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It's Another Great Winter at Husson University!

Having Fun was the Focus of Husson's "Family & Friends Weekend"

Each year, Husson hosts three days of fun, food and sports for students,

their family members and friends. Known as "Family & Friends Weekend," this annual event provides students with an opportunity to share the Husson experience with their family members.





This year, the event kicked off on Friday, October 28, with a Welcome Reception in the "hub" of Harold Alfond Hall from 5 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Later that evening, there was a Family Feud-style event where participants won fabulous prizes.

The weekend continued on Saturday with a complimentary President's Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Here, individuals had the opportunity to meet and speak with **Dr. Robert A. Clark**, president of Husson University.

Following breakfast, students, family members, and friends were able to attend two faculty-led learning experiences. During these sessions, event participants got to learn more about the outstanding educational opportunities available here at Husson.



The educational session devoted to extended reality (XR) involved a recorded video production in the iEX Center studio.

They included demonstrations of:

- A Day in the Life of a Legal Studies Student
- The Esports Gaming Arena
- Extended Reality (XR)
- Experiential Investing
- A Hospitality Simulation
- The Nursing Simulation Lab
- A Live Husson Eagles Television Production

After the learning experiences were completed, all were able to join Husson staff from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. in the Family & Friends Pre-game Huddle Tent. Here, participants got to enjoy a warm beverage, some food, and take photos with "Baldwin" – our University's mascot.

At 12 p.m., it was time for football. During the game, the Eagles beat the Golden Bears of Western New England University, 27-17.

Those who preferred video gaming had an opportunity to experience esports during the football game. The day was capped off with the "Husson's Got Talent" showcase at the Gracie Theatre from 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

The weekend concluded on Sunday, October 30, with two events. First, there was a "Farewell Continental Breakfast" in the lower level of Harold Alfond Hall from 9 a.m. – 10 a.m. Finally, there was a women's field hockey game. We faced off against the University of Maine at Farmington and beat them handily, 8-0.

Family & Friends Weekend is a great way for our students to share the Husson University experience. For those who couldn't make it this year, we hope to see you in 2023 at this or another exciting Husson event!

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Cover: Enjoying the Husson firepit, from left to right are: **Lealia Chadwick '25**, a student pursing her Bachelor of Science in graphic and visual design; **Cameron Place '22**, assistant director of campus life; **Cesar Mejia**, Carlisle Hall resident director; and **Andy Michaud '13**, interim esports coordinator.

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Dear Alumni and Friends,



In a mere matter of weeks, Husson University will undergo an onsite accreditation review of the entire University from a team of peer educators representing the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE). This organization is the same one that provides accreditation to Harvard University and MIT in Massachusetts; Bates, Bowdoin and Colby here in Maine; and over 200 other educational institutions across the globe.

I strongly believe in the value of accreditation. Educators who receive accreditation from NECHE demonstrate that they've received a "seal of approval" for educational quality. Accreditation promotes quality of programs among educational institutions. It's why I've proudly served on the national board of directors of the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) since July 1, 2018.

Accreditation provides colleges and universities with an opportunity to examine their practices and, if required, create improvement plans. Husson remains relevant because we're always willing to critically examine our programs, processes and operations in order to ensure we're providing students with educational programs that prepare them for successful professional futures and an outstanding return on their educational investment. The accreditation process helps make this possible.

The NECHE review involves a comprehensive examination of everything Husson does. The upcoming onsite visit by peers from other colleges and universities follows an in-depth, two-year self-study process using NECHE standards and criteria.

Our commitment to this rigorous multi-year accreditation process has helped to promote success and improvement at Husson. I believe that all colleges and universities need to be held accountable for delivering programs that meet rigorous academic standards. Members of the public deserve to have consistent, reliable information about institutional quality and student achievement in order to make informed educational choices. Here at Husson, we'll always seek to continue the process of bettering ourselves as we work to provide students with a high-quality, affordable education.

Best regards,

Robert A. Clark, PhD, CFA
President





The importance of accreditation cannot be understated. Making sure that students receive a high-quality education should be one of the priorities of every college and university.

Achieving that objective is no easy matter. It requires an outstanding faculty, modern facilities, and superb programs. Providing students with these, year in and year out, requires the support of a community dedicated to the future success of Husson University.

There are so many ways our Husson family has made positive contributions to the educational success of our students. For example, hundreds of alumni helped make Harold Alfond Hall possible. Because of their generosity, College of Business students now have access to outstanding learning spaces that promote professionalism and career success.

New degrees like the online Bachelor of Science in professional communications and online Bachelor of Science in marketing were made possible, in part, because of support provided by our Husson community. Beyond promoting individual career growth and advancement, our degrees – like our revitalized Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in nursing (RN-to-BSN) program – are helping to address critical community needs like the national nursing shortage.

Donations to our annual fund have also helped bring outstanding faculty and guest speakers to our campus. This includes an outstanding roster of guest speakers who have spoken at Husson. U.S. Senator Susan Collins, L.L.Bean CEO Steve Smith, and Rizzoli and Isles author Tess Gerritsen are just some of these outstanding speakers.

It's evident that achieving the excellence required to receive NECHE accreditation isn't just an effort by Husson faculty and staff. It's a team effort made possible with the support of our University's alumni and friends. I hope all of you take as much pride in the accomplishments of Husson as we do. It takes all of us to make this University's excellence possible.

With gratitude,

Sarah Cary Robinson
Vice President for Advancement

Around the Circle

Accomplishments, events and items of note happening at Husson

CAMPUS

University Recognized for Student Participation in Elections
Husson University was recently recognized by the ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge as one of the "Most Engaged Campuses for College Student Voting" This recognition goes to colleges and universities "making intentional efforts to increase nonpartisan democratic engagement and college student voting."

Husson previously participated in the ALL IN Challenge in 2020. At that time, the University was named a Silver Seal Campus for having 60-69% voter participation or higher during the 2020 presidential election.

Fox Quoted in the *Penobscot Times* about Open House



Michael J. Fox, vice president of enrollment management was quoted in the *Penobscot Times* in a half-page article about a recent campus Open House event. According to Fox, "This was an outstanding opportunity to learn more about Husson's academic programs, our faculty, facilities, life in the residence halls and campus life. Open houses are a great way for high school students to sample all that Husson has to offer."

President Clark Speaks to the Media about Husson Receiving Congressionally Directed Funding



In January 2023, President **Robert A. Clark** was interviewed by WABI-TV in Bangor about the University receiving nearly $726,000 in congressionally directed funding. These funds will help Husson purchase state-of-the art scientific and laboratory equipment for our newly refurbished science laboratories in Peabody Hall. He expressed the University's gratitude for Senator Susan Collins', Senator Angus King's, and Congressman Jared Golden's help in securing these funds.

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

One Circle Agency is Now Open
On Monday, January 30, 2023, Husson University officially marked the opening of the One Circle Agency with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. This full-service, student-staffed agency is designed to provide pro bono advertising and marketing assistance to members of the Bangor-area business community through short-term, project-based work. Up to 24 students are anticipated to work at the agency at any given time. WABI-TV covered the ribbon-cutting live during their 6 p.m. newscast.

Media Turns to John Michaud for Law Enforcement Expertise



After school systems and law enforcement responded to false reports of an active shooter at two high schools in Maine, the CBS television station in Bangor sought out the perspective of **John Michaud**, Husson's director of the School of Legal Studies. Michaud shared his thoughts as part of a story called "Law enforcement responds to school threats across Maine." The story aired on WABI-TV Channel 5's 6 p.m. news on November 15, 2022.

Ferguson to Present at the Maine Science Festival



On March 25, 2023, **Eric Ferguson**, an assistant professor at the New England School of Communications will present, "Sound Pressure Level: Concerts, Loudness, Hearing Loss and More." According to Feguson, excessive sound pressures at live concerts and events can potentially harm audiences and disturb neighbors. His presentation at the upcoming Maine Science Festival will help attendees understand sound pressure levels (SPL), the objective metric used by audio engineers, audiologists, acousticians and law enforcement to make practical, aesthetical, medical, and legal decisions regarding the loudness of sound. A variety of SPL subtopics will be explored, including the subjectivity of concert sound levels, exposure and hearing loss, measurement technologies and legal concerns.

Dean Hansen Interviews the CEO of Stonewall Kitchen as Part of the Distinguished Business Speaker Series
On December 7, 2022, Dean **Marie Hansen, PhD,** conducted a public interview with **John Stiker**, the chief executive officer (CEO) of Stonewall Kitchen at the Richard E. Dyke Center for Family Business. Stiker talked about his experiences leading the premier specialty food and home goods platform in North America. The event was part of the College of Business's Distinguished Business Speaker Series. The purpose of the series is to educate students, alumni and community members on the challenges facing businesses and related professions. The next event in the series will feature a presentation by Matthew R. McHatten, the executive vice president and chief operating officer at MMG Insurance. The McHatten event is scheduled to take place on April 19, 2023 at noon at the Gracie Theatre.





Board of Trustees Elect a New Chair and Vice Chair



Experienced leaders on the Husson Board of Trustees help drive the University's continued success in today's competitive higher education marketplace. On January 1, 2023, **Dan Hutchins '83**, of Naples, Florida, a retired accountant for PriceWaterhouseCoopers (PwC), became the next chair of the University's Board of Trustees. In addition



to electing Hutchins to this position, the trustees elected the **Hon. Phil Harriman '77**, founding partner of Lebel & Harriman, LLP, to be their new vice chair. Harriman is from Yarmouth, Maine.

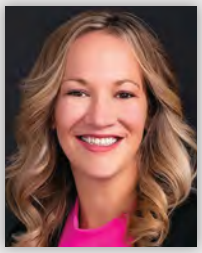
"I'm committed to the continued growth and success of Husson University," said Hutchins. "Students and their families are making one of the biggest spending decisions of their lives when they invest in a college education. As a Husson trustee, I'll be working to help ensure the tuition and fees we charge remain affordable."

In fact, Husson University continues to be one of the most affordable private colleges in New England according to data from *U.S. News & Report*. Providing a solid education at an affordable price makes Husson University an outstanding value.

"As one of Maine's leading financial advisors, I understand the importance of planning for the future and making sure you get a solid return on your investment," said Harriman. "Getting an education at Husson University is a smart investment in yourself because a Husson education has consistently provided students with the ability to achieve career success."

COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND PHARMACY

White Attends and Presents at Multiple Conferences in October



Dr. Cassandra White, an associate professor in the School of Pharmacy, presented at the Maine Optometric Association's (MOA) and the Maine Pharmacy Association's/Maine Society of Health System Pharmacists' (MPA/MSHP) conferences in Newry, Maine on October 2 and Portland, Maine on October 14, respectively.

