special event for the pending graduates. “Our formal event [called Champagne Toast] is designed to welcome the newest graduates into the Alumni Association, celebrate their success and provide an opportunity for them to network with alumni,” said **Keith Piehler**, director of Alumni Relations. "Close to 200 people attended this year and we hope more alumni will join us at this event in the future."

It is more than a formal affair though as Piehler commented. “It provides students the opportunity to make career connections. It gives them the chance to spend time with their graduating classmates, along with Husson faculty and staff to talk about career paths, and perhaps open a few doors for employment.”

When Bangor Alumni Board Chair **Ryan Bartlett ’15** graduated, he did not have an opportunity like this social event that he helps organize now in its second year. “The event truly is a wonderful chance for graduating students to mingle and network with their peers, alumni, and faculty. Just as important to note, the event provides what I would consider a proper semi-formal final send-off to the graduates, in recognition of all their hard work and accomplishments over their tenure at Husson.”

Aline Gwiza ’19 also helped to plan the event scheduled for May 2nd event. She appreciated the networking. “When you’re going through school, you mostly worry about the assignments that have to get turned in, internships that you have to find, and that job offer you have to land after graduation. So this senior night reminds us that our hard work didn’t go to waste nor did it go unnoticed.”

Gwiza also noted this social time is also a time to plant seeds for the future. “It’s a night to network and create relationships with our alums and local professionals. It’s also a night where you might meet your future employer, co-workers and more. It’s a fitting occasion to look back and be thankful for each person who pushed you to go further than you thought was possible.”

Ashley Clifford ’18, now a member of the Southern Maine Alumni Board said, “It really is an all-encompassing event that is a beautiful blend of networking and fun. If you are in need of future employment after graduation, you’re able to network with alumni that may be able to help!”



Gabby Price Retires

"...The greatest teachers in my life have been our players and for that I love them and will always be indebted to them."

Coach Gabby Price



Tarik Smith, Coach Price and Jacob Cameron.

After 12 dedicated years as Husson University's head football coach, **Gabby Price** announced that he would be stepping down from his position with the program this past January.

Director of Athletics **Frank Pergolizzi** remarked "It has been an honor and our privilege to work with Coach Price during these past six football seasons. His commitment to Husson University and to the students in our football program has been outstanding. His priority has consistently been the health and welfare of each of our student-athletes. They are fortunate to have had the opportunity to have been coached by him."

As the winningest coach in program history and the Eastern Collegiate Football Conference (ECFC) based on winning percentage. Coach Price led the Eagles to four ECFC championships, and ten winning seasons. After accepting the position in 2002, he built the Husson football program into a national power-level team, accomplishing four NCAA Championship Tournament appearances in the 2014, 2016, 2017, and 2018 seasons with two Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Bowl Games berths in 2008 and 2015.

It was a difficult decision for the beloved head coach to make as he reflects, "I am honored to have had the job and have appreciated every minute that I have had working with so many outstanding people."

Husson football has become a strong, well-respected NCAA DIII program since Coach Price took the reigns as he stood at the helm of the program from 2002-2008 and returned in 2013 through the 2018 season. Throughout his 12-year span, Price has accomplished a 72-45 (.615) career record.

A man whom all of his players looked up to, Coach Price saw 78 student-athletes garner All-Conference recognition and 11 achieve a major conference award. He was also named ECFC Coach of the Year for the third-straight season in 2018 and fourth overall in his career, in addition to being named New England DII/DIII Coach of the Year in 2017. Since returning to Husson in 2013, Price has coached 15 All-American players and seen 61 student-athletes earn a spot on the ECFC All-Academic Team.

"I love coaching because of the players playing and those who have played," added Coach Price. "I am and have been proud of our players in so many ways. They have won some games and also been great to each other. Everyone has a story and many of our players have had an incredible journey in so many different directions. The greatest teachers in my life have been our players and for that I love them and will always be indebted to them."

As a key member of the Husson athletics family, Coach Price will be greatly missed and well-remembered by all who had the opportunity to get to know him whether on the turf of Dr. John W. Winkin Sports Complex or in the halls of William P. Newman Athletic Facility, as a coach, coworker, and friend.

