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The Importance of Annual Giving

While the country faced a raging pandemic over the past 18 months, the entire Husson community was quick to respond. On campus, faculty and staff worked tirelessly, first to move classes entirely online in order to allow students to complete the 19/20 academic year and later to develop the protocols and gather the supplies needed to open campus successfully in fall 2020.

Financially, we recognized reduced revenues and new expenses as we refunded room and board fees when classes moved online; purchased COVID tests, masks, and other COVID-driven supplies; revamped how we served meals, cleaned facilities; and adopted social distancing guidelines. As the pandemic continued, we saw our students' struggles increase as they worked to afford school.

The Annual Fund is an important resource the University has access to each year to help keep tuition affordable while still providing premier educational programs. Some donors restrict their gift based on interests, supporting such areas as scholarships, academic programs, faculty, student clubs, and athletics. Other donors make unrestricted gifts supporting Husson's "Area of Greatest Need." Unrestricted gifts sustain every facet of campus by allowing the University to allocate the funds to strategic priorities. Collectively, all gifts provide critical support for our students.

Last year was no exception. With many students facing unprecedented hardships and the University facing unforeseen challenges, we were especially grateful. Philanthropy, careful budgeting and COVID-assistance programs through the Federal Government allowed us to end the year in the black, poised to proactively move forward. Gifts came from every sector of our community—students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends—rallying to support their school. The Eagle pride exhibited by this philanthropy was outstanding.



GIVING DAY CASH CAB

We showed, once again, that when faced with a challenge, Husson is agile and prepared. Husson has emerged strong and well positioned to capitalize on new opportunities, many of which have emerged from the hardships of the pandemic.

To those of you who supported us last year when we all faced difficult times, we extend our sincere appreciation. Just as the collective power of the Husson community helped us meet the challenges of COVID, the collective power of many donations supporting Husson allowed us to adapt, grow and continue to positively affect the lives of many.

A Message from the Editor: Check out our new look!



The addition of the new Harold Alfond Hall to our campus has added a renewed sense of purpose and pride to our Bangor campus. In keeping with this rejuvenated sense of campus spirit, we have refreshed the cover design of our alumni magazine. We hope you like it. One of our priorities is to make sure this publication keeps you abreast of the many new and exciting developments that are always taking place on our campus. Toward that end, we wanted to make sure our alumni publication is an accurate reflection of today's Husson University.

As always, we welcome your thoughts on how we can make this magazine even better. A link to an online survey is available on page 27. Let us know what we are doing well and where we have the opportunity to improve. Husson University's alumni magazine is here to serve you.

Sincerely,

Eric B. Gordon
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Dear Alumni and Friends,



The completion of Harold Alfond Hall is an important milestone in Husson University's history. It marks the beginning of a new era for the College of Business and our campus in Bangor, Maine. Making this building possible required the cooperation and support of our entire Husson community.

Anyone who thought we couldn't complete this building when we first announced its construction in 2015 underestimated the commitment to excellence and the steadfast resolve of our Husson family to change the world. The construction of this facility will have a profound educational impact on students for decades to come.

The completion of this building, however, is not the end of our efforts. Instead, it's just another step in Husson's 123-year continuous improvement journey where students get the chance to attend an affordable university that gives them access to the facilities, faculty and knowledge they need to achieve career success.

To achieve this success, our University fuses together theoretical knowledge and real-world practicality through experiential learning. Providing modern spaces where this can occur is essential to producing students who are work ready on day one.

Toward that end, we are now working on updating our health science laboratories. The pandemic experience increased interest in community health careers. With this comes an increased demand for additional modern lab space. At present, one-third of the University's student population is enrolled in some form of health-related science program – and this number is continuing to grow.

With the leadership and philanthropic support of our Husson family, I know we can raise the funds needed to address this next critical educational priority.

While Harold Alfond Hall was an accomplishment we can all take pride in, we can't rest on our laurels. Your continued support as we work to address our future educational priorities is always deeply appreciated.

With gratitude,



Robert A. Clark, PhD, CFA
President



Harold Alfond Hall is open for business! I love hearing the positive comments from students and faculty as they've transitioned from two hallways in Peabody Hall to a modern building that will transform business education at Husson.

While major gifts, including the challenge grant we received from the Harold Alfond Foundation, were instrumental in making this facility possible, every gift mattered. The support of many is often a catalyst for securing larger gifts. My thanks to everyone who believed in our vision and supported this project. It was a superb example of what philanthropy can accomplish when we all pull together toward a common goal.

Overall, the "Shaping our Future" campaign raised almost $38 million from 5,746 donors. This generosity established 51 new scholarship funds, our first endowed professorship, and supported 288 additional University funds. It was an outstanding achievement, but not unique.

Every student here has benefited from the generosity of others. Chesley Husson made the first major gift by surrendering his equity ownership of Husson College and petitioning for non-profit status. He understood the life-altering potential of a Husson education and made sure opportunity was accessible to every student going forward.

Even before the Chief's legacy gift, there were hundreds of quiet philanthropic acts at Husson. I've heard countless stories from earlier graduates of tuition bills mysteriously being paid or "loans" being made that couldn't be repaid.

Philanthropy has deep, historic roots at Husson. While I didn't attend Husson as a student, it's become my top charity because I know my gift makes a difference. Yours does too. If you haven't given in the past, please reconsider and send the University a gift in the enclosed envelope. You can also visit www.husson.edu/give. If you give regularly, thank you. I hope we can count on your continued support.

Best regards,



Sarah Cary Robinson
Vice President for Advancement

Around the Circle

Accomplishments, events and items of note happening at Husson

College of Business

iEX Center Brought to Life

New England School of Communications (NESCom) Assistant Professor **Eric Ferguson**, along with School of Technology faculty members **Brave Willams** and **Scott Traylor** from the College of Business, joined forces with **Rodney Verrill**, manager of operations at NESCom to bring the iEX Center's technology together this summer. The iEX Center, located in Harold Alfond Hall, the new home of Husson University's College of Business, is an innovation hub that develops solutions using extended reality (XR) experiences such as virtual and augmented reality. Here, students learn how to solve real-world problems using the advanced technology associated with extended reality.

"Elevating Voices" Uses Bridges Talent to Make Show Possible



Video Instructor **Kris Bridges** received credits as a producer, director, director of photography and production coordinator for the documentary television program "Elevating Voices." The series aired on local Maine Public Television on Thursdays in April and May after the "PBS Newshour." The series was produced by Greenlight Maine in partnership with Bangor Savings Bank.

Largest Legal Studies Fair in Husson History



John Michaud, the director of the School of Legal Studies led the effort to organize Husson University's 13th Annual Legal Studies Career Day on Wednesday, October 6, 2021. This was the largest career fair of its type in Husson University's history, with nearly 50 law enforcement and legal services organizations in attendance. The interest was so great, the fair had to move from the Richard E. Dyke Center for Family Business to the Newman Gymnasium where more space was available.

Professor Earns Digital Marketing Certificate



Dr. Cristanna Cook, a professor in the School of Business and Management, received a Professional Certificate in Digital Marketing from the Digital Marketing Institute and the American Market Association. Modules in the certificate program covered social media marketing, paid search, email marketing, analytics, content marketing, search engine optimization, and more.

Morrow Paper Published in *International Relations and Diplomacy*



Associate Professor **Paul Morrow** submitted a paper called "U.S. and International Legal Perspectives Affecting Cybersecurity Corporate Governance" to the journal, *International Relations and Diplomacy*. The paper was published in the November 5, 2021 edition of the publication.

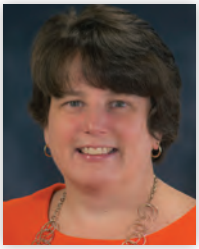
Ayotte Designs Kennebec Savings Commemorative Book



Program Coordinator and Graphic/Visual Design Instructor **Theresa Ayotte** provided all of the graphic design for the book *Kennebec Savings Bank: The First 150 Years*. The 96-page volume is a commemorative book that celebrates the bank's 150th anniversary.

College of Health and Pharmacy

Sauda Named to Board of AAHN



Valerie Sauda, PhD, MSN, RN-BC, CNE, MGSF, the School of Nursing's chief nurse administrator, undergraduate director and assistant professor was recently elected to the board of directors of the American Association for the History of Nursing (AAHN). As a member of the board, she will be the chair of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee for a two-year term starting in September 2021. Originally founded in 1978, this association works to preserve and share nursing history since it is relevant to understanding the past, defining the present, and influencing the future of the profession.

Dr. Macauley Publishes Paper on Simulations



A new academic paper entitled, "Determining the Number of Simulations Needed to Demonstrate Changes in Clinical Decision-Making Skills in a Simulated Acute-Care Environment," was published in the Summer 2021 edition of the *Journal of Allied Health*. Written by **Dr. Kelly Macauley**, an associate professor and the coordinator of simulation education in the College of Health and Pharmacy, the paper examines the results of a pilot study designed to identify the number of simulation experiences needed to change students' clinical decision-making in an acute care environment. Doctor of Physical Therapy graduates **Jennifer Neri Ashman '17, '19G, Kristina Buck '19G, Jaclyn Macdonald '17, '19G**, and **Nicholas Voci '19G** contributed to the manuscript while they were students at Husson University.