At the MOA conference, Dr. White provided a one-hour continuing education (CE) session called, "Biosimilars: The same or not the same? That is the question." For her one-hour CE session at the MPA/MSHP conference, her presentation was about "Getting SMART with a 2022 asthma update."

Kelly Publishes Article and Wins Award



Occupational Therapy Assistant Professor **Cavenaugh Kelly's** article, "Can Literary Narratives Address Occupational Therapy's 'Incongruence' in Values?" was accepted for publication by the journal *Occupational Therapy in Health Care*. The article is a literature review and essay on the power of teaching empathy through stories. Reviewers commented that the article is a "compelling call for change" and a "return to our roots of empathic, client-centered care." The reviewers also said that the article was "a great addition to our body of literature!"

Occupational Therapy is First at Husson to Garner National Award



Kim Davis, OTD, MS, OTR/L , an associate professor in the School of Occupational Therapy was chosen to be Fellow by the American Occupational Therapy Association (FAOTA). FAOTAs are recognized "occupational therapists who through their knowledge, expertise, leadership, advocacy, and/or guidance have made a significant contribution over time to the profession with a measured impact on consumers of occupational therapy services and/or members of the Association." Davis is the first Husson faculty member to earn this distinction.

Snow Receives Young Pharmacist Award



Dr. Kelsie Snow, an assistant professor of pharmacy practice, was awarded the "Distinguished Young Pharmacist Award" by the Maine Pharmacists Association. Amy Downing, Maine Pharmacist Association executive director presented the award to Dr. Snow at the HUSOP December Faculty meeting. The "Distinguished Young Pharmacist Award" is designed to acknowledge young pharmacists, in each state, for their individual excellence and outstanding contributions to their pharmacy association and community.

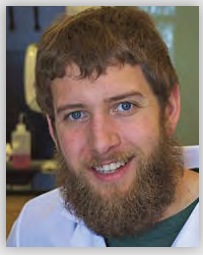
COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND HUMANITIES

Prescott Contributes to Penquis Public Health Assessment



Dr. David Prescott, associate professor and director of healthcare studies, joined other regional public health leaders this fall to conduct comprehensive assessments of the public health systems in Penobscot and Piscataquis Counties. The Maine Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Public Health Coordinating Councils, in each of the state's public health districts, conducts these assessments every 10 years. They help identify gaps in the public service system. All 10 of the essential public health services in each region had to participate in a series of five meetings as part of this assessment. The health services were all systematically reviewed during these meetings. The assessments also helped set priorities for improving public health in their geographic areas.

Davis Presented Research at Maine Medical Center



Visiting Assistant Professor **Dr. Seth Davis**, presented his postdoctoral research to the Maine Medical Center's Department of Psychiatry Grand Rounds in Portland, Maine on Tuesday, November 15, 2022. His presentation was called "Consequences of Neonatal Pain: Long-Term Changes in the Brain and Behavior."

PROFILES IN SUCCESS

WORK AND TENNIS KEEPS THIS CLASS OF ’63 GRADUATE GOING STRONG

Dean Armstrong wasn’t always the sole owner of the Armstrong Tennis Center in Hampden, Maine. After completing a Bachelor of Science in business administration with a concentration in management from Husson in 1963, Armstrong began his career at Sears, Roebuck and Company.

“I went straight into the Sears training program after graduation. I began working for them in September of ’63 and stayed with them for more than 30 years,” said Armstrong. He retired from the organization in 1993.

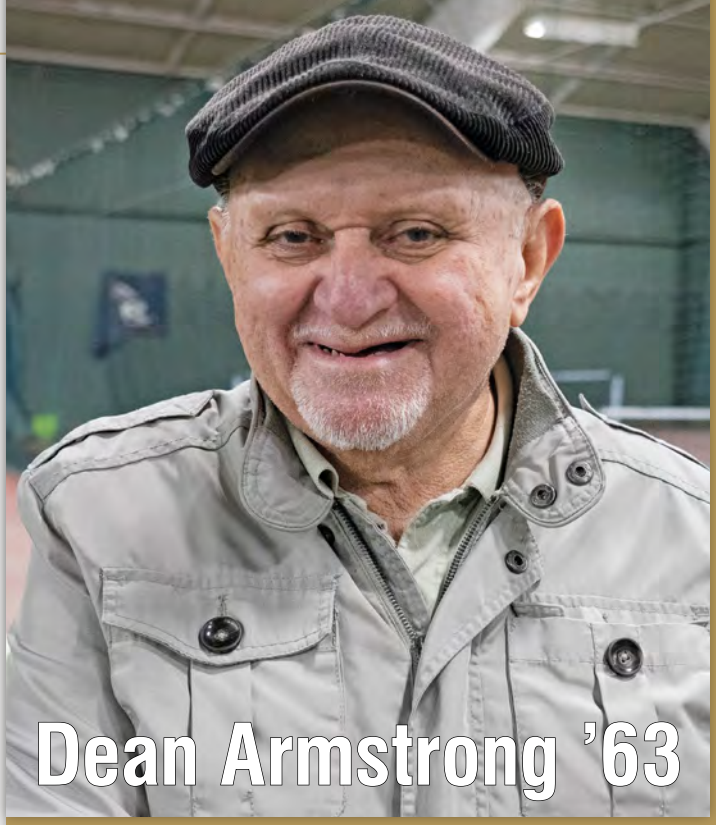
The idea of retirement, however, never really appealed to Armstrong. “Some people get to an age where they decide to sit in a chair. But how many times can you mow your lawn, you know? After a while, that gets tiresome,” he said.

So when the opportunity came up to run the Tennis Center, he decided to pursue it. “The tennis center’s been here for 52 years. I played here when I was a Husson student and liked it. Two of the fellows I played with, Dr. Gary Parker and Tom Tilley, asked me when I retired from Sears if I could run the place for a year. At the time, they thought it was ready to fold up and said ‘See if you can bring it back a little bit.’ Well that was 29 years ago. I started buying out the seven partners about 19 years ago and now I own the place.”

Today, Armstrong is 88 years old and shows no signs of slowing down. “I love the purpose of coming to work and interacting with people every day,” continued Armstrong. “Here at the tennis center, I’ll see 200 – 300 people a day. You get to meet all different kinds of personalities. Work keeps you vibrant, keeps you moving and keeps you thinking. I don’t want to stay home and sit like a log in the corner somewhere.”

Armstrong is definitely not sitting still. He’s always looking for ways to help grow his business. “I want to put in a couple of golf simulators,” he said. “I’m also interested in continuing to expand our pickleball business. We put in pickleball in 2014 and the business just keeps growing. I have almost 500 people a week playing now.”

This indefatigable business owner feels that the education he got from Husson is still helping to make his business a success. “When you go to college, you learn how to think,” said Armstrong. “A college degree trains graduates to apply a more in-depth thought process to business problems. It really matures your thinking. I think that’s the biggest benefit I got from my college degree.”



HOMETOWN ATTORNEY COMPLETES ACCELERATED EDUCATION

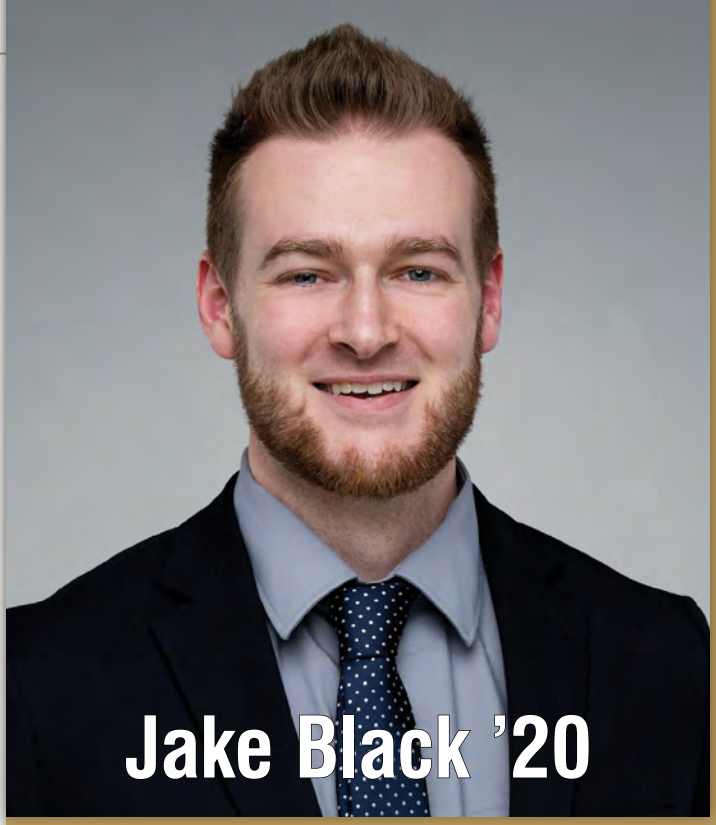
Twenty-four-year-old **Mikala L. Holt, Esq., ’19**, doesn’t like to waste time as she pursues her goals. “When I first visited Husson during an Open House, I was planning on pursuing a four-year Bachelor of Science in paralegal studies,” said Holt, an associate attorney at Boothby, Silver & Ricker, LLC in Turner, Maine with a satellite office in Farmington. “Then, **John Michaud**, the director of the legal studies program, talked about a 3+3 program. That’s where students study at Husson for three years and then transfer to Maine Law’s three-year Juris Doctor (JD) program.” Completing a year of Maine Law’s JD program satisfies any outstanding requirements for Husson’s pre-law bachelors’ degree.

“It sounded great to me. So my first day at Husson, I switched from paralegal studies to the legal studies pre-law program. With year-round studies and some great academic advising from Associate Professor **Maggie Campbell, JD**, I was able to complete my Husson pre-law degree in just two years with only two-and-a-half additional years at Maine Law.”

Holt’s primary practice areas include estate planning, estate administration, guardianship and conservatorship representation. Looking back, Holt attributes her interest in becoming a lawyer to an experience she had when she was 15. “Back then, my grandmother, who I was very close to, was diagnosed with lung and brain cancer. At that time, I was vacillating between going into oncology or becoming an attorney.”

“Then, Attorney L. Clinton Boothby came to my grandparents’ home and consulted with my family. He’s now my boss. The way he made our family feel and the help he provided in our hour of need made a big impression on me. Six months later, I reached out to Clint and asked him if I could job shadow him for a day, just to make sure that becoming an attorney was really





what I wanted. As you can imagine, law and medicine are very different careers.”

“I went in and he offered me an internship for the summer. I was 16 at the time. By the end of the summer, I knew I wanted to become an attorney.”