Greg Winston, PhD
Fulbright Scholar

Dr. Greg Winston, a professor in Husson's College of Science and Humanities and the University's faculty athletic representative, was recently named a 2019-2020 Fulbright Scholar. Becoming a Fulbright Scholar is one of the highest honors accorded to professional college educators and researchers.

Fulbright Scholars are given the opportunity to travel abroad, conduct research, lecture, and/or consult with other scholars and institutions. For his part, Winston has been named a distinguished scholar in Irish literature at Queen's University-Belfast (QUB) in Northern Ireland. From January to June of 2020, he will serve as a visiting faculty member at the QUB's School of Arts, English, and Languages – the home of the Seamus Heaney Center for Poetry. In this role, he will teach an undergraduate seminar called "Militarization and Peace in Irish Literature." Winston will also teach a graduate course called "The Nature of Modern Irish Writing."

"The graduate class ties in with my current research," said Winston. "It takes an environmental, or ecocritical, approach to twentieth-century Irish literature." Literature scholars use an ecocritical approach to analyze texts so they can better understand environmental concerns and examine the various ways literature treats the subject of nature.

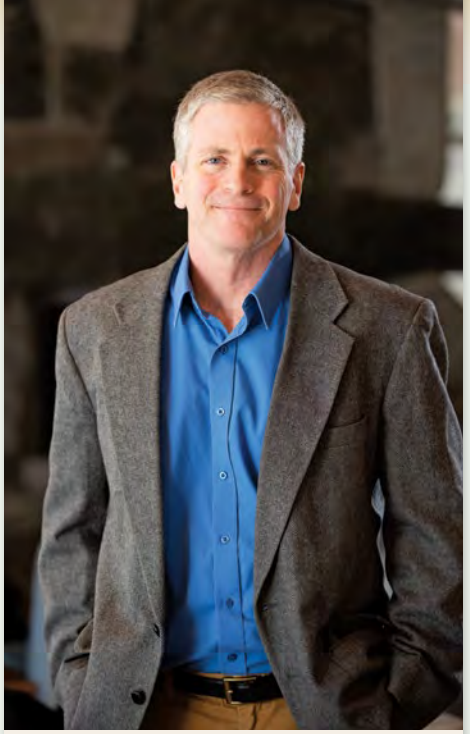


As part of this research, Winston will be focusing on the poet Seamus Heaney and the novelist John McGahern. Heaney grew up in Northern Ireland, in County Derry, and attended Queen's University. McGahern came from the County Leitrim/Roscommon region, just across the border in the Irish Republic.

"I'll have a chance to visit both writers' home regions and other locations represented in their writings," said Winston. "I'll also go to archives that contain correspondence, drafts, manuscripts, and other materials associated with their work. I'm looking forward to meeting a number of Irish scholars, critics, poets, and writers doing work in this area. This will all be an invaluable part of my efforts to help students better understand Irish literature, Irish studies, modernism and an environmental approach to literature."

Winston feels that Fulbright Scholar opportunities are vitally important for Husson University and every academic community. "Scholarship, teaching, and university life include learning from and connecting with others, respecting differences, and breaking down barriers--whether cultural, social, or economic. The Fulbright Program represents the best of what the U.S. and global university life can be. It encourages connections and building bridges between cultures."

"I expect to return to Husson with some new learning approaches and teaching practices, based on the faculty and students I will come to know at QUB, as well as the broader context of the university system in the United Kingdom. I also hope to discover new texts and encounter fresh perspectives on familiar ones, all of which can expand the scope and content for my literature courses back at Husson," concluded Winston.



About Dr. Greg Winston

Greg Winston joined the Husson faculty in August 2001 after earning his PhD in English from the University of Delaware (2001) and his Bachelor of Arts from Colgate University (1993). He teaches a range of English and humanities courses, from the general education sequence in writing, rhetoric, and literature to upper-level electives including world literature, environmental writing, literature and medicine, and Irish studies. His scholarship takes historical and environmental approaches to Irish and British modernist writers. He is author of the book *Joyce and Militarism*, a study of James Joyce's writing in the context of Irish political history and European martial culture (published by University Press of Florida 2012, paperback 2015).