Bedi Published in *American Nurse Journal*



Dr. Sarah Bedi, an assistant professor in the School of Nursing recently had a poem published in the online version of *American Nurse Journal*, a peer-reviewed journal of the American Nurses Association. This publication is dedicated to integrating the art and science of nursing. Her poem, "To the New Nurse," can be found online at https://www.myamericannurse.com/to-the-new-nurse/. It talks about how nurses are on the frontline in the war against COVID-19.

Davis and Gurney Published in IJTES





Dr. Kim Davis from the School of Occupational Therapy and **Dr. Laura Gurney** from the School of Innovation and Technology published research in the *International Journal of Technology in Education and Science*. The article, "Impact of 3D Printing on Occupational Therapy Student Technology Efficacy," reviewed student's increased confidence in using technology in project-based adaptive device projects. Student feedback indicated their interest in further technology exposure in the healthcare field and improved self-confidence in computer usage.

College of Science and Humanities

Dr. Elisabeth Marnik on Vaccine Hesitancy Forum



Dr. Elisabeth Marnik, assistant professor of molecular biology, spoke at a forum discussion about how to talk to friends and family who are vaccine hesitant. The virtual panel discussion, held on September 30, was organized by several community organizations, including Maine Community Action Partnership, Maine Public Health Association and the US PIRG Education Fund.

Smith and Mouradian Presentation to Tri-State Learning Collaborative





Kathi J. Smith, MFA, an associate professor in the College of Science and Humanities and **Dr. Laurie Mouradian**, the chair of the School of Occupational Therapy made a presentation to the Tri-State Learning Collaborative on Aging about their bridge course "Co-Creating Across Generations," and their associated research, on Tuesday, August 24, 2021 as part of the Collaborative's webinar, "Stronger Together: Building Intergenerational Programs to Support Healthy Aging." Smith and Mouradian spoke about how engaging with art as part of a mixed age initiative helps promote healthy aging. Attendees included a variety of representatives from community-based organizations and aging in place initiatives. Also attending were providers, volunteers and older adults from Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine.

Stone Co-Authors Paper on Solar Capacity in Maine



Associate Professor **Dr. Tom Stone** and Kim McKeage, associate director of learning outcomes assessment at Greenfield Community College co-authored a paper along with Sharon J. W. Klein from UMaine entitled, "Building Solar Capacity in Maine: The Greater Bangor Solarize Case Study." The paper, published in *Maine Policy Review*, examines the 2017 Greater Bangor Solarize campaign and its ability to significantly increase the number of residential solar installations and solar power capacity over a seven-year period. In addition, the authors "surveyed Greater Bangor Solarize participants to better understand the motivations, concerns, and barriers to residential solar adoption in central Maine."

Talty Wins Short Fiction Prize



Adjunct Instructor of English **Morgan Talty's** story, "The Blessing Tobacco," won the Short Fiction Prize from the Maine Literary Awards. In addition, Talty's story, "Food for the Common Cold," was published by *Narrative* magicazine. This story was included as a "Distinguished" selection in this year's list of "Best American Short Stories," as edited and selected by National Book Award winner Jesmyn Ward.

Campus

Rice Lives and and Authors *An Arresting Life*



Kevin Rice, Husson University's associate director of safety and security recently completed work on a book called *An Arresting Life*. The book describes incidents and accidents Rice encountered over his three decades in law enforcement as a police officer and Secret Service agent. According to the inside front flap of the book's jacket liner, this book is "told as a series of short anecdotes" and is "filled with real life incidents that will either make you laugh or make you cry." It goes on to say that the reader will ultimately, "appreciate what these public servants do for us on a daily basis."

Haus Accepted in National Constitution Center's Teacher Advisory Council



David Haus, PhD, associate professor and director of Online and Distance Education, has been accepted as a member of the National Constitution Center's Teacher Advisory Council. The Teacher Advisory Council serves as a resource and advises on programs and best practices on classroom instruction on the Constitution as well as the free, online classes offered by the Center.

The New Home for Husson University's College of Business



Helping to cut the ribbon for Harold Alfond Hall, the new home of Husson University's College of Business were (from left to right) Marie Hansen, JD, PhD, SHRM-SCP, dean of the College of Business and New England School of Communications (NESCom); Tyler Smith, a student pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Integrated Technology with a concentration in web design and development from the College of Business's School of Technology and Innovation; Robert A. Clark, PhD, CFA, president of Husson University; Greg Powell, chief executive officer and president of Dexter Enterprises, Inc. and chair of the Harold Alfond Foundation's Board of Trustees; Commissioner Heather Johnson from the Maine Department of Economic Community Development; and John M. Rohman, the retired CEO of WBRC Architects / Engineers of Bangor and chair of Husson University's Board of Trustees.

It was a celebration unlike any other in Husson University's history. On August 26, 2021, years of fundraising, planning and support from faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends of the University reached its apex with the official opening of Harold Alfond Hall, the new home of the College of Business. A ribbon-cutting ceremony marked the occasion. Self-guided tours of the new facility were provided at the conclusion of the ceremony.

"This new building has created important synergies between our College of Business and the business community in our region," said **Robert A. Clark**, PhD, CFA, president of Husson University. "In addition to providing students with a best-in-class business education, Harold Alfond Hall is now the place where community partnerships are developed that foster economic growth here in Maine."

The building is named after Harold Alfond, an American entrepreneur who founded the Dexter Shoe Company and created the nation's first factory outlet store. In 1993, Alfond sold the Dexter Shoe Company and its affiliates, Pan Am Shoe and Ocsap Ltd., to Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway for $433 million in Berkshire Hathaway stock.

Following the sale of Dexter Shoe, Alfond and his wife Bibby made significant contributions to a number of charitable organizations in Maine. As an avid sports fan, many of Alfond's gifts supported the construction of athletic facilities and playing fields at colleges and universities – including the Dr. John W. Winkin Sports Complex at Husson University. Upon his passing, Harold Alfond committed nearly all of his wealth to the Harold Alfond Foundation, which continues to support charitable causes in Maine today.

Harold Alfond Hall was made possible, thanks in large part, to a $4 million matching gift from the Harold Alfond Foundation. When the gift was announced in 2017, it was the largest outright gift ever made to Husson University.

"Our goal was to create the best experiential learning space possible – and I can affirm we achieved our objectives. Our physical footprint now reflects our status as the premier College of Business in the state," said **Marie Hansen**, JD, PhD, SHRM-SCP, dean of the College of Business and New England School of Communications (NESCom). "This new building serves as a lasting and commanding physical monument of the importance the College of Business has had over the past century, and will continue to have for the next 100 years. The College of Business students I have spoken with were excited to begin classes this fall in this new location."

Tyler Smith, a student in the School of Innovation and Technology is one such student. "For me Harold Alfond Hall represents opportunity. My class and future generations of College of Business students will enter this building with lofty dreams, and exit as educated professionals who can make those dreams come true. I'm grateful to everyone who helped make this building and all of the opportunities it offers, possible."



"We see extraordinary challenges today that make the need for a renewed and creative commitment to the economic mission of education more compelling than at any time in our history."

—Greg Powell

Joe and Suzanne Cyr

Many of the opportunities students can access come from the modern educational facilities present in Harold Alfond Hall. These include the Ronan Center for Financial Technology. This facility is set up in a 360-degree configuration with touch screens, stock tickers and more.

In addition, student engagement with professors has been enhanced through the creation of a tiered classroom. The classroom improves the sight lines for all students to all instructional materials. A large classroom for the School of Legal Studies that can be converted into smaller rooms for break out groups or presentations is also available. A criminal justice simulation room is assisting students in studying crime scenes or participating in mock trial events while the forensic science laboratory, located in this building, is providing students with a more convenient location for collecting, examining and processing evidence.

The School of Technology and Innovation is working with students in the new iEX Center. This Center is comprised of an integrated workspace, combined with an extended reality lab and a control room. It's devoted to teaching and creating immersive interactive experiences.

Harold Alfond Hall features private areas where students and peer tutors can meet. This increases the level of academic success in all College of Business programs. The new College of Business building also features agile workspaces where faculty, students, and members of the business community can all come together to address organizations' business issues.

This new facility makes the College of Business at Husson University the center of an innovative ecosystem. It will bring new businesses and new ideas together in ways that will lead to job growth in Maine.

Finally, the five different schools of the College of Business located in Harold Alfond Hall each have their own "neighborhoods" within the building. This enhances a sense of identity and purpose within different programs by giving them a place to call their own.

"Husson University provides education that leads to jobs and long-term career success," said **Lynne Coy-Ogan**, EdD, senior vice president for academic affairs and provost at Husson University. "That's why 96% of students who complete undergraduate degrees here at Husson are employed or in graduate school within one year of graduation."

"More students choose to get their MBA from Husson University than any other college or university in the state," continued Coy-Ogan. "The addition of Harold Alfond Hall to our Bangor campus has given our College of Business a new home that befits its stature as Maine's premier business educator."

An Eye on the iEX Center



Husson University is now offering a fully immersive educational experience

> "This building is revolutionary and I cannot wait to be a part of it."
>
> —Tyler Smith '22
> BS Integrated Technology

OK, let's start with the name– iEX is NOT an acronym. It's actually an allusion. "We speak of extended reality as being registered in three-dimensional space, interactive in real time and a combination of real and virtual," iEX Center Director **Brave Williams** explains. "Because of this definition, the 'i' can stand for immersive, immediate and integrated. The 'EX' is expressive of the experiential nature as well as the EXtended reality."