Holt now has the career she always wanted. “I come from Livermore, Maine - a pretty small town. Our community is very close knit. When something happens to a family in the community, or the community at large, we all rally together and help one another. I love being a part of that. Livermore is part of who I am. It makes me happy to give back and help my neighbors anyway I can.”

HUSSON ACCOUNTING GRADUATE’S EXPERIENCES ADD UP TO CAREER SUCCESS

For **Jake Black**, a 2020 graduate with a Bachelor of Science in accounting and a Master of Business Administration (MBA), it was Husson’s internship program and the influence of a well-known faculty member that helped launch his career.

“I remember taking my intermediate accounting classes from Professor Emeritus **Dewey Martin** before he retired from Husson,” said Black “One day, when I was studying at the library, he came in and said he’d heard of an open position at BerryDunn.”

“Apparently, BerryDunn needed an audit intern. He asked me if I would like him to put my name in for it. I said ‘yes,’” continued Black. “I went down and interviewed for the position and got hired. After completing the internship my senior year of college, they offered me a full-time job. I was hired by BerryDunn as a staff auditor right out of school.”

Since then Black’s professional contacts have continued to present him with career growth opportunities. “The president of the Maine Society of Certified Public Accountants (MECPA) is David Stone, an audit manager at BerryDunn from their Portland office who I connected with during my internship. He was on the MECPA Board prior to me. When he became the Society’s president, a position open up on their Board of Governors. He recommended me and I became a member of the board in the summer of 2022.”

As a member of the board, Black does a lot of advocacy work for the profession. For example, he’ll go to high schools and colleges, talk about the profession and answer any questions that prospective students might have.

“When I go to high schools, I tell students that every business, regardless of whether you’re not-for-profit or for profit, has accountants on their payroll,” said Black. “They’re essential to the operation of every organization. It can be a fast-paced environment, particularly in public accounting, and it’s interesting because you’re constantly working with different groups, coworkers, and clients. You never get bored.”

Even though Black has gone far since graduating, he still feels a close connection to Husson University. “I feel like I’m a part of the Husson family,” he said. “I’ve spoken at an Accounting Society meeting on campus. I stay connected with **Bobby Duron** and Dewey Martin. It’s like there’s an open door policy. I always feel welcome when I come to campus.”



5 GRANTS/ $2,882,000

Enhancing Educational Experiences

Husson University receives grants to launch new initiatives and programs

Giving students the best opportunity to succeed is at the core of a Husson education. A series of five grants awarded to the University recently are helping to further that goal.

Nearly $1.7 million in funding from the Maine Department of Education will help to develop a three-year accelerated BSN degree program. It addresses a critical need for board certified nurses within our state. Among other things, the program will target high school students as well as those attending community colleges that may have an interest in earning a BSN in nursing in three years rather than the usual four. Additionally, it will provide access to those already trained as licensed practical nurses and certified nursing assistants. Each year of the grant, the University will recruit an additional 25 students into the accelerated undergraduate nursing program.

The Maine DOE has also awarded Husson a $200,000 grant to focus on career mentoring, and developing internships in areas that advance the state's economic development plan. The goal is to provide internships for an additional 20 students in health sciences, pre-med, healthcare administration and public health, psychology, extended reality and integrated technology degree programs by 2025.

The money will also help to increase the first-time, full-time retention of baccalaureate degree-seeking students by 3% over the next two years to increase demand for internship placements. Supported by grant funding, Husson will hire a career coach and an administrative assistant to work with students, academic units and the community to develop and then fill internship positions.

The Davis Educational Foundation of Yarmouth has awarded $207,000 toward advancing teaching excellence at Husson. The funding will support the efforts of 20 newer faculty members and 20 peer mentors each year for the next three years. The program will enhance skills in instructional design, assessment, active learning and accessibility.

"We are incredibly grateful that the Davis Educational Foundation has chosen to support Husson with a grant that provides stipends for 120 faculty members," says **Sarah Robinson**, vice president for Advancement. "Our faculty excels with practice-based expertise. This effort will enhance the delivery of that expertise in our on-campus and on-line courses."

MELMAC Education Foundation of Augusta also awarded $50,000 over the next two years to help the Sawyer Library coordinate and more fully implement open educational resources (OER). The primary goals of the grant are to reduce barriers of cost and accessibility of course materials while also improving the diversity of information utilized. Eight faculty members will receive stipends to convert a course from traditional textbooks to OER materials, reduce costs of course materials by 50%, and train others to do the same.

The University is also fortunate to be receiving over $725,000 in congressionally directed funds thanks to the efforts of U.S. Senator Susan Collins, Senator Angus King, and Congressman Jared Golden. These funds will be used to purchase high-tech lab equipment for Husson University's science and health labs. Besides enhancing the University's enrollment efforts, this new equipment will enhance experiential learning and skills-based training for students pursuing health care and STEM careers.

Husson University President **Robert A. Clark, PhD**, feels that these funds will help further students' professional success and the educational opportunities offered by the University. "This equipment will enhance Husson's position as a leader in science-based education going forward," said Clark.



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> —Jarod Bolton '23

The Husson University Esports Center will be doubling in size starting in the fall of 2023 in order to address student demand and program growth.

Competition with a Click

NESCom student tapped as ECAC sportscaster

For those who think playing video games is a waste of time, here's something that might just make you change your mind. As of this year, the esports market was valued at a little more than $1.3 billion, yes that's with a "b," according to the database company Statista. It is considered one of the fastest growing industries within the online gaming world.

Husson University's newly opened Esports Center in the Darling Learning Center, offers 15 high-end PC setups along with three console stations with lounge seating. Students compete in team-based, real-time online video game contests against other colleges and universities. The Husson esports intercollegiate co-ed team competes in the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC). More than 200 schools with more than 400 teams make up ECAC.

About 50 students from Husson played competitively this past fall semester. There are both junior and varsity levels. "Two of our teams made it to the playoffs," says Husson Interim Esports Coordinator **Andy Michaud**. "Several of our teams were featured on eSports U, a Twitch.tv channel that receives hundreds of views every day."

Recently, New England School of Communications Senior **Jarod Bolton** was asked to be an ECAC Sportscaster. "An ECAC sportscaster is much like a traditional sportscaster," explains Bolton. "We give play-by-play commentary for video games."

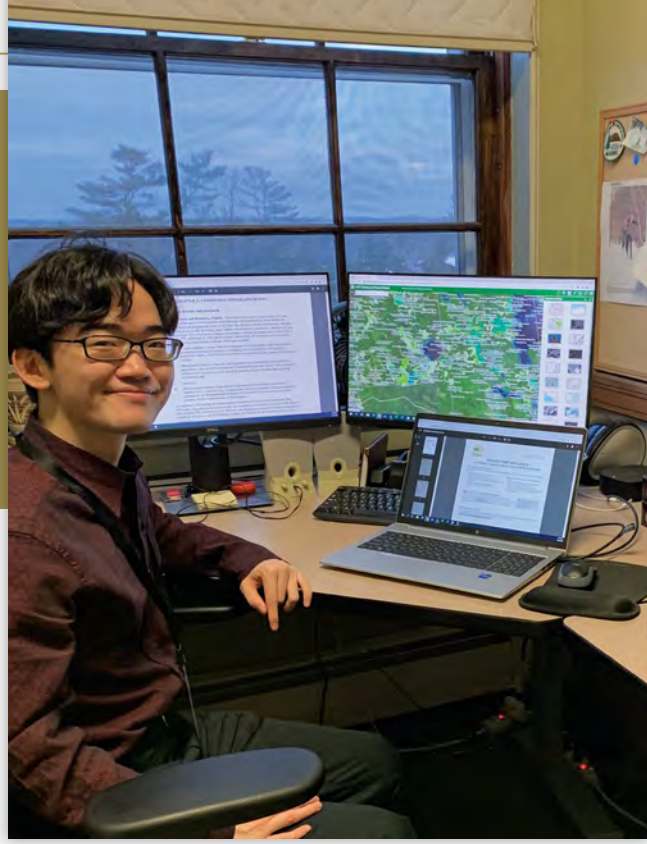
Bolton already has some experience broadcasting esports tournaments on his own Twitch channel. He worked with ESPORTS University, which helped guide Bolton on the protocols and procedures to be an official ECAC commentator. Bolton likes to think he brings his own unique style to the cyber sport. "Games and challenges have been a spectacle since ancient times," he says. "My love for both competition and the raw emotion that goes into them has carried from traditional sports to esports. Esports is nerve racking and super competitive. My approach consists of describing what's going on in the game while also hyping it up."

This past fall, the Husson Eagles esports teams competed in Rocket League®, Valorant, Overwatch 2™, Super Smash Bros Ultimate™ and Rainbow 6 Siege. In the spring, the esports team added Fortnite™ and League of Legends™ games to its roster. Additionally, Husson is hosting two major in-person tournaments – one for Maine high schools and the other for colleges and universities around the state.

Recently, the team partnered with a physical therapist from Performance Therapy, LLC in Bangor. They provide weekly exercise programs focusing on injury prevention, performance, and extending the esports careers of the student athletes. Any student at Husson University is encouraged to try out for the team. Placement is based on in-game skills, communication style, team chemistry and work ethic.

"For decades, the benefits of participating in traditional sports programs at the school level have been well documented," says Michaud. "Now that esports is becoming more popular, we are seeing the same thing with these students as well. We have been able to make some great connections with the community through hosting tournaments and inviting schools to visit and utilize our facility."

Students Gain Professional Foothold with 'Real World' Experience



Experience, as the saying goes, is the best teacher. And few universities embrace that concept as much as Husson.

Long a mainstay of a Husson education, over 90 percent of graduates participate in at least one experiential learning opportunity outside of the classroom prior to graduation.

"It's a really critical part of our students' educational experience that they get to determine what they like and don't like," says **James Westhoff**, director of Career Services at Husson.

Opportunities for internships abound, with employers across the United States this year forecasted to increase intern hiring by 23 percent over the previous year, according to the National Association of Colleges and Employers. This year alone, Westhoff's office has posted nearly 400 internships specifically for Husson students, in addition to the placements provided in our health and education programs.

Husson internships also hold a promising path to jobs right out of college: Westhoff says more than 50 percent of Husson internships lead to job offers after graduation.

Just ask **Noah Gagne**, who graduated in the fall of 2022 with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. He completed two internships in Bangor area public schools and was offered a job at one of them. He started just one week after graduation as a math teacher at Fairmount Elementary School in Bangor where, coincidentally, he was also an elementary student.



> "In education, you learn a lot about social emotional learning and the trauma that kids can bring with them. But you don't really understand it until you see it in action with students."
>
> —Noah Gagne '22

Gagne says experiential learning placements allowed him to put into practice some of the concepts he had researched in the classroom.

"In education, you learn a lot about social emotional learning and the trauma that kids can bring with them. But you don't really understand it until you see it in action with students. I got to work with kids with whom I really had to differentiate learning to connect with them," he says.