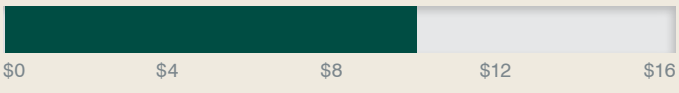
Other select recent publications include articles on Joseph Conrad (in *Critical Approaches to Joseph Conrad*, University of South Carolina Press, 2015) and Joyce (in *James Joyce Quarterly* and *EcoJoyce*, Cork University Press, 2014). Professor Winston serves as faculty athletics representative (FAR), an NCAA position whose purpose is to foster an appropriate academic-athletic balance on campus and to ensure the well-being of student-athletes. He has previously worked as a journalist covering capital markets in New York City and as a newspaper reporter in rural Alaska. Beyond campus, his interests include whitewater kayaking, backcountry skiing and renovating classic Maine homes.

A Facility that Enables Emotional Intelligence

Total Committed to the Business Building

(Includes the $4 million Alfond commitment)

$11.53 Million*



*As of April 30, 2019



According to the dictionary, emotional intelligence (EI) is "the capacity to be aware of, control, and express one's emotions, and to handle interpersonal relationships judiciously and empathetically." EI is seen by many as the key to both personal and professional success. Husson University's College of Business offers coursework that can help students master their emotional intelligence and become more effective leaders.

Daniel Goleman, the author of Emotional Intelligence, once wrote, "People with well-developed emotional skills are also more likely to be content and effective in their lives, mastering the habits of mind that foster their own productivity; people who cannot marshal some control over their emotional life fight inner battles that sabotage their ability for focused work and clear thought."

While some aspects of our personalities are thought to be ingrained into us genetically, emotional intelligence can be learned. It consists of a set of skills that can be taught to others.

"At Husson, we envision a future where our University stands at the center of regional growth and development," said College of Business **Dean Marie Hansen**, JD, PhD, SHRM-SCP. "A workforce with high levels of emotional intelligence is more likely to make positive contributions to organizations and the economy of our region on day one of their new job. Introducing EI skills into our workforce will require a superb faculty, students open to self-reflection and a facility that supports the educational experience."

Research has shown that the quality of educational facilities can strongly affect student outcomes. According to a November 2002 article from the National Clearinghouse for Educational Facilities, spatial configurations, noise, heat, light, and air quality all affect educators' and students' ability to perform.[1] Our new College of Business building takes all of these factors into consideration.

Classroom design has been reexamined with a greater emphasis on 360 degree classrooms and simulations labs—spaces that are agile which allows them to be configured numerous ways to meet the learning and teaching needs of a particular class or group of students. The two stories of the new building will include a wall of windows with natural light to create a warm and inviting space.

As we continue to move forward toward the construction of our new College of Business building, it will be important to make sure we construct a faculty that will give every student the opportunity to do their best. This can only be accomplished, if students are provided with access to the knowledge and facilities they need to succeed.