And in case you're wondering why the "i" is lowercase? "Because the name is pronounced 'eye-X' not I.E.X.," answers Williams.

The iEX Center is part of the newly formed School of Technology and Innovation. It can be found in Harold Alfond Hall on Husson University's campus in Bangor. "The creation of the new school is evidence of the University's forward thinking and commitment to students in preparing them for careers in tech and business," says **Scott Traylor**, one of the instructors at the School of Technology and Innovation.

Students can receive a Bachelor of Science degree in extended reality (XR), or integrated technology with a concentration in computer information systems, software development or web design and development. "XR leverages all of this and more, which makes it a natural fit for the new school not only in terms of tech but also innovation," says Traylor.

The iEX Center includes an immersive LED Room, eight virtual production computers, a spatial audio system, projected augmented reality systems as well as kits for XR fundamentals, motion capture, 3-D scanning, haptic and force feedback, virtual production and projected augmented reality.

Extended reality (XR) includes augmented reality, virtual reality and design that addresses the five senses. And if you're thinking this all sounds like a glorified video game system, think again!

"Extended reality is different because in addition to computing power found in phones and computers, it operates in three-dimensional space," explains Williams. "It creates a sophisticated combination of real and virtual objects or assets. There are probably hundreds of thousands if not millions of applications like this where businesses would find an increase in the quality of a product and/or efficiency in the development of a product or service."

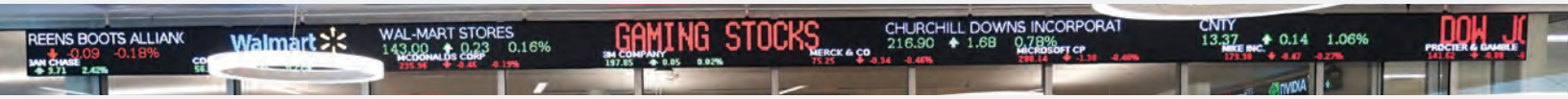
Tyler Smith is a senior majoring in the integrated technology - web design and development program. His reaction to the new iEX Center? "Blown away," Smith responds. "The Center is packed wall-to-wall with cutting edge technology that will easily take Husson's already advanced technology programs to the next level. This building is revolutionary and I cannot wait to be a part of it."

Work to bring such a facility to Husson began back in 2016. "We were seeking to address all the fundamental aspects of Extended Reality across varying fields of study," explains Williams. "We have seen few other college programs or labs that share our vision for broad integration of XR."

Husson University was recently chosen by a leader in the XR field to speak to a national collegiate audience about all of the innovative work going on. "The iEX Center itself is beyond that of a building," says Williams. "Because of the nature of extended reality, this is a multidisciplinary field of study that includes visual designers, programmers, user experience design, IT technicians, video production, audio designers, stage technicians and many other allied fields of study."



The Ronan Center for Financial Technology Relocates to Harold Alfond Hall



"It's absolutely spectacular and the biggest classroom I've ever been in," says Husson University senior **Emily Austin**. The Business Administration major is one of many students enjoying the new home of The Ronan Center for Financial Technology which was relocated to Harold Alfond Hall this fall. "I definitely feel more part of the business world while in this building," she says.

The new Ronan Center for Financial Technology classroom is spacious with its glass walls, white boards and big screen TVs. The front of the room is flanked with several touch screens displaying financial information as well as nine digital clocks showing the time in different parts of the world. There is also a ticker tape monitor scrolling the current stock prices on exhibit both inside and outside the new classroom.

Associate Professor **Douglas Wellington** teaches several investment classes inside the new space.

"I've heard from some students that they like utilizing the information there [in the classroom] because we are dealing with real world and real time information instead of making up a hypothetical stock price and hypothetical information about a company," explains Wellington. "We are able to pull up information and use real world examples."

Thanks to generous donations from **James '64, '97H and Carol Carlisle** as well as **Joseph '65/'20H and Suzanne Cyr '20H**, students have the opportunity to manage and invest more than one million dollars in the stock market with the help and guidance of the University's faculty. So far, they have had a very profitable track record.

"The first fund we started in 2014 or 2015 was $250,000, and it's now $465,000. To be able to tell the students your predecessors did pretty well has motivated them to continue to follow the market and make their own investments," says Wellington. "The students are the ones who pick the investments. They have to do the research – to learn where to go to research information on a company, where to find analyst's recommendations, and then determine if the analyst is credible. They also have to comment on other students' recommendations. Then we take two days in class and decide what investments to buy and what investments to sell."

Hailey Saunders, a senior business administration major, who commutes from the town of Hancock, is both personally and professionally interested in investments.

"I'm an analyst for Bellview Associates in Ellsworth. I put together documents for clients and do Roth IRA accounts," says Hailey. "I also invest myself." For students like Emily and Hailey, learning inside the new Ronan Center for Financial Technology will not only help them grow, but also become better finance professionals in the not so distant future.

The Evolution of Entrepreneurship



The connection of the Richard E. Dyke Center for Family Business to Harold Alfond Hall will enhance interactions between students enrolled in the College of Business and local business professionals interested in utilizing Husson University's resources to help enhance their professional success.

The new Harold Alfond Hall combined with the Richard E. Dyke Center for Family Business will help bolster educational and business synergies around the region

Husson University is well established as a go-to institution for businesses to send their employees for higher education. With the opening of Harold Alfond Hall, those relationships and collaborations are expected to expand even further.



Dr. Brien Walton, JD, EdD, director of the Richard E. Dyke Center for Family Business and assistant professor of entrepreneurship (left) met with Richard E. Dyke, the founder of Bushmaster Firearms and Windham Weaponry and philanthropist (right) to celebrate the many business successes made possible by the Center as a result of Dyke's generosity.

The Richard E. Dyke Center for Family Business (CFB) is one of the largest local venues with seating for up to 120 people. "The CFB has historically served as an event venue and meeting hall where academia, businesses and the community can attend workshops and seminars around business-related topics," explains **Dr. Brien Walton**, director of the Richard E. Dyke Center for Family Business and an assistant professor of Entrepreneurship.

Harold Alfond Hall offers agile workspaces to encourage sustainable maximization of space and resources. "For example, using modular furniture that can be contracted or expanded to accommodate different groups of different sizes with minimal wasted space," explains Walton. "Also, using multi-purpose surfaces such as Whiteboard table tops and walls, or plug-and-play audio/visual assets."

It's all part of a greater purpose to provide the necessary tools to foster economic as well as educational growth. "Helping to make businesses in our region successful benefits everyone," says College of Business Dean **Marie Hansen**, JD, PhD, SHRM-SCP. "Our goal is to make the College of Business at Husson University the center of an innovation ecosystem. This hub will bring new businesses and new ideas together in ways that will lead to job growth in our state."

Center for Family Business founder **Richard E. Dyke '58** calls Harold Alfond Hall a "dream come true" for students ready to take on the business world. "The Dyke Center is just a part of that journey," he says. "Harold Alfond Hall is for all students and non-college individuals that come and will continue to come on campus and feel comfortable to get help on starting their own business or growing their business to be able to pass it on to their children. I am doing that with my own children and grandchildren."

In conjunction with the opening of Harold Alfond Hall, the College of Business kicked off the 2021 Distinguished Business Speaker Series. **U.S. Senator Susan Collins '97H** was the inaugural speaker. Collins is the founding executive director of the Center for Family Business.

Additionally, she received an honorary doctorate of public service from Husson in 1997. The CEO of L.L.Bean is also scheduled to speak in this series.



U.S Senator Susan Collins was a featured speaker at Husson University Distinguished Speaker Series. The series allows prominent business and government leaders to share their thoughts with students, alumni and community members on the challenges facing businesses and related professions. In addition, this series is designed to inspire those who will become our future leaders.

The College of Business is also hosting "financial literacy" discussions to help students, recent alumni and young professionals with life skills. "Essentially, we care about students and alums outside of the classroom and beyond graduation, and some things just are not in traditional textbooks," explains Walton, "they are learned through trial and error. We want to give our students and recent graduates a 'head start' in life, so they minimize the trials and errors and maximize their success and happiness. The primary audience may be people of color, who have been historically disenfranchised when it comes to access to professional or even basic financial services, but anyone with limited exposure to personal financial planning can benefit."

Husson University's Partner Program is expected to benefit greatly from the addition of Harold Alfond Hall. "We provide education services to our corporate partners' employees at the undergraduate, graduate and certification levels," explains **TJ Holloway '08G, '12G**, director of corporate partnerships and internships. "These programs are discounted as a gesture of goodwill. In turn, many of our corporate partners provide opportunities for our students to intern."

Created in 2010, there are currently 30 corporate partners, though that number is "on the climb," according to Holloway. For some like Jackson Laboratory and L.L.Bean, Husson University professors actually travel to the company's place of business to teach classes on site.

Hannaford Supermarkets recently worked with Husson University to provide tuition discounts for their nearly 30,000 associates who want to pursue a higher education. Those in the Bangor area can attend classes on campus while the rest can take classes online. "We chose to partner with Husson University because they are a well-established, local university with online offerings that are designed to meet the needs of working students," says Matthew Rothman, manager of Early Talent Development at Hannaford.