Gagne, whose father serves in the military, says he chose a Husson education in part because of its prospects for employment and because it made financial sense.

"I had heard from several of Bangor teachers that they hire a lot of students from Husson," Gagne says. "But I was also lucky to have my father's GI Bill scholarship, and Husson offered me an additional scholarship. I graduated without any debt. I love teaching, but I had to consider that I'm not going to earn a whole lot starting out and didn't want the weight of student loans hanging over me."

Pre-law student **Koki Ura '24**, is starting his first internship this year working for the Maine Land Use Planning Commission. Hailing from a suburb outside of Tokyo, Japan, he will be working 20 hours a week from the agency's Bangor office. His main task will be preparing an educational video about the permitting process for the agency,

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which serves as the planning and zoning authority for Maine's rural, unorganized townships and plantations where no local government exists.

"I've always been interested in real estate and law. It's different than typical legal work. Lots of people in my school want to go to court and argue for their client. I want to draft documents. The Land Use Planning Commission is looking for people with an attention to detail. When I took real estate law class at Husson, my professor said I was good at paying close attention to detail, so I started looking for internships that focus on documentation and permits."

Ura, who was a high school exchange student at Temple Academy in Maine, says he became interested in Husson when someone from the University visited his campus. When he heard more about Husson's pre-law program and its focus on exposing students to what he calls the "real world," he knew it was the place for him.

"The professors always bring their experience into the classroom," Ura says. "My professors are also lawyers, so they always have guest speakers, and we can learn about what they do. So that gives us connections to lawyers around Maine and beyond."

Kara Casavant '23, is already seeing the real-world benefits of her internship. The Massachusetts native is doing a three-month clinical rotation in New York City this winter, a final step toward earning her dual Doctor of Physical Therapy degree and an MBA this spring.

Casavant wanted to work with performers because of her background as a dancer and as a member of Husson's cheerleading team.

"You get to go into the field and you see the impact it has on people's lives. I work with a lot of performers on Broadway and see a lot of patients with foot and leg injuries. When they can't perform, they can't work. We get to see them go back into their show and perform to their full potential," she says.

Pre-law major **Jarica Wiles '23**, says she was also able to put theory into practice when she worked as an intern at the office of U.S. Sen. Susan Collins this past summer and fall. She said the experience taught her patience and understanding in the often-challenging environment of helping constituents in a political office.



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> —Jarica Wiles '23

"They always joke that the interns will cry the first week, and then you get backbone," laughs Wiles, who grew up in Pittsfield, Maine. "I met amazing people. I want to be an immigration lawyer one day, so anytime anything came into the office having to do with immigration, they let me work on it."

She says Husson professors make all the difference. Proving the point, Wiles said she originally had no intention of attending Husson. Then she met Professor **John Michaud**, director of Husson's School of Legal Studies.

"I had a tour of the University and had an amazing meeting with him. This is my last semester and I have all the credits I need but I'm still taking a class from him just to have that opportunity one last time."

That connection to professors plus the focus on experiential learning makes Husson a truly unique place, Wiles says. "Our professors put us so far ahead because they have that real-world experience that they want to share with us. You won't find the the hands-on learning opportunities our professors give us in a textbook."



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FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES

RECONNECT

Husson University's Homecoming Weekend welcomed students, alumni, family and friends to campus

Campus was buzzing this fall, as we hosted two large reunions.

"Having so many alumni back on campus was fantastic," exclaimed **Christine Mihan**, director of alumni relations. "It's amazing to hear how their days at Husson impacted their lives and careers. And, of course, hearing the stories of years past is always fun."

Brothers from Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) gathered for a weekend of fun from September 30 to October 2. One-hundred-and-twelve TKE brothers, spouses and friends reminisced as they perused through yearbooks while enjoying brunch in the Dickerman Dining Commons before embarking on a campus tour on Saturday, October 1.

Kappa Delta Phi – Lambda Chapter brothers and the sisters of Kappa Delta Phi NAS – Lambda Chapter held a joint reunion on November 12 to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Lambda Chapter of the Kappa Delta Phi National Fraternity. Seventy-seven ΚΔΦ brothers, sisters, spouses and friends toured campus before culminating in the Webber Campus Center for dinner, provided by Husson's Dining Services.

Mihan reached out to reunion attendees for their reflections on their time at Husson. While they spanned five decades, are all now scattered around the country and have had a myriad of careers as accountants, nurses, small business owners, consultants and more, these alumni all had one common denominator, a Husson education.

Paul Haroldsen '85 TKE remarked, "I did not realize the quality of my Husson education until I went out to

TKE **Reunion Alumni Attendees**

Robert C. Allen
Anthony Arico, Jr. '74
Troy M. Bagley '91
David G. Bilodeau '85
George O. Breault, Jr. '75
Bertrand A. Bronn '85
Thomas R. Bryant '92
Michael A. Caron '16
Tony Cerbone '72
Richard A. Clark '86
Greg M. Clement '81
Donald R. Cohen '70
William J. Collins, Jr. '78
John F. Delissio, Jr.
Dan Dolloff '77
Thomas Doucette '02
Harold E. Dyer '80
Edward D. Gaeta '75
Alfred A. Galinot, Jr. '72
Danny R. Gipson '89
Vincent R. Gismondi '72
Robert B. Hager '70
Stephen A. Hammond '72
Paul M. Haroldsen '75
Philip E. Harriman '77
Glen S. Hockley '75
Dana K. Holmes, Jr. '75
Thomas F. Hubbard, Jr. '74
Andrew E. Jones '02
Mark E. Joyce '72
David A. Kanney '78
Andrew P. Kneser '98
Anthony L. LaPrino '03
Thomas A. Larivee '81
Dennis G. Leitner '75
Brian J. Letourneau '91
Donald J. Martin '81
Sherman F. Mead, Jr. '73
Allen W. Miller '79
David W. Miller '84
John R. Moore '81
Charles Muller '75
Scott A. Oxley '89
Charles L. Pasternostro '79
Gleen G. Piscitelli '77
Robert C. Rademacher '73
Scott A. Reed '83
Burton H. Reynolds
Adam L. Robertson '95
Michael S. Rodino '71
Michael A. Simon '74
John A. Slomback, Jr. Advisor
James E. Soucie '84
Steven W. Stout
Pater A. Tammaro '78
Donald E. Thompson '94
Kirk B. Thompson '89
Fred J. Trombly
Jeffrey M. Vachon '92
Howard Wettreich '70



ΚΔΦ Reunion Alumni Attendees

Christina L. Baker '06
Andrew K. Ballou, III '21
Gail C. Boulanger '91
Mark P. Boulanger, CPA '93
Troy A. Cantalupo '16
Rebecca S. Cantalupo '17
Janette L. Cook '83
Misty L. Coolidge '95
Roland A. Crawford '91
John D. Deane '88
M. L. Easler '85
Susan E. Faloon '97
Michael R. Falter-LaForest '12
Tamala L. Fletcher '84
Lisa M. Foye '91
Debra A. Gendreau '85
Robert G. Goodwin, M.Ed. '62
Susan M. Goss '80
Pamela J. Green '84
Ivanka N. Hernandez '22
John B. Hildreth '84
Gregory E. Holt '90
Todd T. Lewis '10
Nicole P. Lukaszewski '91
Eric D. Moore '91
Donetta A. Morse, CPA '91
Deborah L. Norotsky, RN '82
Stephen D. Noyes '77
Debra Noyes '78
Edward C. Oliver '76
William A. Osborne '71
Ernest E. Paciorkowski '76
Bonnie A. Pendleton '83
Theresa L. Pepin '85
Denise A. Plante '78
Heather J. Priest '88
Peter A. Robichaud '75
Elizabeth C. Russell '82
Bradley S. Ryder '75
John F. Silveira, Sr. '75
Sidney H. Snow '76
Peter D. Splaine '87
Donna Splaine '89
Christopher D. Stevenson '12
Peter A. Sund '90
Paul E. Theberge '88
David M. Vistica, CPA '80
Dana L. Walker '92
Christopher D. Whitman '09
Lynn Williamson '85
Peter C. Williamson '87

compete in the real world. There was an opportunity for a promotion when I was only six months into my first job and it turned out that my accounting skills from Husson were far greater than my competition. I was offered the promotion."

Michael Simon '74 TKE reflected on his professors at Husson, "The teachers were involved and many of them had worked in the private sector before they became teachers. As such, they were able to provide real-life experience in addition to the prescribed lesson." This sentiment still held true almost forty years later for **Chris Stevenson '12** ΚΔΦ, who remarked, "The professors at Husson are unrivaled and teach you real-world skills to take with you in your career."

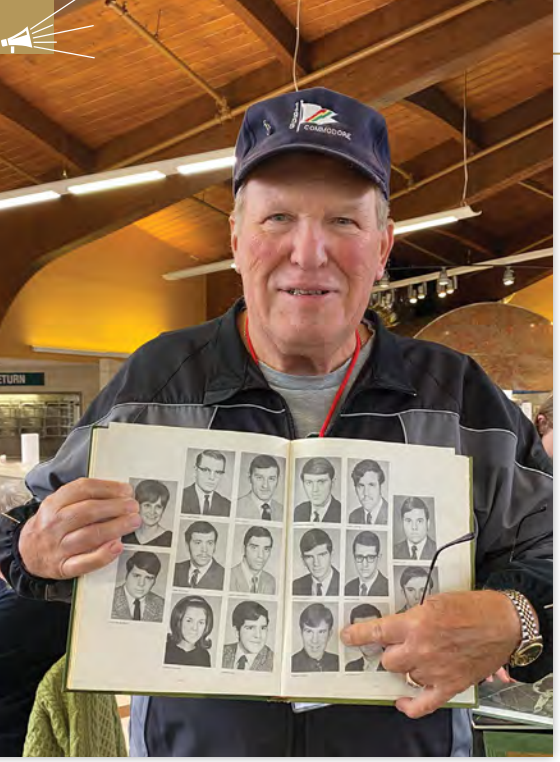
There were plenty of amusing reflections on faculty as well. One of the favorite memories of **Brad Ryder '75, '94G** ΚΔΦ was of **Dr. Vesta M. Parsons**, chair of the, English section. "Under great duress, I took a public speaking class with Dr. Parsons. It was one of my least favorite classes in four years, but I have relied on that experience every time I find myself in a public speaking role. Thank you Dr. Parsons!"

Misty Coolidge '98 ΚΔΦ also had a tough love experience with her favorite paralegal professor, **Bonnie Haghkerdar**. "As a freshman, she scared the pants off of us and taught us hard. She was relentless and I learned so much from her. I look back and chuckle at the grumbles we used to have when she'd force us to dress professionally for our 8:00 a.m. classes with her (boy did we hate it). But I am so thankful for her and her tough love."