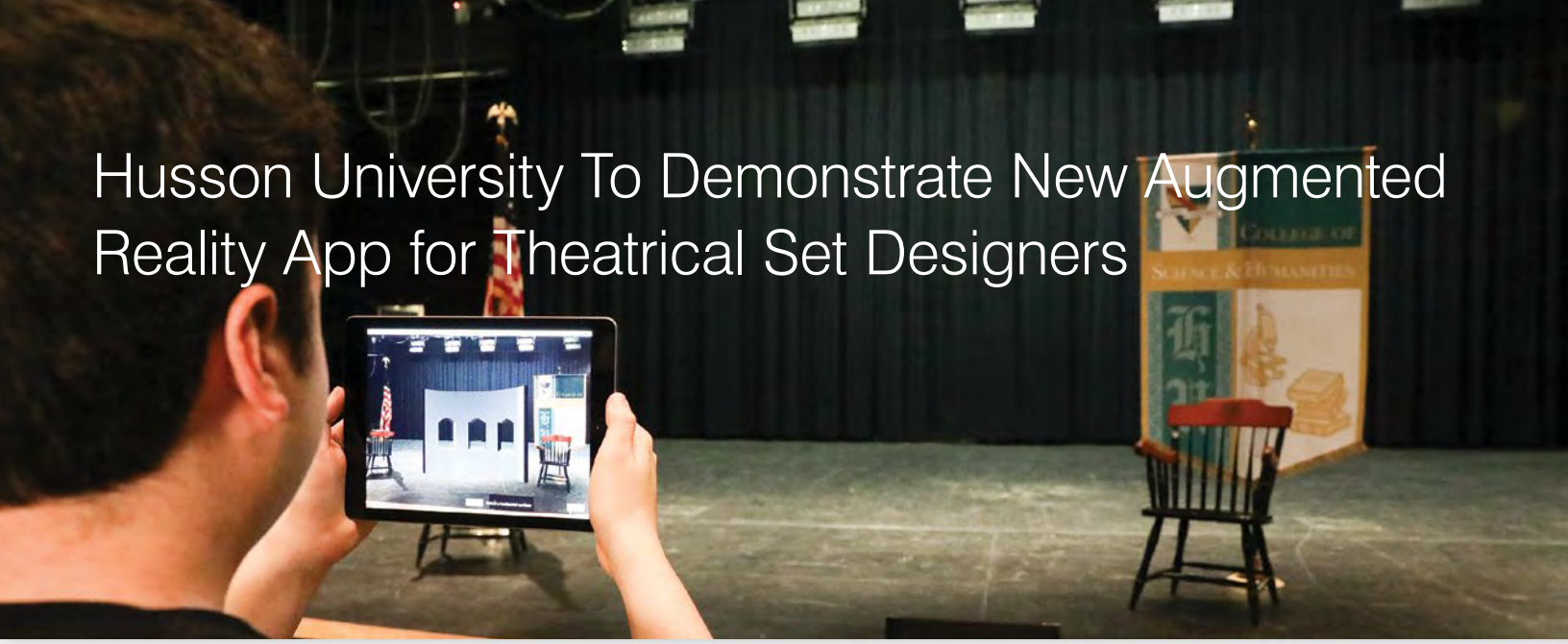
Quality facilities enhance the educational process. Equipping students with an understanding of emotional intelligence will make our graduates better leaders.



Architectural drawings by Goody Clancy

[1.] "Do School Facilities Affect Academic Outcomes?," Mark Schneider, November 2002, National Clearinghouse for Educational Facilities, page 17, **https://files.eric.ed.gov/fulltext/ED470979.pdf**

Husson University To Demonstrate New Augmented Reality App for Theatrical Set Designers



Utilizing augmented reality, students at Husson University can design sets and experience what it would be like to walk around and through them before construction even begins.

Consider for a moment the challenges a team faces when designing a set for a theatrical production or a large concert. For years, these professionals have relied on drawings, scale models and 3-D visualizations to help them convey their vision to the director, production team, cast and crew. The one thing they could not do however was provide this creative team with the experience of being immersed in the full-scale scenery, until the set was built.

Today, that's all changed. Thanks to advancements in augmented reality (AR), Husson University's integrated technology department has begun development of an app for iPhones and iPads called AR Stagecraft.

Here's how it can help design sets. Currently, students in Husson's entertainment production program design theater sets in a computer aided drafting (CAD) class. Instead of creating a set of drawings, their designs are then imported into the AR Stagecraft app. Once the app is loaded onto an iPhone or iPad, users can experience what it would be like to walk through their set designs on stage, before construction ever begins.

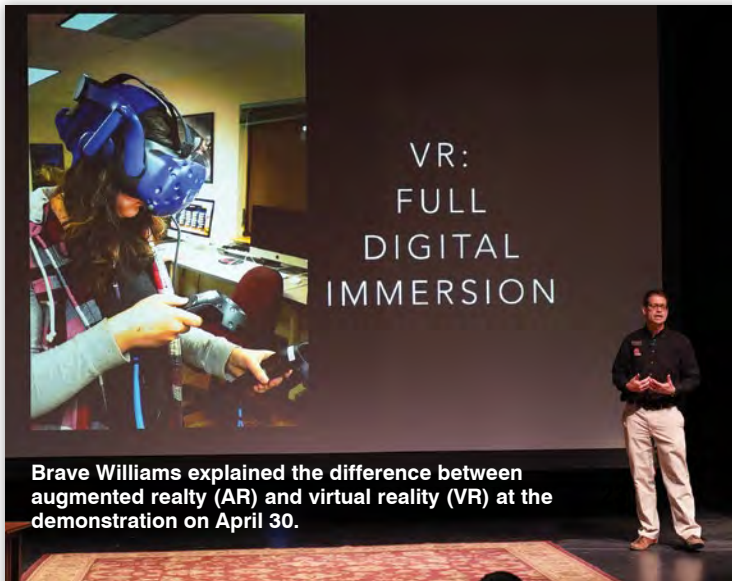
"This is just the first step in a long-term commitment to developing augmented reality and virtual reality (VR) presentations at Husson University," said **Brave Williams**, MFA, an assistant professor at the New England School of Communications. "In the months and years to come, we will be creating new educational opportunities that focus on the development of immersive technology experiences. The culmination of our efforts will be the construction of an Interactive Experience (IEX) Center as part of the new College of Business building in 2021."