A similar program was introduced at Machias Savings Bank. "We participated in a survey provided by Husson that indicated a significant number of our employees would be interested in completing either a graduate or undergraduate degree," says Danielle Caricofe, executive vice president and chief human resources officer for Machias Savings Bank.

Husson offers Machias Savings Bank (MSB) employees and other partners a 15% discount for programs and courses in the College of Business. That discount is paired with tuition reimbursement offered by the banking institution.

"Working with Husson was incredibly easy," says Grace Braley, a retail trainer at Machias Savings Bank who recently took a course at Husson. "Paying my tuition was convenient since Husson allows MSB employees to delay payment until the end of the semester so I didn't have to pay out of pocket."

"Beyond the financial benefit, Husson really spoke to our culture," adds Caricofe. "Employees can take classes online, in-person, or both, depending on the needs of their schedule.



TJ Holloway is the director of corporate partnerships and internships in the College of Business. As the leader of Husson's Partner Program, he helps deliver educational services to employees of company partners. At this session held at L.L.Bean, employees learned about educational opportunities, tuition discounts and on-site education available at the company's headquarters.

Machias Savings believes in a healthy work/life balance and a family first philosophy is ingrained in our culture. We customize everything," explains Holloway. "We want programs to fit the needs of our partner organizations. Husson is truly committed to our community. I feel so blessed because I get to come here every day and work alongside genuine and hardworking people who have a focus turned outward and a heart to help others be successful."



The lounge space on the second floor of Harold Alfond Hall features spectacular views of campus and the surrounding area. It is one of several spaces within the new facility where students, faculty and students can meet to discuss potential solutions to business issues.



New Learning Spaces

Harold Alfond Hall affords new opportunities for students in all fields of study at the College of Business

Forty-two thousand-square-feet make up the new Harold Alfond Hall on Husson University's Bangor campus. The largest College of Business in Maine now has a flagship building to call its own. There's a brand-new School of Technology and Innovation in the $17.2 million building. But that's not the only school excited about the new facility.

There are seven classrooms designated for the schools that make up the College of Business, along with school "neighborhoods" of faculty offices for students to meet with advisors.

The School of Accounting has three new spaces to call its own including a larger classroom, Tutoring Center and the Team Lab. "Prior to this, there were essentially no dedicated spaces for School of Accounting students," explains **Robert Duron**, director of the School of Accounting. "The new accounting classroom is carefully designed and is flexible enough for both traditional accounting course delivery as well as hands-on learning."

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The Team Lab was made possible by a generous gift from BerryDunn, which continues to be a major employer of Husson graduates. It is the future home of Husson's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program as well as a place where interviews between students and accounting firms for jobs and internships can take place.

The Accounting Tutoring Lab is a free service for students. It's designed to provide both in-person and virtual tutoring. The lab is dedicated to Professor Emeritus **Dewey Martin**. "The dedication is especially appropriate and meaningful for those of us who continue to benefit from his almost 40 years of leadership which helped make the program what it is today," says Duron.

Adelaide Ross is excited about the new facilities as both a School of Accounting student as well as a peer tutor for accounting and lower-level business classes. "The new Tutoring Center is directly beside the Accounting professors' offices which will provide more accessibility and better communication," she says. "I



Accounting student Angelica Hartel (left) and tutor Adelaide Ross (right) work on mastering accounting principles in the Accounting Tutoring Room.

Students head toward the second floor lounge near the glass windows for a collaborative discussion on a team project.





Forensic science students practice lifting fingerprints from everyday objects in the new Forensic Science Lab.

also appreciate the thought that went into the design of the building, in particular, the decreased carbon footprint. As a commuter, I also look forward to the new collaboration spaces in the building."

A new Criminal Justice Simulation Lab can also be found in Harold Alfond Hall. It will allow students to set up crime scenes and then leave them there. Previously, the scenarios would have to be assembled and then disassembled the very same day. "We only had about an hour to complete our assignments, including measuring, photographing and evidence collection," recalls **Eliza Larrivee**, who is working on her masters in Criminal Justice with a concentration in Psychology. "This puts a lot of pressure on students because data collection takes a lot of precision and it's not something you want to rush. With the new CJ Simulation Lab, I can give each aspect of the data collection my full attention."

"Having the lab in our new building allows students more opportunity to use the equipment after class and even in the evenings," adds **John Michaud**, director of the School of Legal Studies. "The crime scenes that are set up in the lab will also be used by students in our "Report Writing and Testifying" class as well as our "Evidence" class."

"With this being my fourth year, I have never been so proud to have a building specifically for the College of Business," says **Kaitlyn Taylor**, a student in the Criminal Justice masters program. "With the brand-new simulation lab, professors will have the ability to create a top-of-the-line experience for the students to further their education."

The new Forensic Science Lab is also a welcome sight for both students and staff in the School of Legal Studies. Prior to this, they would have to leave campus for a facility near the Bangor Mall to conduct experiments. "While the lab met the needs of the program, travel to and from the lab was sometimes difficult for students and faculty," says **Chris Coleman**, assistant professor in the School of Legal Studies and coordinator for the Forensic Science program.

In addition to being able to spend more time in the lab now that it's on campus, the location is also a plus. It's next door to the Criminal Justice Simulation Lab. "For students who are gathering evidence at a crime scene, the tools and supplies available in the lab will allow students to properly package evidentiary items and then 'transport' them to the lab for further processing," Coleman explains. "This arrangement closely resembles the real-life experiences of crime scene technicians."



Additionally, there is a new Global Security Seminar Room. The conference-style room seats 12. "The Global Security Seminar room is perfect for small classes," says **Giuseppe Gangitano**, a 4th year Pre-Law student at Husson. "It is proving to be an excellent space to facilitate class discussions and enjoy the lower student to teacher ratio."

A new tiered business classroom in Harold Alfond Hall means more eye-to-eye contact between students and their professors. "It's very exciting to be teaching in a room that's both student centered and technologically advanced," says **Andrea McGill-O'Rourke**, associate professor in the School of Business and Management. "The seating is versatile and allows for both lecture and small group interactions."

Technology in the classrooms enable students in the Sports Management program to view sport facility diagrams as wall graphics that are interchangeable. And those studying Hospitality Management can participate in simulations and share their work models with other colleges in their own classroom.

"One of the significant benefits of our new spaces is the positive impact they will have on our recruiting efforts," says Michaud. "It will allow potential students to see how we are investing in preparing them for their chosen professions."



Paralegal students learn about estate planning from Associate Professor Margaret Campbell in one of Harold Alfond Hall's seven major classrooms.



Home Away From Home

Students settle in to Husson dorms, suites and town houses on 'Move In Day'

Husson University was all a buzz as students returned to campus in late August for the start of the new school year. New and returning students alike donned face masks (per CDC recommendations) as they strategically balanced totes, boxes and armfuls of school supplies from their vehicles to their new 'home away from home' on campus during "Move-In Day."

From juniors and seniors settling into the campus townhouses to the hundreds of students nestling into the Hart, Carlisle and Bell residence halls, they all shared a mutual excitement to return to in-person learning. The thrill was even palpable next door, where more than 200 students moved into the suite-style living quarters located above the University's Darling Learning Center. The building has four floors of living space. The combination of housing and educational space in this Living Learning Center provides a holistic learning environment for students like first-year student **Aryana Ferguson** of Queens, New York.

"New York is fast paced, and I needed a change of scenery. I love my room and the campus is everything I was hoping it would be and then some," says the forensic science major. "It took me an additional day to get completely settled in once family came from New York and Massachusetts to help."

Aryana's mom, Arlene Burnett, says moving her daughter so far away from home is a big change for both of them. "It's hard. It's always been her and I, but she said, 'Mom this is where I think I can thrive and be my best self,' and so nothing else mattered to me after that. I know she'll be okay in Maine."











Residential Director **Andy Michaud** says students will experience many new and exciting things during their first year on campus.

"Most students start off not knowing anyone and will attend floor programs and student activities as a way to meet new people and make new friends," explains Michaud. "Very early on they will realize they have to do their own laundry, clean their own room, something they may have not done before. Being on their own, they will also begin to understand themselves much better than they did before. This can lead to students joining clubs or starting a work study job based on their interests."

Aryana and her three roommates quickly found a rhythm that works for them and their schedules, and they're all eager to make memories together in the days ahead.

"I couldn't pinpoint one thing I like best about our dynamic. We communicate, work well around each other on top of forming really good bonds with each other. It's like we had that mutual, unspoken understanding the moment we met," says Aryana. "Needless to say, the year's off to a really good start and I couldn't be happier about it."













Bebe Rexha, Aron Gaudet, Gita Pullapilly, Kirby Howell-Baptiste and Kristen Bell.
Photo by Michael Desmond

BROADCASTING GRAD MAKES IT BIG IN HOLLYWOOD

"It was like walking a tightrope producing a movie during the pandemic," said **Aron Gaudet** a 1996 graduate of the New England School of Broadcasting (NESB) known today as the New England School of Communications (NESCom). The movie he referred to had a limited theatrical release on September 10 by STX Entertainment and viewings on Paramount Plus on September 30. *Queenpins*, a dark comedy, is a first of its kind from the duo Gaudet and his partner and wife Gita Pullapilly.