Chesley Husson, not surprisingly, had a lasting impact on many of our alumni as well. **David Kimel '72** TKE shared, "Chief Husson assembled an incredible staff from the workers and managers of Dickerman Dining Commons to the maintenance staff, faculty, coaches and advisors. They took the best from him and passed it along to the rest of the Husson community, and they passed it along to those who succeeded them, and on it has gone. That is why I believe the spirit of 'Chief' Chesley H. Husson, Sr., is the spirit of Husson University today."

Kimel had a serendipitous start to his Husson education. "I arrived at Husson a week early. I had been traveling with my family and we had not gotten the notice that construction of the new campus caused a one-week delay in its 1968 opening. I was met there by **Chief Chesley H. Husson, Sr.** Long story short, he challenged me to start a campus radio station and I did (WHSN). Having grown up in the business, I knew a little about it, but was challenged to learn much more. I had to develop a business plan, present it to the Husson Board of Trustees, implement the plan, then manage every aspect of WHSN operations. The first WHSN transmitter consisted of a guitar pick-up (about 1 inch by 3 inches) connected to a roll of wire that ran the length of my Carlisle dormitory wing. The music input was a reel-to-reel tape recorder. The signal could be picked up on any FM radio for a distance of up to 500 feet." (See page 18 to learn more about the history of WHSN.)

Mihan found that Greek life also had an impact on these alumni. "I've had a passion for helping people throughout my life and the philanthropy ideals of



Robert Hager '70 is pointing to his senior picture at the TKE reunion.

Kappa aligned with my passions. I have volunteered on numerous boards and committees throughout my life, a spark ignited initially as a child and reinforced through the sisterhood," reflected **Susan Faloon '97** ΚΔΦ. Haroldsen's Greek life experience had a lasting effect on his career as well. "Tau Kappa Epsilon had a major influence on my business career. I have had long-lasting Husson friends and business contacts throughout my career. The fraternity helped me with becoming more of an extrovert and helped me hone my business skills (we ran it like a business) and my people skills."

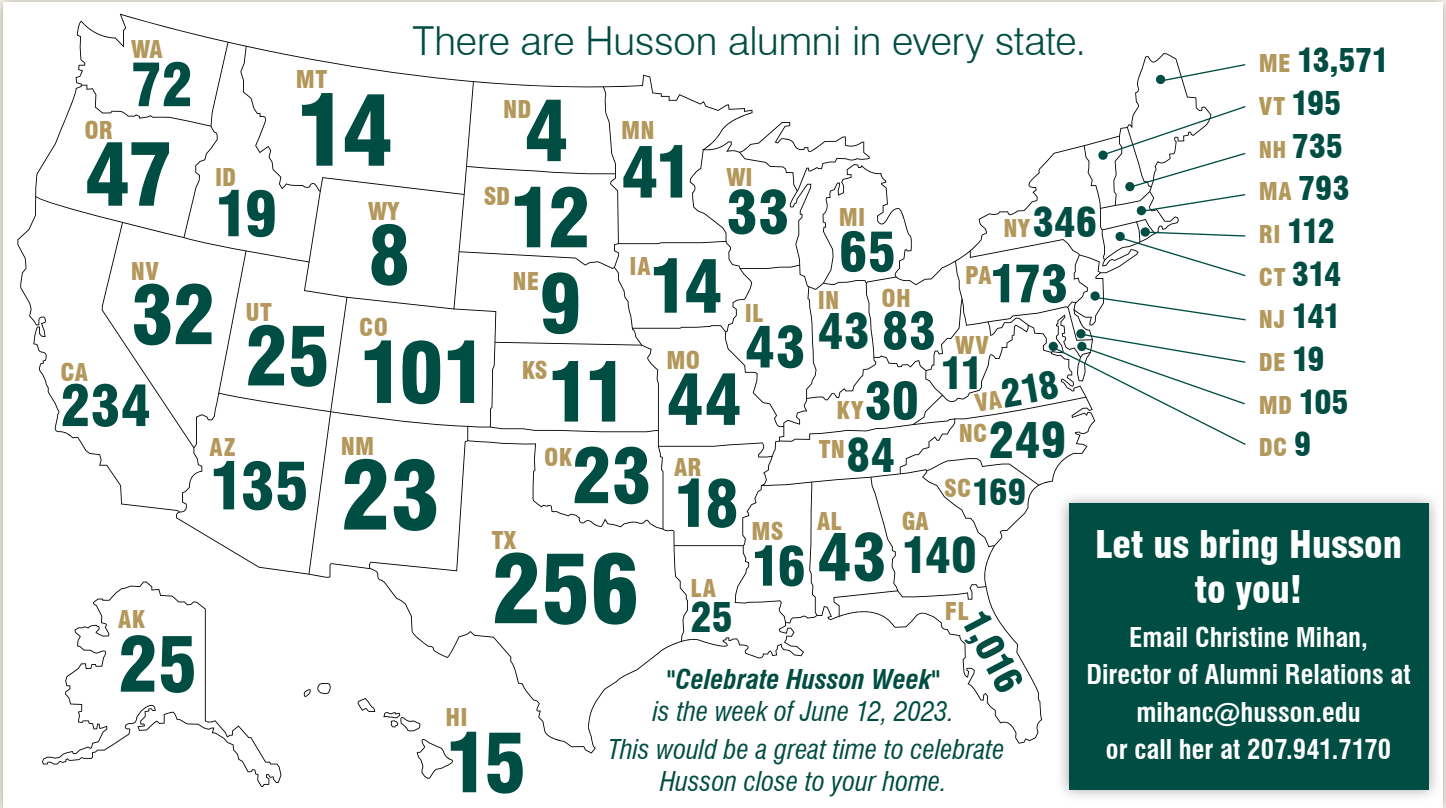
When asked for one piece of advice to give to current students, all the alumni had similar sentiments. "Take advantage of all the University has to offer. Explore Maine and see the beautiful elements that make it 'Vacationland.' As a kid who grew up in New York City, it was a great experience living in Maine," Simon shared. While Kimel offered, "College is not just for learning subjects. It is for learning life. Learn the skills and dedicate yourself to being a life-long learner. Develop friendships that will bring you happiness and comfort while teaching you to provide the same to others."

Looking back on her life since their days at Husson, Faloon shared, "Experience every piece of the college experience you can and don't hold back because it is brief but life-changing. Never be afraid to change your path (I have many times), because every step makes you who you are. I was so reminded of all this when the sisters got back together for the reunion, and we were telling stories. I had so many stories to tell from this somewhat brief period of time in my life and it felt like it was yesterday." Ryder's advice was, "If you are thinking, how am I ever going to put this to use? Just go with it! You will be amazed at what different jobs and situations you will find yourself in when you reach back and rely on that education."

Ryder also reflected on Husson's overall history, with an eye to the future. "Husson has experienced some great and not-so-great times in the 50+ years I have been associated with it. Decades ago, local business leaders were responsible for the survival of this institution. Since then, the leadership of Husson has made it grow and prosper. I would like to specifically mention the current President, **Dr. Robert Clark** and his team for their vision and leadership that has been responsible for its tremendous success!"

As we prepare to kick off the 125th anniversary of our founding in the fall of 2023, we encourage you to visit campus, engage with us through social media and attend alumni events in your area. Husson has a special history and a bright future.

Interested in Hosting A Husson Event in Your Area?



It's What You Know *and* Who You Know

Husson Alumni find recruitment success at school career fairs

During his senior year at Husson University, **Stephen Speronis '19** attended a career fair on campus. "It was the College of Business Career Fair held at the Richard Dyke Center for Family Business," recalls Speronis. There, he met **Jaclyn A. Fish '05**, senior vice president of Bangor Savings Bank. Speronis learned about a newly created management training program at the bank.



Stephen Speronis '19

"I applied for the position and after an extensive interview process, I was selected," says Speronis. "I have been employed at Bangor Savings Bank ever since."

"Stephen's time at Husson built strategic thinking and he benefited from learnings that enable him to be nimble and continue to grow," said Amber Heffner-Cosby, SVP, director of business intelligence and software engineering at Bangor Savings Bank. "Stephen easily navigates new subjects and work responsibilities with a high level of alacrity. He is a big picture thinker and an asset to the IT Department as our IT product manager."

Fish is a 2005 graduate of Husson University who earned a Bachelor of Science in business administration with a concentration in marketing. She



Jaclyn Fish '05

currently sits on the University's Board of Trustees. "Our leaders have found tremendous value in attending Husson career fairs, where we can connect with students, from accounting to marketing, looking for a rewarding career in banking," says Fish. "Husson students are well prepared with the skills and experiences that fit our culture and they are qualified candidates to fill diverse and open positions throughout our New England footprint."

Husson Career Services typically runs a General Career Fair in the fall, usually the first week of November. Then, a second fair in the spring is focused on hospitality and business. "We generally get between 150 and 230 students attending these fairs," says **James Westhoff**, director of Career Services.

And there are plenty of choices for those that attend. From the corporate world, to healthcare and hospitality to government jobs, the number of employers that attend has grown so large that Career Services moved the fairs from the Center for Family Business to the Newman Gymnasium.

Morgan Sturdivant '11 remembers attending career fairs while pursuing her degree in communication with a concentration in broadcast journalism from the New England School of Communications. As the assistant news director and noon anchor at WABI-TV in Bangor, she now returns to her alma mater to recruit for the television station.