Once completed, the new IEX Center will serve as a hub for projects related to immersive and interactive technology through a system of collaboration between students, faculty, staff, and outside partners. The interactive and immersive education that will take place in this Center will teach students how to solve real-world problems using the advanced technology associated with this emerging field.

In the future, there will be numerous career opportunities for AR and virtual reality (VR) professionals. The job search website Indeed.com has already noticed a significant uptick in job postings for virtual reality (VR) specialists. In 2014, there were only two virtual reality job postings per 1 million job ads.[1] Two years later, there were 18 job posting for every million jobs - an increase of about 800%.[2]

It's anticipated that careers in this discipline will offer above average compensation. According to Glassdoor.com, the average base pay for augmented reality/software development professionals is $80,018 per year.[3]

"At Husson University, we're not only preparing students for today's professional positions, we're developing programs designed to ensure our students' career success in the jobs of tomorrow," said **Dr. Lynne Coy-Ogan**, the senior vice president for academic affairs and provost at Husson University. "It's just one more example of how our University is working to develop an educated workforce who will drive the economic growth of our region in the coming decades."



Brave Williams explained the difference between augmented realty (AR) and virtual reality (VR) at the demonstration on April 30.

[1.] Virtual Reality Jobs Jump In The Job Market," *Forbes*, Karsten Strauss, May 11, 2016, **https://www.forbes.com/sites/karstenstrauss/2016/05/11/virtual-reality-jobs-jump-in-the-job-market/#7d01fe607548**

[2.] Ibid

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Class News & Notes

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Class NOTES

1960s

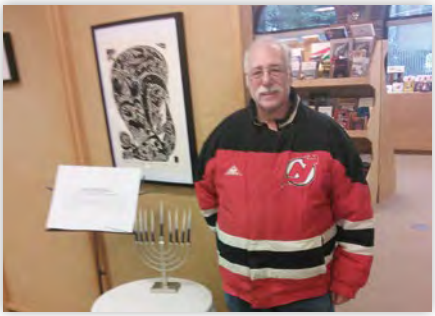


A great reunion of old friends; **Bill Abbott '67**, **Dick Trott '65**, **Martha Bouchard '63**, and **Bob Dore '64**.

1970s



Deborah Kobritz '75, '81 was recently named 2018 Sales Associate of the Year for the *Tampa Bay Times*. After 20 years with *The Tampa Tribune*, in 2016, Deborah joined the *Tampa Bay Times*. She was honored to be recognized for contributions to the company.



Since leaving the United States Army in 1971, **Barry Weiss '75** has been the parade chairman for the Memorial Day Parade every year for the Town of West New York, NJ. He is now moving to senior housing in North Bergen, NJ and is a member and senior vice commander of the North Bergen Jewish War Veterans group.

Sue Hawes '78, '88G was elected president of the American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA) at the September 2018 National Conference in Utah. Sue has been involved with the AAMA for over 25 years and currently serves as the Dean of Education at Beal College.

1980s

The **Rev'd Richard R. Charron, JD '80**, and Peter T. Vreeland, announce the adoption of their son, Antonio Alexander Charron Vreeland, on January 14, 2019.

Brett Stacey '84 has joined the Charming Inns team as an innkeeper for Wentworth Mansion in Charleston, South Carolina.

David Cyr '86 has been named Skowhegan Savings Bank's new president and CEO. David has been with the bank since 2005, most recently serving as executive vice president.

1990s



Bruce Grainger '90 has been promoted to partner at Francisco Partners. Bruce joined Francisco Partners in 2015 as an operating advisor for sales and marketing and was promoted to senior operating advisor in 2018. In addition to the advising responsibilities, he also serves on the board of directors of multiple software companies. Bruce lives in Charlotte, NC with his wife **Cynthia '90**, and they have 3 children who are at various stages with one in high school, one in college, and the oldest a recent college graduate working in the investment industry.