The plot is inspired by a true story, yet with a comedic approach. Connie (Kristen Bell) and her best pal JoJo (Kirby Howell-Baptiste) turn a hobby into a multi-million dollar counterfeit coupon caper. This sparks a hot pursuit by a hapless loss prevention officer (Paul Walter Hauser) and a determined U.S. postal inspector (Vince Vaughn).

Gaudet and Pullapilly have co-written and produced numerous films including *The Way We Get By* about the troop greeters at Bangor International Airport and *Beneath the Harvest Sky*, filmed in Aroostook County.

At NESB, Gaudet earned an Associate of Science degree in broadcasting in 1996. He acknowledged, "I took classes involving cameras and editing which I was truly passionate about." Going back to his childhood, he confessed, "Watching movies was definitely at the top of my list."

Upon graduation, Gaudet migrated to TV news and promotions starting at ABC 7 in Bangor. In Vermont, his passion for filmmaking got in the way, "Eventually they [management] figured out what I was spending all of my time on and fired me, but I did finish the film, so it was worth it."

He ultimately landed in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where he met Pullapilly. Their dislike for their jobs led them to break into filmmaking. "Making our first documentary with Gita was kind of like a film school for both of us," said Gaudet. He added, "It's been an ever-evolving journey to get to where we are and it always feels like we're growing." Pullapilly confirmed of her 'quality control' guy, "He is adamant about making sure anything we make is the best version of what we've created together."

At the August preview of *Queenpins* in Rockport, Maine, the couple shared the struggles they faced in the movie industry. The bright spot, however, was once they started filming and the pandemic hit, the show still went on, said Gaudet, "Our insurance policy was a bit of a 'golden ticket' that would cover our financiers if we had to shut down because of COVID (thank God we never did), so it was easier to get the film financed."

The Old Town native now lives in LA, yet folks back home and at NESCom are still quick to share how proud they are of Aron Gaudet.







NESCom Productions Offer Students a Taste of Reality

"This was an awesome opportunity, and I'm glad I had the chance to work on a project that is going to benefit so many people," said **Olivia Mosher '21**, writer and producer of one of the New England School of Communications' most recent productions, the "Amazing Y FundRacer." The other notable production was based on author Stephen King's short story "That Feeling, You Can Only Say What It Is in French." Director and Editor **David Gerken '20** claimed, "It was pretty much learning how to put all these puzzle pieces together and making it run smoothly."

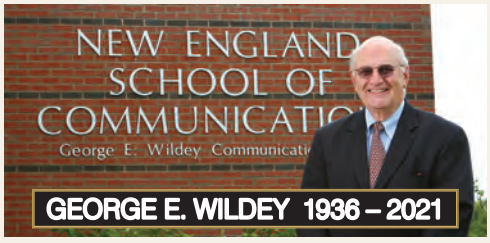
NESCom Video Production Instructor **Frank Welch** said, "We are always looking for exciting projects to challenge our students and allow them to showcase the skills they have spent four years developing." He went on, "The end goal is always that the students learn from the experience, show themselves and others what they are now capable of, and leave with something to show potential employers what they can do."

The "Amazing Y Fundracer" production was the largest single day shoot in NESCom history with 30 students and 18 cameras. This was done in the midst of the pandemic since The Bangor Region YMCA could not conduct its usual annual fundraising. Lynn Darling of the Y's Board of Directors approached Welch about the idea to raise money and include a lot of Bangor businesses and landmarks in a reality-style TV show.

Mosher admitted to the tremendous amount of work. "Teams went to each business, filmed interviews and edited them. There was a camera person and an audio person assigned to each team and at least one camera person stationed at each location so that there would be more angles to work with." She went on, "After event day, we were still putting packages together, making graphics, editing footage, and more; it was pretty crazy."

The second creation mastered during the pandemic came from one of the works of Stephen King. With permission, King occasionally allows a short story to be made into a video production. For Gerken, "It was about working with a lot of people, getting permissions and organizing; it's the behind the scenes work that nobody sees." He also appreciated Stephen King's comments. "He critiqued the film and was happy to see this come out so well."

Welch joins his students on these long, student-driven days. "I work as an executive producer and we discuss ideas and concepts, but I never take over a project. Students learn the challenge of taking on a real-world project and applying the skills."



George Wildey '83, '17H completed his undergraduate education at Emerson College and a Master of Science in business from Husson in 1983. Two years prior to graduating from Husson, Wildey founded the New England School of Communications (NESCom). His career included stints as an on-air personality, sports announcer, TV host, program director, and media expert. In its infancy, Wildey served as NESCom's founder, president and half-time administrator. He remained president until his retirement in 2005. Wildey also served as a member of the Husson Board of Trustees from 2008 to 2013. He was inducted into the Maine Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame in 1993.

To donate in Wildey's memory, visit www.husson.edu/give.



HOMECOMING 2021





















Homecoming Weekend 2021 was an excitement-filled celebration that featured fun for current students, their families and alumni.

Despite the need to adhere to COVID-19 protocols, event attendees thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The weekend kicked off on Friday, September 24 with the Alumni Hall of Fame Ceremony & Reception in the Gracie Theatre. (See pages 20-21) Four Husson graduates and one retired Husson employee were recognized. In addition, one individual was honored posthumously.

Homecoming weekend resumed the following day on Saturday, September 25, 2021 with a "Cider and Donuts with the President and Academic Deans" event for first-year students and their families in the Alumni & Friends Welcome Tent. Students and family members informally met and got to know President Clark as well as the Husson University deans.

Other events included a Wellness Learning Center open house and Husson 101, an opportunity for parents, alumni and friends to experience some of the technology used by students in various programs.

As part of Husson 101, the School of Nursing showed what it's like to be a Bachelor of Science in nursing student by putting parents to the test on the life-like manikins. Concurrently, the School of Legal Studies demonstrated a simulated crime scene. The final Husson 101 session consisted of an XR (Extended Reality) Lab demonstration where visitors learned about the latest developments in augmented reality, virtual reality and other immersive technologies.

Athletic competition began at 10:30 a.m. when the men's cross-country team participated in the Husson





Harrier Invitational race event at Saxl Park. The men's team came in second with a team score of 53. Immediately following the men's competition, the Husson Harrier Invitational race continued with a competitive race at 11:30 a.m. featuring the women's cross-country team. Husson again came in second behind Colby.

Numerous Homecoming attendees participated in a rousing game of "Where's Baldwin?" Participants picked up a card for the activity at the Alumni & Friends Welcome Tent and then explored campus to complete it. Anyone who completed a card was entered into a drawing for a swag basket.

Tailgating for the football game took place adjacent to the field. Campus visitors also enjoyed an "all you can eat" barbecue in the Dickerman Dining Center (DDC) from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Kick-off for the Homecoming football game between the Eagles and the Springfield Pride (lions) took place at 1 p.m. at the Dr. John W. Winkin Sports Complex. The Eagles were able to rack up an early lead and hung on for an exciting 26-21 win.

During halftime, members of the campus community and visitors enjoyed some complimentary doughboys (also known as fried dough) under the Alumni & Friends Welcome Tent. Following the football game, there was an alumni reception.

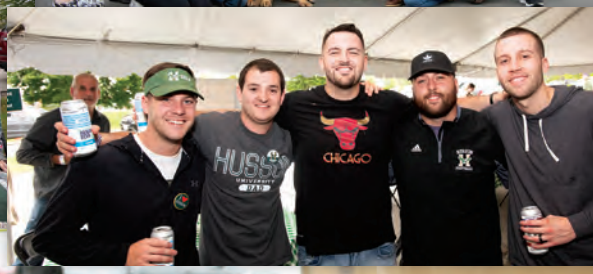
At the conclusion of Homecoming, there was a field hockey game where the Husson Eagles faced the Pilgrims of New England College. The Eagles were victorious with a final score of 3-2.

"Homecoming is always a special time on our campus when current students and alumni get to connect, reminisce and make new Husson memories," said **Sarah Cary Robinson**, vice president for advancement. "We hope all of our current students and alumni were able to enjoy a fun-filled day of food, sports and fellowship."













2021 ALUMNI HALL OF FAME HONORS SIX



"...Their devotion to the greater good made them worthy of recognition."
Dr. Robert A. Clark
President, Husson University

L to R: Allen L'Italien '88, Dan Hutchins '83, Kasey Mehuren-Kimmel '09, and Tom Martz

On Friday, September 24, 2021, Husson University recognized six prominent individuals as part of their annual Alumni Hall of Fame awards ceremony.

The event took place in the Gracie Theatre. A reception in the adjacent Darling Atrium immediately followed.

According to Husson President **Robert A. Clark**, PhD, CFA, "All of the individuals honored that evening were exemplary professionals who made distinguished contributions to their professions, their communities and the University. They're a testament to the Husson experience and the ways the University helps mold individuals into positive members of society who personify character and humility. Their devotion to the greater good made them worthy of recognition."

Individuals honored this year included:

YOUNG ALUMNA – Kasey Mehuren-Kimmel '09



Kasey Mehuren-Kimmel attended the New England School of Communications (NESCom) and earned a Bachelor of Science in video production in 2009. Her personal mission was to intern and eventually work at the headquarters of ESPN (Entertainment and Sports Programming Network), the world's leading multinational, multimedia sports entertainment organization.