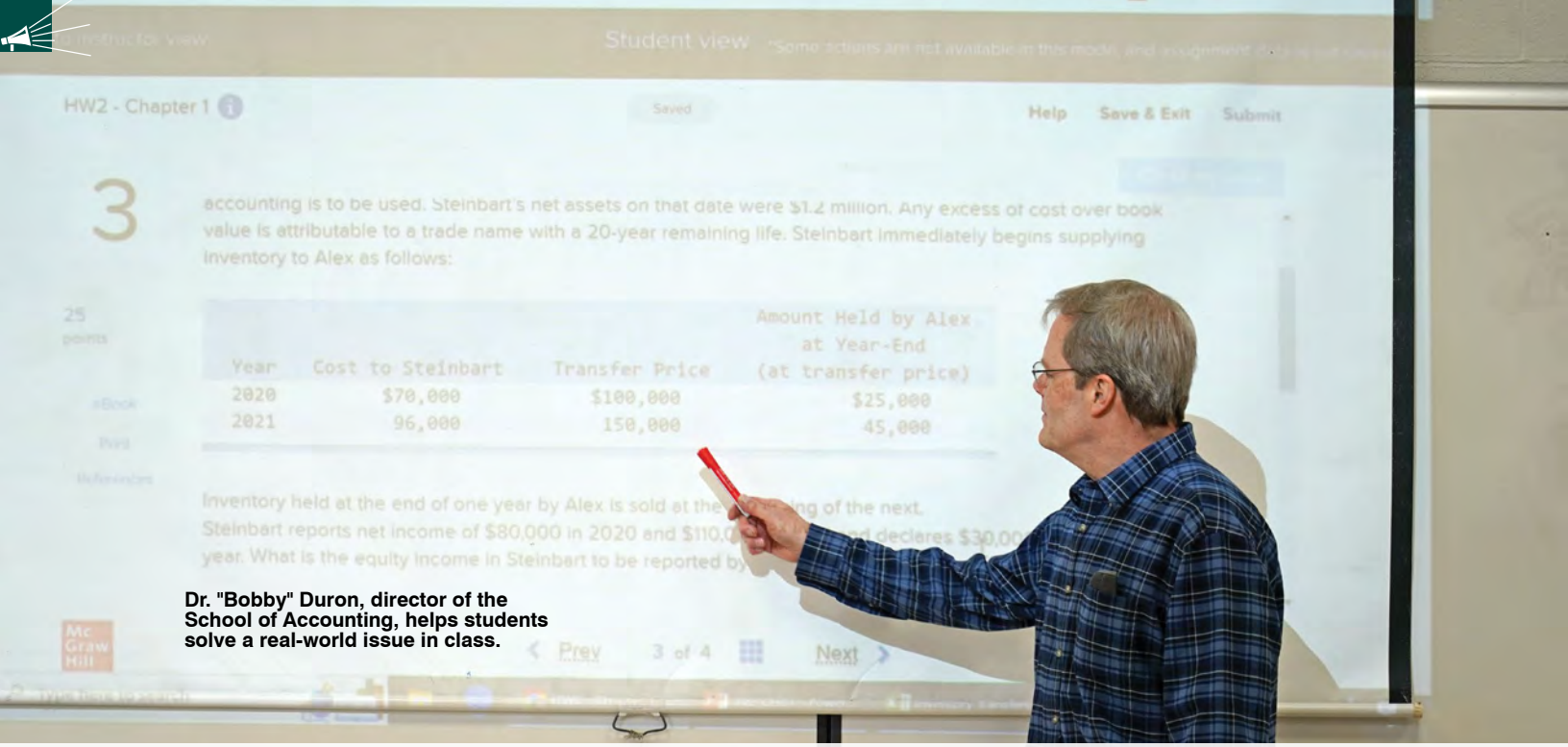
"Not only do we have positions in the news department but also in creative services, production, engineering sales and more," says Sturdivant. "It is such a valuable opportunity to talk to students one-on-one, on their own turf where they are comfortable."



Morgan Sturdivant '11

Sturdivant knows first hand how valuable the experiential learning at Husson is for WABI. "The hands-on approach that NESCom instructors provided to me while in school was easily transferable once I was hired at WABI," she says. "And it helps that WABI management, the chief photographer, senior anchors and reporters as well as other staff members stay in close contact with NESCom instructors."

Speronis now also returns to his roots in hopes of finding new talent for Bangor Savings Bank. He says it's the quality of education that sets Husson students apart from the rest. "The faculty and staff are truly dedicated to ensuring the success of their students and this is evident in the talented young professionals that the University produces," says Speronis. " I am always excited when we recruit alumni from Husson due to their exceptional skills and ability to contribute to the growth and success of our organization."



Dr. "Bobby" Duron, director of the School of Accounting, helps students solve a real-world issue in class.

Want a Fascinating Job for Life? Try Accounting. (Yes, Really)

There is a mistaken perception among college-age job seekers that accountants have to work long hours for low pay.

> "Accountants must understand a variety of businesses in order to understand what the numbers actually mean."
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> —Patricia Brigham
> Executive Director, Maine Society of Certified Public Accountants

While that may have been the case 10 or 20 years ago, today, the field of accounting is both rewarding and lucrative. Unfortunately, this career path is not something that high schools push heavily. Instead, secondary schools tend to encourage students to pursue opportunities in nursing, education, physical therapy, and other careers."



According to **Patricia Brigham**, the executive director of the Maine Society of Certified Public Accountants (MECPA), accounting involves far more critical thinking than simply crunching numbers. Accountants must understand a variety of businesses in order to understand what the numbers actually mean. MECPA, an organization founded in 1924, has had a long relationship with Husson University. They've created an endowed scholarship with Husson and a recent graduate is also a member of their board of governors.

Brigham says her professional membership association enjoys many ties with Maine colleges and universities, all of which help with recruitment. MECPA also offers free memberships to Husson students, which allows them to participate in networking events and social activities such as an annual golf tournament.

"We want to connect with students," Brigham says. "They are the future of the industry. Selfishly, I'm working to create a pipeline with universities like Husson that can help us bring more students into the profession."

That's a challenge, not only in Maine but across the country, where the industry is facing a "severe shortage" of certified public accountants (CPAs). Brigham say the number of CPAs has declined 10% - 15% percent over the past few years. At the same time, the need for accountants is growing, making a career in accounting one of the most stable professions imaginable: CPAs nationwide enjoy a shockingly low unemployment rate of just 0.7 percent, she says.

"In New England, some of the starting salaries for accountants are $60,000 to $65,000 and there's really no limit. A chief financial officer at a major company could make $300,000. If you're a partner at a firm in Maine,

you could easily be making well into the six figures," Brigham says.

In an effort to attract the next generation of accountants to the industry, MECPA created two student representative seats on their board of governors last year. One of those seats is now held by Husson student **Angelica Hartel '23**. She's also the president of the university's Accounting Society, which invites firms to visit campus and talk about what they do. In addition, the student group coordinates open houses with accounting firms across Maine so that students can get a feel for the office environment.

"It shows students what the jobs inside the firms are like, and it's a great way to network," Hartel says.

Originally from Iowa, Hartel is one of Husson's nontraditional students. Married with two young children, she juggles classwork and family life along with her studies. Hartel found her love of accounting later in life.

"Before I met my husband, I didn't really know what taxes were. I grew up with a mom who was on disability so taxes weren't really a thing. I did taxes with my mother-in-law for the first time in 2013, and I said, "This is fun." My mother-in-law said, 'There's something wrong with you," she laughs.

Hartel isn't alone in her love of accounting at Husson. **Dr. Robert "Bobby" Duron**, the director of the School of Accounting in Husson's College of Business, quickly becomes animated about the subject.

"There's not a single company on the planet that doesn't need accounting. It provides steady employment and you're doing something that everyone needs. It's also a skill set that's in demand because not everyone knows how to do it," Duron says.

Nothing proves that point better than job offers to Husson students. This fall, the campus had 18 firms recruiting for accounting jobs and just 12 students graduating with accounting degrees.

"When I have potential students come to campus, I can tell their parents with a straight face that their student will have a job a year before graduation," Duron says. "It's almost 100% placement. There's rarely a week that goes by that I don't receive an email from a CPA or accounting firm that's looking for people. It's almost getting cutthroat in a friendly way. The firms are coming earlier and earlier to offer jobs to students and take them off the market."

Of course, accounting and tax preparation has changed wildly over the past few decades, with off-the-shelf tax preparation software available to the masses. And while that may make the dizzying prospect of tax preparation seem more accessible to the average person, the need for accountants will never stop, Duron contends.

"Those are just tools," Duron says. "That's like saying just because you have power tools instead of hand saws, you don't need a carpenter. It's just a tool that allows you to be more efficient. It frees up the accountants to find more ways to help a client. An accountant isn't just there to fill out forms. It's about tax planning, avoiding penalties, and staying in compliance. Anybody can plug numbers into a program. But tax planning is more valuable than tax preparation."

To learn more about the accounting programs offered by Husson University visit **Husson.edu/College-of-Business/School-of-Accounting**.

Two New Online Degrees!

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ANIMAL-ASSISTED THERAPY



This unique online program is ideal for anyone interested in psychology with a focus on animal-assisted therapy. Mental and physical-therapists integrate animals into treatment or visitation programs in order to improve others' physical, mental, emotional or social well-being. During visitation programs, animals accompany their owners to facilities and visit with the patients or residents. Students in this program will study animal behavior, animal welfare, psychology and equine- and canine-assisted therapy. The goal is to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of this growing field and a professional pathway for practice.

Based on the outpouring of interest when the University began offering its animal-assisted therapy certificate last year, Husson expects to enroll students from all over the country in this 100% fully online program. The strong expression of interest in this field of study combined with the strong reputation Husson has built in online psychology studies, should make this program enormously successful.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ANIMAL CARE AND BEHAVIOR

Ever wonder about the social dynamics of lion prides, why whales sing and why dogs provide therapeutic experiences for patients? The new bachelor's program in Animal Care and Behavior provides students with an in-depth understanding of animal behavior, from a biological perspective, along with education about the care and training of animals. It's ideal for any individual who's passionate about animals and is perfect for individuals interested in successful professional careers at zoos or aquariums, veterinary offices, animal shelters, animal rehabilitation facilities or game preserves.

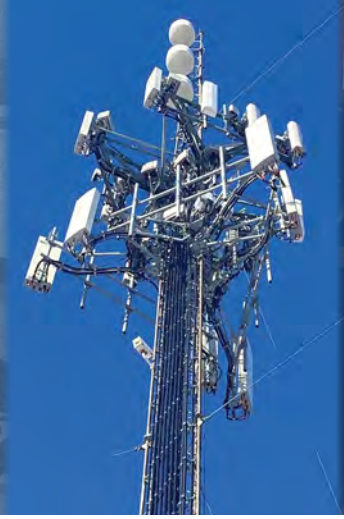
This bachelor's degree program is delivered 100% online. Slated to begin in the fall of 2023, it will be one of the few fully-online animal behavior programs in the country. This immersive online degree will cover such diverse topics as animal behavior, biology, animal health, nutrition and animal training. Students can also earn a certificate in animal training; diversity, equity and inclusion; leadership; and animal-assisted therapy along the way.

HUSSON ONLINE

These new programs are a demonstration of the innovative educational opportunities that students can find at Husson University. 100% online undergraduate programs are offered now in criminal justice, accounting, business, financial planning, RN-BSN, marketing, communications, psychology, software development, and graduate programs in nursing and business. Husson online undergraduate courses are only $1,194, with no hidden fees, offered all year round, with six separate start dates.

More information about these degrees and how to enroll can be found at **online.husson.edu**.







Transmission through Time

WHSN-FM recognizes more than 50 years on air as Husson's campus radio station

David Kimel '72 still remembers the moment he met **Chesley H. Husson, Sr**. The then president of Husson College noticed the license plate on Kimel's car. It was the call letters for one of two radio stations Kimel's father owned.