Rick Griffin '90G has joined Central Maine Community College as the dean of finance and general services. He previously served as director of operating budgets for the University of California at Merced.

Acadia Federal Credit Union, directed by president and CEO, **David Desjardins '91, '97G**, will open its newest branch on Broadway in Bangor, its third location in the area and eighth in the state.

James J. Peakes '95 is procurement manager at Cianbro Corporation of Pittsfield, Maine. Jim has been with Cianbro for over 23 years. He and his wife **Shelly Nagle Peakes '97** reside in Dexter.

Filmmaker duo **Aron Gaudet '96**, and wife Gita Pullapilly, have signed on to direct and write the film *Queenpins*, a dark comedy starring Kristen Bell and Leslie Jones as two Arizona housewives who find themselves in charges of a $40 million coupon cartel. The pair's previous works include 2013's *Beneath the Harvest Sky* and 2009's *The Way We Get By*. In 2010, Aron received the Outstanding Alumni Award from the New England School of Communications.

Becky Moholland Ireland '96 has been nominated for induction into the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame for 2019. She transferred to Husson after her sophomore year and played two seasons, finishing her college career with 1221 points and 946 rebounds.

Mark Sheldon '96 owns and operates a music festival company in Panama City, Florida. R & M Entertainment puts on the SandJam Music Festival, an adult-alternative music festival, and the Pepsi Gulf Coast Jam, a country music festival held over Labor Day Weekend, in Panama City Beach.

2000s

Barrett Williams '01 has been hired as the superintendent of Rivendell Interstate School District in Vermont. Barrett has served as the principal of Sharon Elementary School since 2008 and is credited with increasing student enrollment from 84 to 163 with programs such as farm-to-school and outdoor education.



Heather Kinney '02 has been promoted to agency manager at BroGue Insurance & Financial Services in Bangor, Maine. Heather has been a licensed agent since 1999 and first joined the team in 2014.



Kristin Redstone '03 has been promoted to principal in the firm, Baker Newman Noyes' tax practice. Kristin first joined the firm in 2003 and has been a leader specializing in tax planning, compliance, and structuring of complex transactions, primarily in the real estate industry.

Sarah Manfredo-Daley '05 has joined Mix Maine Marketing as an account executive.

Former high school basketball teammates at Shead High School in Eastport, Maine, **Ben Maloney '11**, **Cliff Urquhart '05**, and **Darrin Constant '07** all became high school varsity coaches and appeared in the Maine High School Basketball Tournament this spring. Ben is the varsity boys basketball coach for Woodland High School, Cliff is the varsity girls basketball coach for Southern Aroostook High School, and Darrin is the varsity boys basketball coach for Calais High School. In addition to their coaching careers, Ben serves as the fiscal director for Maine Indian Education, Cliff serves as the athletic director and teacher at Southern Aroostook, and Darrin is a juvenile community corrections officer.



Derek Cole '08 has joined the insurance team at Brogue Insurance & Financial Services as an outside sales agent for commercial, personal and marine insurance in Bangor, Maine. Derek has been a licensed insurance agent since 2009 and has earned the Accredited Customer Service Representative designation.

2010s

Nate Quirion '10 rejoined Husson this fall as an assistant coach under new head football coach **Nat Clark**. This will be his third stint with the Eagle's, previously serving as the head coach for Mt. Blue High School.

Brittany Ray '10G spoke as part of the University of Maine – Presque Isles' 2018-2019 Distinguished Lecturer Series. Brittany is the director of TREE: Transforming Rural Experience in Education and the 2007 Maine Teacher of the Year. The theme of the series is *In Their Shoes*, and Brittany's talk, titled "Creating Trauma-Informed Schools and Communities by Understanding Adverse Childhood Experiences," focused on how people can work together to create environments that foster healing and help students grow.

Jason Audette '11 has been promoted to senior video engineer at VideoLink LLC in Newton, MA. Jason has been with the company since 2012, first serving as a production associate.

Danni Dorazio '11 is the assistant property manager for Blue Ridge Companies in Wilmington, NC.