Working diligently night and day to become a leader in her class, Mehuren-Kimmel eventually landed the coveted ESPN internship. She made such an impression on the ESPN management team; they invited some Husson faculty and staff to their Bristol, Connecticut headquarters for a day of strategic planning. The meeting led to the creation of future Husson internships at the network.

Within a week of graduating, Mehuren-Kimmel accepted a full-time position at ESPN. Since then, she has become a leader within her field. After years of devoted service to the organization, she is now ESPN's associate studio director.

ALUMNI HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE – Tim Cabral ’90



Timothy Cabral earned his degree in radio broadcasting from Husson University’s New England School of Communications in 1990. Following graduation, he worked for Carnival Cruise Line® for 22 years. In 2012, he started his own company, Cruise Production, Inc. As the owner and production manager for this successful company, Cabral partners with Husson to give NESCom students the opportunity to work on a cruise ship for a week during winter breaks. He actively employs over a dozen alumni in their contracted employee group.

ALUMNI HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE – Allen L’Italien ’88



Starting in the eighth grade, Allen L’Italien worked summers and after school at what was once Northern Maine General Hospital. It was here that he developed a passion for healthcare. After a three-year stint working at a major hospital in Connecticut, he returned to Maine and worked for two years at MDI Hospital. In 1981, he left MDI Hospital to join Eastern Maine Medical Center as a nurse's aide in the inpatient oncology unit.

In an effort to improve himself and better serve cancer patients, L’Italien went on to earn a Bachelor of Science in nursing from Husson in 1988. Shortly thereafter, he passed his nursing boards to become a registered nurse. Over the course of his career, L’Italien has been a charge nurse; an oncology nurse educator and department head for inpatient oncology services; and a business manager for outpatient cancer care services. He retired in 2021 after serving as the executive director of Northern Light/Eastern Maine Medical Center Cancer Care.

Plaques honoring this year’s Alumni Hall of Fame recipients will be displayed prominently, along with plaques of other past honorees, in a hallway adjacent to the Campus Center on the ground floor of Peabody Hall on Husson University’s campus. This hall features every Alumni Hall of Fame recipient since the award’s inception.

PRESIDENTIAL OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD – Dan Hutchins ’83



Dan Hutchins graduated from Husson with a Bachelor of Science in accounting in 1983 and was a member of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity. After graduation, he joined Coopers and Lybrand. Over the course of 30 years, Hutchins rose to the rank of partner and held leadership positions at PricewaterhouseCoopers (formerly Coopers and Lybrand) including managing partner of the Portland, Maine office and the Northeast leader of the organization’s private company services. He worked with such notable clients as L.L.Bean, Central Maine Power, the University of Maine System, The Jackson Laboratory and others.

Since graduation, Hutchins has remained connected to his alma mater. He joined the Husson Board of Visitors in 2011 and actively participated in getting the Lin Bell Golf Tournament more traction in Southern Maine. He also helped establish a more robust Southern Maine alumni network. In 2014, Hutchins transitioned to the University’s Board of Trustees and soon after began serving on the Southern Maine Alumni Board.

HONORARY ALUMNI – Tom and Mary Martz



Tom Martz grew up in Bloomington, Indiana and spent most of his early career at Indiana University. In the years that followed, his career took him around the country to a variety of institutions. They included the University of San Diego; University of California, Berkeley; Rockhurst University; the University of Massachusetts, Amherst; the University of North Carolina, Charlotte where he served as the vice chancellor for advancement; and the University of Alabama.

In 2010, Martz joined Husson University as the vice president for advancement. With more than 30 years of experience, he helped launch the largest comprehensive campaign in the University’s history.

During his travels, Martz met the love of his life, Mary. Once in Maine, Mary used her appreciation for the arts to help catalog Husson University’s art collection. Together, they established the Tom and Mary Martz Scholarship, which helps students pay for the expenses associated with international study. Although Mary is no longer with us, her light continues to shine.



Hunter O'Conner, Sport Management

Taking on the Pandemic

COVID-19 had a significant impact on the sports programs at Husson University.

Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, the passion student-athletes have for their sports and their coaches' devotion to protecting students' health shined through.

The repercussions of the coronavirus first became evident during the 2020 Spring Break. During this time, five different Husson teams were on post-season or spring break trips. Teams were scattered across the county in New York, Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina and Maryland participating in tournaments and post-season play.

In response to this developing crisis, Husson Athletics worked quickly and effectively to get all of the teams back home to Maine. Once they were home, the University immediately took the necessary precautions to protect the health of our student athletes by temporarily suspending all team activity for the remainder of the academic year. Academically, all classes moved online.

When the students returned to campus for the Fall 2020 semester, face-to-face classroom instruction resumed. Intercollegiate athletic competition, however, was cancelled. Teams continued to practice but there were no games, meets or matches.

"We were concerned about teams traveling to other schools and contracting the virus," said **Frank Pergolizzi**, director of Husson Athletics. "In order to prevent the spread of COVID-19, we decided to keep all of our teams home in Bangor."

By the beginning of 2021, things were looking up. Even though there weren't any post-season games or spectators, the men's and women's basketball teams and swim teams were able to participate in abbreviated competitive seasons. Basketball players wore masks during their games. Acquitting themselves on the basketball court, the men's basketball team finished their season with an undefeated record of 10-0 while the women's basketball team went 6-1 for the season.

Meanwhile, the men's swimmers were 2-1 in their abbreviated season while the women were undefeated at 3-0. Both teams earned "virtual" North Atlantic Conference (NAC) championships by competing against the clock.

By the spring of 2021, eight teams were participating in abbreviated seasons. They included softball; baseball; men's and women's lacrosse; men's and women's outdoor track; and men's and women's golf.

Softball and baseball both won NAC championships and advanced to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) championship with the softball championship hosted here at Husson's O'Keefe Field. Softball completed their season with a record of 29-3 while baseball finished at 22-9.

Men's lacrosse competed in the NAC championship game against the State University of New York (SUNY) Polytechnic Institute. The men's golf team also participated in the NCAA championship tournament.

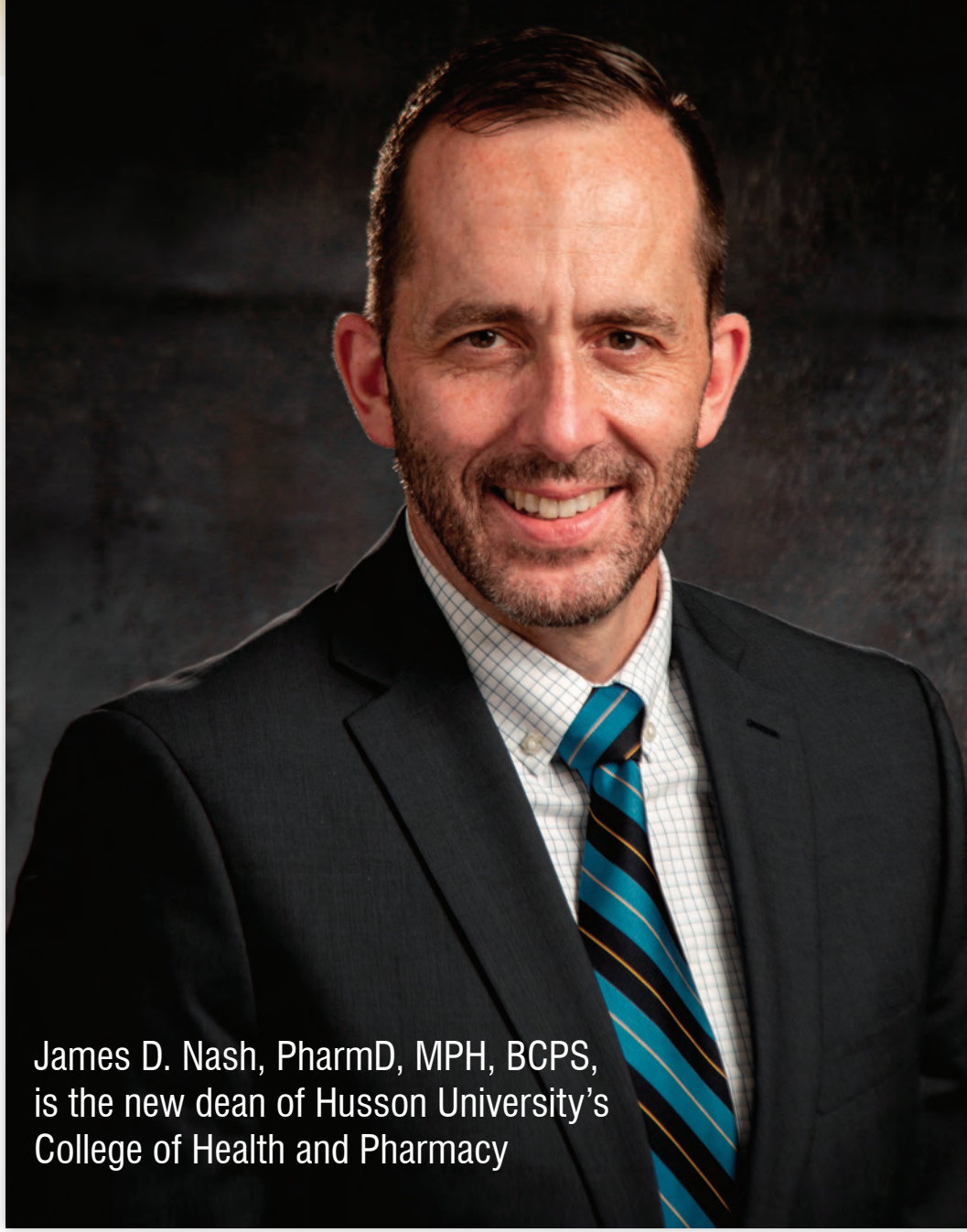
Today, the fall sports season is closer to normal. Competition has resumed, but players are continuing to wear masks. In addition, spectators are returning to the stands.