"Husson said he always thought it would be nice to have a campus radio station," recalls Kimel.

That was in the fall of 1968 and Husson College was still under construction. But President Husson was determined to give the school time on the airwaves. A year later, Kimel presented his plan to the Husson College Board of Trustees. "I admit I put in as much time into planning the school's radio station as I did my assigned studies," he chuckles.

At that time, no students were allowed to attend a board meeting. President Husson was out sick so Vice President **Chelsey Husson, Jr**. served as the go-between. "Board members asked questions about my proposal which he would bring to me in an adjoining room," explains Kimel. "He would then bring my responses back to the board. Like his father, Husson, Jr. believed in me and the proposal was approved."

WHSN started with a studio and office in one corner of Peabody Hall near what was the Student Center. "We designed stationery, developed advertising packages, hired and trained announcers, producers, copy writers and newscasters," says Kimel. "It was a real, operating student-run radio station."

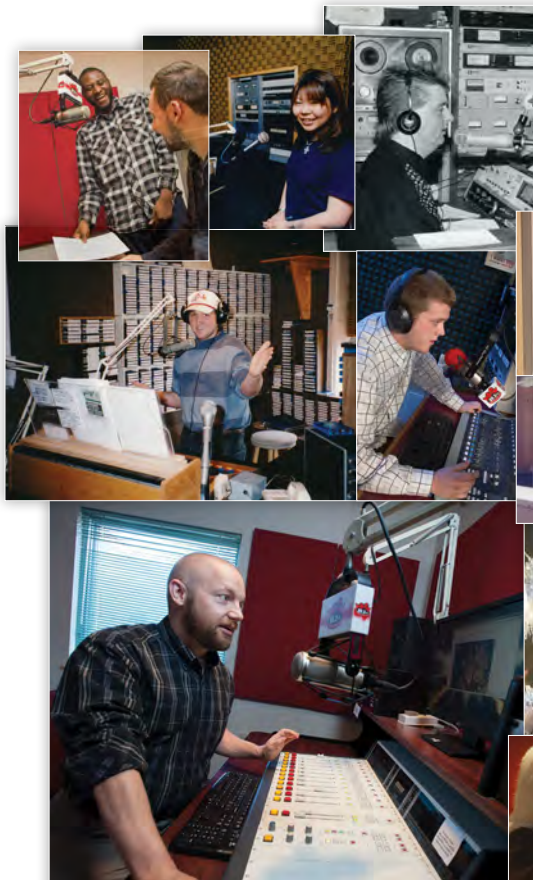
Mike Anderson '75 was looking for something to do during his freshman year at Husson. He signed up for WHSN because "it seemed like a fun thing to be a part of."

Anderson became Kimel's "right hand man," as Kimel describes him, and the two of them worked together to bring the fledgling station up to broadcast quality. "Dave had already secured funding to broadcast on campus," explains Anderson. "We were using the electrical system in the dorms as an antenna and some used equipment that he found."

By the spring of 1970, WHSN-FM was on the air. Anderson went on to become the general manager for the station. "I worked on behalf of the college and trustees to secure the educational FM FCC license and fought for station funding in the Student Senate," he says.

In 1986, the New England School of Broadcasting (NESB) took over day-to-day operations. Founder **George Wildey** saw the radio station as an opportunity to give hands-on training to broadcasting students. He asked recent NESB graduate **Tim Cotton '83** to manage the operation. "I think since I was young, he felt I could relate to the students a bit more," says Cotton.

Cotton also already had radio experience, as part of the morning show team with Bobby Russell at



WZON-FM, the radio station owned by Stephen King. “The NESB students knew that, so they asked me a lot of questions,” recalls Cotton. “Getting the FCC licensing straight was important to George [Wildey] so we worked on that as well as getting a new transmitter.”

In 1988, Wildey asked the then program director for WWMJ-WDEA in Ellsworth, out to lunch. “I had been bugging him about an adjunct teaching position at NESB,” says **Ben Haskell**. “The students called it ‘NEZ-BEE.’ At that time, it was a one-year certification program training radio announcers and TV cameramen.”

At that lunch, Haskell was hired on as the school director and general manager/ faculty program director for WHSN. “I was the first full-time employee,” he says. Haskell started weekly staff meetings at the station. The students were taught programming techniques, back timing, and music rotation.

“We had the AP Newswire brought into the station for the news reporting students and they broadcast hourly newscasts,” says Haskell.

Mark Nason ’97 NESCom AS, ’10 NESCom BS, & ’17 Husson MEd worked at WHSN while attending NESCom. One year later, he returned to the radio station as its program director. It’s a role Nason remains in today. “My duties include overseeing the student staff, keeping up FCC paperwork and handling the business of the radio station including underwriting sponsorships.”

WHSN runs an "Alternative" format that includes a wide range of music. The radio station supports local artists and bands. Vinyl records and turntables turned into CDs in the mid-1990s. In 1997, WHSN moved from Peabody Hall to the newly opened New England School of Communications along with a new 3,000-watt stereo transmitter.

In addition to music and news, WHSN live broadcasts all of Husson University’s home basketball, baseball and football games. They also bring in guests from local non-profits and arts organizations for on-air interviews. The radio station has won both regional and national awards.

In addition to training NESCom students for careers in broadcasting, the radio station works to build opportunities for other colleges on campus. Since the start of the pandemic, School of Nursing students studying mental health write and record public service announcements at WHSN as part of their community outreach.

“The station serves two communities- the campus community which is always changing and the greater Bangor area community,” says Nason. “We’ve had some listeners that have been with us for decades. Even if I didn’t run it, I’d still listen to it every day.”



JUST SOME OF THE FORMER WHSN VOICES OUT THERE ON THE AIRWAVES.

Paul Allen ’10 WKIT/WZLO
Dan Coulton ’87 CHWV
Paul Dupuis ’90 WNSX
Gino Devaney ’09 WDOD
Mike Dow ’84 WABK/WBAK/WBKA
Mandy Exly ’04 WTOS/WKSQ
Cooper Fox ’01 WMME
Dave Isaac ’88 WKIT
Nelson Jewell ’90 WHCF
Geno Knight WRBQ
Christian Mower ’10 WFTN
Mark Nason ’97, ’10, ’18 WHSN
Chris O’Neil ’00 WFFG
Jeff Parsons ’91, ’92 WJBQ
Jason Roberts ’90 WKIT
Chris Rush ’92, ’93 WFMX
Bill Sargent ’95 WOKO
Dan Schwartz ’04 WKIT/WZLO
Jon Shields ’05 WKSQ
Tony Smith ’94 CJXL
Paul Wolfe ’11 WQCB

Kimel returned to the family broadcast business after graduating from Husson. “We opened what was to become a large broadcast brokerage and consulting business,” he says. “George Wildey represented our company, New England Media, in the northern Maine market.”

Cotton worked for 34 years as an officer and detective for the Bangor Police Department. He became an international sensation for his “Duck of Justice” Facebook posts on the Bangor PD Facebook page. Now retired, Cotton has written several books and continues to post daily reflections on social media with more than 330K followers.

“You can hear the legacy of WHSN on countless radio stations across the state even to this day,” adds Haskell, who is now retired from NESCom. “Men and women who trained at NESB in those early years who went into a profession they continue to love. From radio station ownership, to community leaders, to well respected on-air talent in Maine, New England and beyond, these students will all give credit to the New England School of Broadcasting, its faculty and their formative hours on WHSN-FM.”



FROM SERBIA TO HUSSON, Biology Graduate Finds Her Home with Maine-based Company



By conducting environmental field sampling, Radovanovic is helping to protect our natural environment here in Maine.

Ivana Radovanovic ’22 jokes that if you ask her friends what she does for a living, they’ll say, “She hugs trees.”

There is, however, a bit of truth in that. After graduating as a Bachelor of Science in biology, Radovanovic works across Maine conducting environmental field sampling for Haley Ward, an engineering, environmental and surveying company. Her mission is to identify any potentially hazardous environmental issues with commercial properties.

“Every day is different from another, so every day is a favorite day,” says Radovanovic, who was born in Serbia and came to the United States specifically to attend Husson. “We go all over the state. You get to see a lot of towns that you wouldn’t see otherwise. You have to visit the places where you live so you can love it even more.”

Her projects range from asbestos surveys to environmental assessments to testing for PFAS, the pervasive “forever chemicals” found in everything from food packaging to frying pans to foul weather gear. Her employer, Bangor-based Haley Ward, with about 200 employees and offices in five states, holds a contract with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection to examine farmlands that have potentially been impacted by PFAS-contaminated sludge.

Her job on any given day can be part field researcher, part sleuth, says her supervisor, Dennis Kingman. Recently, she’s been conducting environmental due diligence on a convenience store chain in advance of its possible sale.

“The site visit is one thing, but the regulatory research is also important,” Kingman says. “It’s not just looking at how the site is used now but also how it has been used in the past. It’s kind of a detective-like process.”

To do that, Radovanovic looks at aerial photos, topographical maps, and insurance maps. She has also learned to navigate municipal offices looking for tax records or code enforcements documentation associated with the sites she is assessing.

Kingman says he’s been thrilled with how quickly Radovanovic “devoured everything” she needed to be successful at her job.

“The College of Science and Humanities at Husson has really done a good job in training their students. It’s one thing to go to college and learn. It’s another to go to college and learn the things that are important. Husson teaches students about the reality of what a job in environmental sciences actually is,” Kingman says.

For now, Radovanovic is an entry-level technician. That means that Haley Ward will give her a broad spectrum of experiences so that she will find the niche where she wants to focus, Kingman says.

And while she’s still more than 4,000 miles from her family in Belgrade, Serbia—a city with the same population as all of Maine—Radovanovic says she feels at home in her adopted state.

“I enjoy Maine,” she says. “I love hiking and kayaking. I would say that now I’m a country girl with the heart of a city girl.”



Southern Maine Holiday Party at Skillin's Greenhouse, owned by Mike Skillin '84

Husson wants to stay connected with you!

As a member of the Husson family, you can appreciate that your experience as a student lasted only a few years, however, being an alum lasts the rest of your life!

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The newly re-organized alumni association wants to expand its footprint to be across the nation, and we need YOUR help to do it. In addition to our signature events including: Alumni Appreciation Week, the last week of January; Husson Heads to Florida in March; Celebrate Husson in June and of course, Homecoming in the fall, we'd like to host local events throughout the country. Our first chapter, located in Southern Maine, has enabled our alumni to gather and network on a Schooner Cruise, at happy hours, holiday parties and even cheered on the Maine Mariner's hockey team together. We've also held alumni gatherings in North Carolina and Florida. We want you to stay in touch with your Husson classmates regardless of where you live.