Bradley Libby, DPT '11, '13 has been named as Maine Schoolboy Coach of the Year by *USA Today*. Brad, former Husson basketball player and assistant coach, led the Bangor Rams boys basketball team to their first state championship since 2011 in his first year of coaching.

Brenn Alexander '13 has joined the law firm of Morrison Mahoney, LLP as an associate attorney. Morrison Mahoney, LLP is an AV-rated northeast regional insurance defense law firm, and is one of the region's leading litigation firms. Brenn will be focusing her practice on premises, automobile, and general liability, as well as construction litigation.

Cody Haverly-Johndro '13, **Jordan Bragan '14**, and **Hunter Cotton** have been sworn in as three of the newest Maine State Troopers. Cody and Jordan are assigned to Troop E in Penobscot and Piscataquis Counties and Hunter is assigned to Troop F in Southern Aroostook County.

On March 23, 2019, former PRSSA (Public Relations Student Society of America) president and Husson alum **Conor Sweeney '14** had a video chat with NESCom students about his experiences as a senior manager with Walmart eCommerce Corporate Communications.

Dustin Dubay '15, '15G joined Summus Group as a consultant. Summus Group provides management consulting services with a focus on the financial services industry. Summus Group works with clients of all sizes from small startups to Fortune 500 companies. Summus Group is headquartered in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Errol Andrews '16 has joined the Houlton Police Department as its newest police officer.

Jackson Grimm '16 has joined WFXT Boston 25 News as a photojournalist.

Danielle Moshier '16 was the Maine Veterans' Home in Bangor's Employee of the Month this past March. Danielle first joined MVH while a student completing her nursing clinical. In 2014, she joined the team as a CNA, until graduating and becoming an RN.

Jonathan Mervine '18 has started at PSAV as an audio visual technician in Florida.

Nickolas Papamitrou '18, professionally known as Papamitrou Boi, was recruited to help produce Meek Mill's 2017 LP *Wins & Losses* while still a student at Husson University. Since then he has been signed to DreamChasers record label and contributed to Meek Mill's chart-topping *Championships*, featuring his produced singles, "Intro," "Uptown Vibes," "Respect the Game," and "Cold Hearted II."

Megan Hart '18 presented at the Thomas College and Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce business breakfast on "Process Improvement: Lean-Failure Demand" on April 11th on Thomas College's campus in Waterville. Megan, operations manager of patient and guest relations at MaineGeneral Medical Center, presented on how to enhance business processes, measure results, and steps to making a successful team.

ECAP Saves Time and Money for Students Going to College

High school students who want to get a jump start on their college education and save money on tuition are enrolling in Husson University's Early College Access Program (ECAP).



"Taking college classes in high school gave me the confidence to attend college. There was also a lot of financial benefit to taking ECAP classes"
Cassidy Burke

With ECAP, students can take up to two college courses per semester while they're in high school. Starting in their junior year, high school students can take Husson courses on site at our Bangor, Westbrook, Presque Isle campuses or online statewide. Provided the high school student meets the necessary entrance requirements, Husson University will waive the standard tuition charges. Students are still responsible for purchasing the textbook(s) used in each course and transportation to and from class.



Last year, the ECAP program at Husson provided high school students with more than $500,000 in free tuition credits.

Husson University's ECAP program has two distinct advantages over other similar programs. First, ECAP courses from Husson University are taught by college-level faculty members. Second, high school students attend class with college students.

Cassidy Burke is a junior at Husson. She began her college studies as an ECAP student from Hampden Academy and is now enrolled full-time at the University. She is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Science in nursing.

"I was able to take classes that contributed to my major. I wasn't limited to just fulfilling general education requirements," said Burke.

"Taking college classes in high school gave me the confidence to attend college," continued Burke. "There was also a lot of financial benefit to taking ECAP classes. I graduated high school with 32 college credit hours and that saved me from having to pay about a year's worth of college tuition.

Burke's advice to anyone considering taking ECAP Classes? "Do it. It'll save you a lot of time and money."