Going forward, the University will continue to comply with all federal, state and campus healthcare protocols. Until COVID-19 is finally put to rest, Husson Athletics continues to do everything possible to ensure teams are competing in a safe environment that protects their health.



Vanessa Duarte, Criminal Justice and Psychology

Devoted to Students, Public Health and Country



James D. Nash, PharmD, MPH, BCPS, is the new dean of Husson University's College of Health and Pharmacy

Dr. James "Jamie" Nash brings a devotion to education and service to his new role at Husson University. As the new dean of the College of Health and Pharmacy, Nash will use his strengths and talents to prepare Husson students for success in today's growing healthcare industry.

"My goal is to inculcate a holistic appreciation of wellness throughout the College of Health and Pharmacy," said Nash. "Our graduates continue to be the first choice of employers looking for patient-centric healthcare professionals. While Husson already has an excellent reputation for healthcare education here in Maine, we can achieve even more."

Nash has strong academic qualifications. He began his undergraduate studies at the University of Kentucky where he majored in pre-pharmacy and biology. He left the University of Kentucky to complete a Doctor of Pharmacy degree at Mercer University in Atlanta.

From 1998–2000, he completed post-graduate residencies at University of Colorado in Denver and the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio, Texas. Next, Nash completed a Master of Public Health with a concentration in management in 2011 from the University of Louisville.

He enhanced his academic credentials over the following years by earning graduate certificates in development practice with an emphasis on global health practice from Regis University in Denver and higher education leadership from Liberty University's School of Education. He is currently working toward completing a Doctor of Philosophy in educational leadership from Liberty.

In addition to a strong grounding in theoretical knowledge, Dr. Nash possesses significant professional experience. Over the course of his career, he has worked as a community pharmacist at Albertson's Pharmacy and CVS Health, a pharmacy consultant at Total Therapeutic Management and a clinical pharmacy specialist for Kaiser Permanente's Colorado Region. In addition, he was the founding pharmacist and clinical manager of the RxMentor team at Humana, Inc. in Louisville, Kentucky. Nash has also held a series of academic positions at many ranks with several universities, including those mentioned earlier. Prior to coming to Husson, he served as associate dean of experiential and interprofessional education for Sullivan University, Louisville, Kentucky.

His commitment to service doesn't just encompass students, patients and the pharmacy profession. Nash has devoted years of his life to serving his country as an officer with the United States Navy Reserve. In 2019, he was named Navy Reserve Pharmacist of the Year. In 2020, he was at Camp Pendleton as a member of an expeditionary medical team that devoted attention to COVID-19 relief efforts in California and Guam.

"The leadership experience Jamie brings to Husson University will help develop stronger interprofessional teams within the College of Health and Pharmacy," said **Lynne Coy-Ogan, EdD**, senior vice president for academic affairs and provost. "Strong teamwork combined with creative and innovated thinking will elevate our educational offerings to the next level."

Class News & Notes

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

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

Class **NOTES**

1960s

Angelo Borsello '67 has been appointed to Greylock Federal Credit Union's board of directors as director emeritus following his recent retirement from the supervisory committee and in recognition of his distinguished service to the credit union. Angelo served for 39 years on the board of directors prior to joining the credit union's supervisory committee in 2018, and worked at General Dynamics from 1967 until his retirement in 2001.

1980s

Saundra Pelletier '89, '91 has been named to the 2021 PharmaVOICE100 Most Inspiring People for the second year in a row as the CEO and president of Evofem Biosciences. The PharmaVOICE100 Most Inspiring People is an annual list of the 100 most innovative, motivational and transformational individuals working in the life-sciences industry who have made the biggest impact in their fields.

1990s

Lee Willette '91 has joined Mission Broadband as the project and operational support manager. He brings over 40 years of telecommunications experience to the Maine-based broadband connectivity company.

Shawn Anderson '95G was appointed to the American Hospital Association's (AHA) Regional Policy Board as the representative for the state of Maine. He is the current CEO of Houlton Regional Hospital. He assumed this role in 2020.

Amy Dyer Drinkwater '95 was one of four Waldo County Tech Center alumni recognized as part of the Tech Center's "Wall of Fame" during an award ceremony in June. The award recognizes alumni for success in their fields and commitment to public service. Amy attended WCTC as a certified nursing assistant (CNA) student and continued her education at Belfast High School, Husson College, Kennebec Valley Community College, and Hennepin Technical College. She currently serves as a paramedic for the City of Belfast and emergency medical services (EMS) director for the town of St. George.

Misty Coolidge '95, '98 was crowned USA United Service Ambassador and first runner up in all divisions at the 2021 Mrs. Worldwide USA pageant in Omaha, Nebraska in July.

Irene (Marcoux) Favreau '96 has joined the United Way of Kennebec Valley as its director of finance and operations. She comes to the non-profit organization with over 33 years of accounting experience.







The Maine Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association's recent conference honored three Husson alumni with awards: **Rick Sinclair '96**, athletic director and boys basketball coach at Hermon Middle School and High School, was presented the Excellence in Middle Level Athletic Administration Award; **David Utterback '03, '05G**, Brewer High School athletic director, was presented the State Award of Merit; and **Alfred "Bunky" Dow '82**, athletic director and director of student activities at Mt. Desert Island High School, was given the Martin E. Ryan CMAA Award of Excellence.

Jennifer (Robinson) Buckingham '99 has purchased TEMPO Employment Services after working for the company for the last 24 years. Her experience and education has led the company's annual success in placing hundreds of individuals in jobs throughout Aroostook County.

Deb (Poirier) Wentworth '99 was promoted to senior vice president at Clark Insurance. She first joined the agency in 2012 and manages the account management teams for business insurance and employee benefits.

2000s

Jennifer (Martin) Burtchell '00 has joined Coastal Enterprises, Inc. (CEI) as a junior accountant. She comes to her new position with years of experience at Bangor Savings Bank and Aroostook Medical Center in accounts payable and accounting.

Tanya Sleeper '00G has been promoted from associate to full professor of nursing at the University of Maine at Fort Kent (UMFK). Her nursing career began in 1998 after earning her bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Maine at Fort Kent. She continued her education, earning a master's in business, a master's in nursing, and a Ph.D in public policy and administration. As a board-certified geriatric nurse practitioner, Tanya has used her research and experience to enhance the nursing program at UMFK. She is currently pursuing a health law degree at the Mitchell Hamline School of Law, where she was awarded the CALI Excellence for the Future Award, and serves as the executive director and director of nursing for Aroostook Home Health Services/Valley Home Health Services.



Derek Thebarge '00, staff accountant at Electro Static Technology, completed his MBA from St. Joseph's College in Standish, ME.

William "Tommy" Bennett '02 has moved to assistant vice president, community banking relationship manager at Bar Harbor Bank & Trust (BHBT). He first joined the bank in 2019 as an assistant vice president, bank relationship manager for the greater Bangor area. Prior to joining BHBT, he worked for People's United Bank, Commonwealth Financial Network and Fleet Bank.

Winfield Brown '02G was featured in *Worcester Business Journal* as part of the Power 50 Class of 2021. Winfield is president & CEO of Heywood

TKE Reunion 2022
56 Years After

1966 - Alpha-Omega Colony
1975 - Omicron-Mu Chapter

The TKE brothers will be holding their long awaited reunion (postponed because of COVID restrictions) for all alumni brothers during Homecoming in Fall '22. If you haven't already contacted the Reunion Organizing Committee and wish to be added to our list for updates and reunion plans, please send your contact details to **alphaomegatke@gmail.com**.

Healthcare in Gardner, the largest employer in Central Massachusetts.

Andre Cormier '02 has become executive director of Mt. Blue Community Access TV (MBTV). He previously did freelance work for the station prior to becoming its production manager in 2020. In addition to his roles at MBTV, Andre serves as the director of broadcast operations for the Maine Celtics, formerly the Red Claws.

Garth Danielson '03, '03G accepted the position of rehab manager for Heaven Sent by Hometown Healthcare, which provides home health services in the greater Richmond, Va. area. He oversees all physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech-language pathologist clinicians, providing oversight and support, as well as looking for new opportunities to improve treatment delivery, efficacy, and promote professional growth.

Krista (Doody) Putnam '03 has been promoted to executive vice president and chief marketing officer for Katahdin Trust Company. She has been with the bank for almost 20 years, starting as a marketing assistant and rising to her most recent position as senior vice president of marketing.

Jason Mazur '06 has been named executive director of the Gloversville Housing Authority (GHA) in New York. He brings business management experience to his new position, previously serving as warehouse supervisor for Dollar General in Amsterdam, NY.

Patrick Chamberlin '08 was elected to the Pope Memorial Humane Society's Board of Directors. Patrick is a member of the business insurance team at Allen Insurance & Financial and is active in the Rockland Rotary and on the Dupont Community Advisory Panel.

Nina Hummel '08 first joined the Knox County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) in Knoxville, Tenn. in 2010 as a patrol officer. After almost seven years, she moved to corrections and in February 2020 joined the KCSO's Family Crimes Unit. Here she became one of the 10 detectives in the unit and has since been named Detective of the Month twice.

Gino Devaney '09 has joined Bahakel Communications Top 40 WDOD (Hits 96) in Chattanooga, Tenn. as the music and imaging director as well as an afternoon radio host. He previously worked as a radio host on WVMJ (Magic 104) in North Conway, N.H.

2010s

John Houghton '11 has started new employment working for the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs as a federal police officer in the State of Maine.



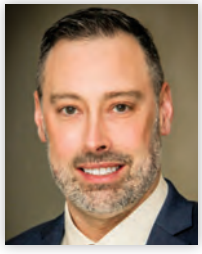
Keri Pappalardo '11, director of marketing for Lavallee Brensinger Architects, was named 40 Under Forty by the *New Hampshire Union Leader*. This award is to recognize 40 young professionals in the state who have exhibited career achievements, community involvement and significant contributions to New Hampshire.

1st Lt. Ellen Morrison '14 accepted the command of the 251st Engineer Company of the Maine National Guard in a ceremony on April 30, becoming the first female officer to command Maine's combat engineer unit. She has served as the unit executive officer since October 2019 and previously served as a platoon leader and executive officer with Augusta's 152nd Support Maintenance Company.

Alyssa (Duron) Sinkov, PharmD '15G, pharmacy operations manager for Baylor University Medical Center, was selected as an advisor panel member for the University of Houston's Women in Leadership program. She also graduated from Texas Tech University Health Science Center with a master's in healthcare administration.



Aleesha Pinkham '13 won two Edward R. Murrow Awards from the Radio Television Digital News Association (RTDNA) on May 6, 2021 for "News Videography" while working as a news photographer at WMUR-TV ABC 9 in Manchester, New Hampshire. Considered one of the most prestigious awards in news, the Murrow Awards recognize "local and national news stories that uphold the RTDNA Code of Ethics, demonstrate technical expertise and exemplify the importance and impact of journalism as a service to the community." In July 2021, Pinkham left the station to accept a position as an educational access producer for the Salem School District in Salem, New Hampshire.



Joey Cannan '18G was named executive vice president of Acadia Federal Credit Union in April. He has 25 years of experience in the banking and mortgage industry, most recently as the senior vice president and director of operations at Bangor Savings Bank.

2020s

Marti Allen '21 has been promoted to president and CEO of Casco Federal Credit Union, based in Gorham. She has been with the credit union for more than 11 years, most recently serving as the vice president of operations.

Meet the New Director of Alumni Relations

Husson University is delighted to announce

that **Christine Bragg Mihan** has been named Husson University's new director of alumni relations. Mihan takes over the position previously held by **Keith Piehler**. All of our Husson family wish Keith every success.



Prior to accepting this position, Mihan was Husson University's stewardship and communications coordinator. She has deep ties to the community and a long history of working with non-profit organizations. A Bangor native, she graduated from Bangor High School and attended Washington and Lee University where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration and a Bachelor of Arts in French. Mihan spent her twenties in New Jersey with her husband Eric, and in 2009 they followed the pull of the Pine Tree State, purchased Bangor Wine and Cheese, Co., and settled down to have a family. In her free time, Mihan is a yoga instructor at OmLand Yoga and has resumed teaching at the Thomas School of Dance, where she took lessons as a child.

In addition to being a long-standing member of the community, Mihan has deep family ties to Husson University. Her maternal grandfather, **Hugh "Gay" Carson** and her uncle **Hugh "Stan" Carson** both graduated from Husson. In addition, Husson's campus at 1 College Circle in Bangor is located on what was her great uncle Earle and great aunt Adah Hillman's farm.

On her paternal side, her family owned NH Bragg & Sons, which her great-great-great grandfather started in 1854. Mihan is the sixth generation of her family to be born in Bangor, and her two children are the seventh.

"Keith is leaving some big shoes to fill," said Mihan. "Thankfully, we have a terrific Advancement team here at Husson. I'm excited about our vision for the future and look forward to implementing alumni programs that strengthen the ties between our Husson family members."



IN MEMORIAM

1940s: Ruth DEANE Adams '46 | Cynthia CLARK Crocker '48 EMGH | Maxine JONES Nugent '48 | Eva WILLIS Snyder '49 **1950s:** George J. MERROW '50, '96 | Beverly WAGNER Collins '53 | Rae LYON Ladd '53 | Gerald Donne HAMILTON '54 | Elizabeth KNEELAND Ritchie '56 | Marina Evelyn ALLEY Tyler '56 | Ronald E. PORTER '58 | Ralph Delbert LOOK '59 | Annie WHITEHEAD Russell '59 **1960s:** Thaxter R. TRAFTON '61 | John R. JOHNSON, Sr. '63 | Stephen KNOX '65 | William C. BERGMANN '67 **1970s:** Joseph KOSTEK '70 | Dennis Louis LARIVIERE '74 | Glenn Edward WALTON '74 | Paul R. CARY '75 | Robert E. OLDENBURG '76 | Richard E. "Rick" OUELLETTE '78 | Janelle ORDWAY GROVER Leeman '79, '81 **1980s:** Fred "Ted" THOMAS '82 | George E. WILDEY '83, '17H | Thomas B. READ '85, '87 | Jayne L. THIBODEAU McEwen '88 **1990s:** Susan CARTER McDonald '95 | Kim ESPOSITO '95, '96 | Ronald SCHLIPSTEIN '97 **2000s:** Diane O'DONNELL Peterson '00G | Donald Edward SEIM, Jr. '02, '05 **2010s:** Ronald J. BELANGER Jr. '12 | Travis Oshan CRAVEN '15 **ATTENDED:** Betsynell HAYNES Esancy 1952-1954 | Donna LAKING Rogers 1963-1964 | Gerald "Jerry" W. KING **STAFF:** Kevin CANTY



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Cameron E. Clark '20, '20G
Bangor Alumni Board

Lynn M. Lavorgna '05G
Secretary
Southern Maine Alumni Board



1. What made you decide to attend Husson?



CAMERON: It became clear to me that Husson was the perfect choice after talking with faculty and current students at the open houses I attended. The variety of professional backgrounds that professors have to create the ability for real-world conversations to be integrated into the course material was what I was looking for and experienced during my time at Husson.



LYNN: I was looking for a well-balanced and inclusive program that also provided a superior quality education. My father was a graduate of Husson in 1963 and had a very successful career in Business Education and knew this would be the right program for me also.

2. How did Husson prepare you for your career?



CAMERON: Husson transitioned me from a high school student into a true professional. Aside from taking in course material in the classroom, I was also able to develop practical skills through many extracurricular opportunities gaining leadership traits necessary for a strong career.



LYNN: The program was a good mix of quantitative, qualitative and leadership courses that helped me advance my career and give me the confidence to attain a leadership role. A key benefit of the Husson MBA program was the opportunity to learn directly from professors actively working in the field of business and learning about their own career experiences and studying Fortune 500 companies. The program also allowed networking opportunities with my peers and alumni.

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



CAMERON: Student Government was an organization I jumped right into first semester and stayed with for four years, ending as president. Through this, I learned the importance of volunteerism and giving back to the areas we live and work; always trying to make a positive impact. This mindset carries through to today with my roles on various boards.



LYNN: The friendships and connections I made is what I valued most. Working on the school projects with my peers helped me learn new skills and gain business insights, but also led to friendships beyond our class time. I remember one assignment where I needed to interview a business leader. A classmate of mine was the chief of police in Saco, ME and graciously offered to be interviewed.

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



CAMERON: One reason my time at Husson was so special roots from the network of professionals that I was able to meet through Husson events and many of them were almuni. I believe it's now my turn to stay engaged, offering what I can to campus and being present as a resource for students and events.



LYNN: I value serving on the Alumni Board because I am proud to be a Husson graduate. It's a great way to give back to the school that has given so much to me both professionally and personally. It's a wonderful way to stay involved and informed of current events and to develop connections with other graduates.

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



CAMERON: My free time is spent enjoying the Maine outdoors on the lakes up north or the beautiful views from Acadia National Park.



LYNN: I like to stay active and enjoy the Maine outdoors with my family and friends. I feel very blessed to live in such a beautiful state. Whether it's skiing, walking the beach or volunteering, I'm always sure to connect with a fellow Husson alumni wherever I am.



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- ***Get involved.*** Check the Alumni Events page often to see what's coming up next! Some of what you will find includes:
  - **Coaches Corner:** an opportunity to get in on the behind-the-scenes info on your favorite teams.
  - **Husson comes to Florida.** After a year hiatus, plans are in the works to connect with your fellow alums in Florida. Stay tuned for more information.
  - **Giving Day:** Mark your calendar for Husson's fourth Giving Day on Wednesday, April 6, 2022.

- ***Find us online.*** Keep up with your favorite areas of campus by finding us on social. Connect via Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and our YouTube page.

We are proud to have kept the Husson Campus safe during the COVID-19 crisis. To find out the latest in the University's policies, visit the "Protect Husson" page at **www.husson.edu/return-to-campus**