IN MEMORIAM

1940s: Alma Mabel BURGESS '43 | Eunice Howard BALDWIN '44 | Elinor A. (Nealley) CANDERS '46, '95H | Ruth Stratton GLENCROSS '48 EMGH | Maxine Estelle (Eustis) SARGENT '49 **1950s:** Sandra Louise Bowers ADAMS '54 EMGH | Lorraine JOHNSON '54 | Phyllis (Perkins)(Boyle) ROBERTS '57 | Dana Wilfred DOW '59 **1960s:** Ronald M. BYERS '60 | Gene R. JUDKINS '61 | Wayne A. SMITH '62 | Terry Earle BAILEY '63 | Dennis Paul GARDNER '67 **1970s:** John "Jack" Charles HURLEY '70 | Karl R. DAIGLE '78 | Horace R. GROVER Jr. '79 **1980s:** Wayne A. BERRY '80 | Vincent J. BRUNETTE '80G | David "Dave" P. OUELLETTE '81 | Harold "Harry" C. FLYNN, Sr. '83G **1990s:** Lawrence Albert REEVES '92 | Jamie Leigh AWALT '93 | Ronald Peter PARADIS '94 | Heather Lee (McGilvray) ROSHOLT '94 | Julianna H. FOGG '97 **ATTENDED:** John Joseph GILROY | Paul N. GRANTZ 1971-1976 | Judith "Judy" M.A. (Viola) HATHAWAY | Ryan Willis LAVOIE | John Wilson LEFEBVRE | Sarah J. (McGaw) MCLEOD | Joyce Osgood RUSSELL | Irene SPOFFORD **FORMER STAFF:** Donald A. BOHUS

Alumni Strike Chord of Support in Music City

Mike and Roberta (Robinson) Burke ’69/’66 love Husson.



Back Row (left to right): Andrea Crosby, Sami Ireland, Evan Paradis (Athletic Trainer); Middle Row (left to right): Nicole Tapparo, Emma Alley, Logan Huckins, Megan Peach, Mickayla Willette, Kenzie Worcester, Sydney Allen, Vanessa Duarte, Braylee Wildman, Roberta Burke, Mike Burke, Steve Waceken (Assistant Coach); Front Row (left to right): Amanda D’Amico, Isaiah Walker (Head Coach Kissy Walker’s son)

After graduating, Roberta worked for **Chesley Husson, Jr.** in the admissions office. While their careers eventually took them away from Bangor, they have remained involved and frequently visit campus to attend alumni and athletic events. Roberta volunteers in the alumni office and serves on the Bangor Alumni Board. Avid Husson sports fans, they watch teams online when home in Nashville.

When the women’s basketball team went to Nashville this year, the Burkes were excited to help. “The team had to raise the money for their trip. We wanted to help with this effort,” says Roberta. Besides making a monetary contribution, the Burkes arranged for a practice venue, took the team to dinner, and attended games. “Mike and Roberta made the trip special,” said **Kissy Walker**, Head Coach, Women’s Basketball. “Their generosity made it a more valuable experience for our team.”

“We love that Husson keeps tuition low, and recognize that the University needs our philanthropic support to maintain their commitment to affordability,” says Mike. “Besides making annual gifts, we’ve supported the College of Business building and provided for Husson in our will.”

“Anyone can do what we’ve done,” adds Roberta. “There’s nothing like being involved and seeing the students succeed.”

Alumni Spotlight

Mike Skillin ’84



Mike Skillin earned his Bachelor of Science in public accounting from Husson in 1984. While he was a student, he was a member of the Tau Epsilon Phi fraternity. After graduation, Mike worked for Coopers & Lybrand, now PricewaterhouseCoopers, as a senior accountant. In 1987, he took over ownership of the family business. The business, which opened in 1885, is known today as Skillins Greenhouses. Skillins Greenhouses has locations in Brunswick, Falmouth, and Cumberland, Maine. He and his wife, Maria, reside in Yarmouth. Skillin serves on the Husson University Southern Maine Alumni Board.

Paula Ballasteros ’94, ’05G



Paula Ballesteros earned her diploma in nursing from the Mercy Hospital School of Nursing in 1972 and graduated from Husson in 1994 with her Bachelor of Science in nursing. She later returned to Husson and completed her Master of Science in business in 2005. Since 1974, Paula has worked at Northern Light Eastern Maine Medical Center as a nurse manager and patient care manager. She serves Husson as a member of the Alumni Board and as a member of the Women’s Philanthropy Council. She has two sons, Jonathon and Christopher, with her late husband Ernesto.

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