There are many ways to stay involved with your fellow Eagles (or Braves). If you are interested in a local chapter, please email alumni@husson.edu. Whether it's rooting on a Husson Eagles sports team at an away game, hosting a professional networking event, or gathering at a social, we want you to be able to maintain and foster new connections while you continue to benefit from your Husson education and experience. Be sure to visit **www.husson.edu/alumni/events** regularly to see what's next.

If you are unable to meet us in person, then make sure to keep up-to-date on Husson happenings through our monthly e-newsletter and social media pages. On Facebook, we are Husson University Alumni, on Instagram, we are Husson Alumni and on LinkedIn, Husson University Alumni and Friends. If you have a promotion or a life event to share, let us know so we can include it in our monthly e-newsletter and in this publication. Visit **www.husson.edu/alumni** and follow the navigation to "Class Note Submission" to share your news with us.

And finally, if you would like to share your experience and expertise with current students, no matter where in the world you are, consider becoming a mentor. Career Services is looking for alumni to proof resumes, allow students to practice their interview skills both in-person and virtually, and network with professionals globally in the field they are studying. Visit **www.husson.edu/student-success/career-services/alumni-career-services** to sign up today.

We look forward to reuniting with you in person, or virtually!

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS'S IACBE ACCREDITATION REAFFIRMED

In addition to the rigorous accreditation process Husson undergoes with NECHE to ensure academic excellence throughout the University, a significant number of schools and colleges complete additional accreditation reviews from organizations dedicated to specific academic disciplines. One such organization is the International Accreditation Council for Business Education (IACBE).

In October of 2022, Husson University's College of Business was granted a reaffirmation of specialized business accreditation for several of its business-related degree programs by the IACBE's Board of Commissioners.

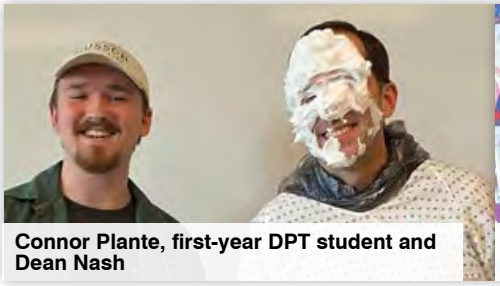
To earn reaffirmation of accreditation, Husson University's College of Business was required to demonstrate its business programs complied with IACBE's accreditation principles by undergoing a rigorous self-evaluation and a comprehensive, independent peer review. IACBE accreditation principles include a commitment to: integrity, responsibility and ethical behavior; quality assessment and advancement; strategic planning; business curricula and learning opportunities; business faculty characteristics, activities and processes; resources supporting business programs; external relationships and innovation in business education.

At the conclusion of this process, Husson University's College of Business was found to have demonstrated a commitment to continuous improvement, exhibited excellence in business education, and advanced academic quality in its business programs and operations.

"Earning accreditation from the International Accreditation Council for Business Education signifies that Husson University's College of Business has met or exceeded a series of rigorous business education standards," said **Dr. Marie Hansen**, dean of the College of Business at Husson University. "The high quality of our programs, combined with our dedication to putting students first, are some of the reasons why so many students choose to get their undergraduate business degrees in accounting, business administration, hospitality management and sport management from Husson."

"At the graduate level, more students choose to get their MBA from Husson University than any other College of Business in our state," continued Hansen. "With high quality undergraduate and graduate business-related degree programs, and nearly 125 years of business education experience, Husson University has proven itself to be the leading College of Business in Maine."

Faculty Get Pied in the Face to Help Husson Students



Connor Plante, first-year DPT student and Dean Nash



PT Professor Michelle Slike and PT student Abigail (Abby) Ketch.

When a group of Husson physical therapy (PT) students approached **Dr. Michelle Slike**, an assistant professor in the School of Physical Therapy, about doing a community service project, a unique idea was born. Dr. Slike took the idea to faculty leaders from the Schools of Physical Therapy, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, and Pharmacy, where she received an enthusiastic response. Every school in the College of Health and Pharmacy was on board to raise funds for Husson's Food Insecurity and Emergency Fund. For $1 per ticket, students were able to purchase a chance to throw pies in the faces of their professors.

According to a 2021 study published in Maine Policy Review, 27.4% of college students in the state were considered moderately food insecure with an additional 3.8% experiencing severe food insecurity. By following through with the fundraiser, the group was able to immediately impact students at Husson who were in need of extra assistance.

Recognizing the depth of the issue and looking to be a part of the solution, faculty members from every school in the College of Health and Pharmacy volunteered to get pied. The dean of the college, James Nash, also volunteered to get pied by one lucky student from the school who raised the most money.

After raising $833 from 44 separate donors, the School of Physical Therapy was declared the winner.

Connor Plante, a first year PT student, was chosen to pie Dean Nash. Connor even challenged Dean Nash to donate an additional $50.

"Students loved it," said **Ryan Wheelock**, a fifth year PT student and president of Husson's Organization of PT Students. "Besides supporting a good cause, the pie events were a great way to end the fall semester and relieve some stress. I think when we do this again in the future, we will make an even bigger impact on the lives of Husson students who need assistance."



Pictured above, in alpha order: Nate Adams, Lance Bernier, Keith Bosley, Stacey Decastro, Kevin Hansley, Amy McIntosh Hodgdon, Joseph Mello, Steve Noyes, Ed Oliver, Roy Perry, Lona Sargent, Tim Smith, Rick Sylvain, and Ray-Ray Wiggins

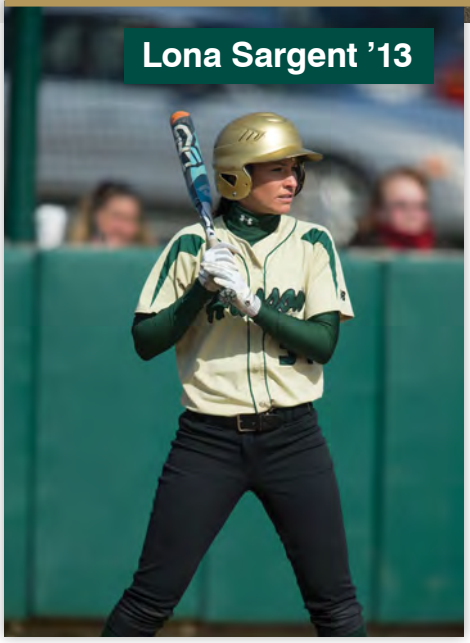
One of the Largest Inductions in Husson Sports Hall of Fame History

December 2, 2022 was an historic evening for Husson University athletics, not only was it the first time in two years that the Husson Sports Hall of Fame hosted a banquet, but it was one of the largest induction classes in University history.

Nine former student-athletes, one coach and members of the 1973 men's soccer team not previously included in the Sports Hall of Fame, all became the newest inductees. The list included **Nate Adams '12**, **Lance Bernier '13**, **Coach Keith Bosley**, **Kevin Hansley '90**, **Annie McIntosh Hodgdon '07**, **Laurie Melen '08, DPT '12**, **Roy Peary '98**, **Lona Sargent '13**, **Tim Smith '15**, **Ernest "Ray Ray" Wiggins '13** and the remaining members of the 1973 men's soccer team. They included **Mike Bell '73, Steve Noyes '77, Gil Neves, Rick Sylvain '74, Nick Civitillo '75, Jack Poyer '75, Leslie Farr, Bill Finney, Gary Powers, Art Bartholomew '74, Rudi Cabral, Jim Kinney '77** and student manager **Ed Oliver '76.** The team was coached by **Milan Kesar**.

For many of these inductees, Husson gave them an avenue to both showcase their talents and shape who they would become down the road. For Tim Smith, his decision to come to Husson wasn't immediate. After attending the University of Maine for two years and suffering an injury, Smith decided that he wanted to expedite his college experience and Husson gave him that opportunity.

"It was a great opportunity. I always knew I wanted to go into business and as far as I could with my education," Smith said. "It was difficult to leave the University of Maine, but it was not difficult to make the decision to attend Husson. It was the best professional career move for me."



Lona Sargent '13

Smith's intuition paid off. He excelled in both the classroom and on the diving board for the Eagles, winning two New England Diving Championships and graduating with a 3.9 GPA. Additionally, Smith applied his education into a successful real estate career in both Maine and now Florida.

Like Smith, Husson opened doors for softball alumna Lona Sargent. Her four years at Husson and on the softball team gave Sargent the avenue needed to hone her skills both professionally and athletically. One of the top outfielders in program history, following graduation, Sargent became a No. 1 best-selling author on Amazon and works as both a personal trainer and life coach in Florida and online.



Tim Smith '15

"I started my own personal training business, in-person and online," Sargent stated. "Then, I wrote a book and it became a No. 1 bestseller on Amazon. Teachers like **Dr. Lee Speronis** helped me believe that I could do anything that I wanted to do. It's such a good program and a good school."

It was this same confidence that brought Sargent back to Husson prior to COVID to speak to the entire Husson athletics department about her journey and inspire the next generation of student-athletes to reach for the stars.

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**

1960s

Steve Flanagan '67 has retired from a 55-year career in financing, investing, developing and brokering commercial real estate. His career began in 1967 with Aetna Realty Investors and culminated with Florida Land Advisors which he founded in 2009.

1980s

Since retiring as a Major for the USAF and Texas Air National Guard, **Scott A. Small '84** has been a realtor in Texas since 2003. He presently serves on the board of directors for the San Antonio Board of Realtors and hosts a monthly divorce workshop presenting the legal, financial and emotional aspects of those facing this milestone.

1990s

Houlton Regional Hospital has been named a Top Rural Hospital nationally by The Leapfrog Group for the second consecutive year. According to **Shawn Anderson, MSB '95G**, CEO at Houlton Regional Hospital, the Leapfrog Top Hospital award is widely acknowledged as one of the most competitive awards American hospitals can receive. The Top Hospital designation is bestowed by The Leapfrog Group, a national watchdog organization of employers and other purchasers widely acknowledged as the toughest standard-setters for health care safety and quality. Top Hospitals were honored at the 2022 Leapfrog Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner in Washington, D.C.

2000s

Adam F. Kohler '01 recently published his first book *Enjoying Life – A Memoir*. The memoir speaks about how his 20-year career shaped his life and what he learned from others.

Jason J. Parent, MSB '08G was recently promoted to executive director and chief executive officer of the Aroostook County Action Program. Parent holds a Master of Science in business degree from Husson University and a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication from the University of Maine at Presque Isle. Prior to joining ACAP, Parent held communication leadership positions in higher education and healthcare for nearly 20 years. Parent currently serves on the boards of the Maine Association of Non-Profits, Aroostook Partnership, Aroostook Aspirations Initiative, Aroostook Regional Transportation System, and Aroostook Home Health Services/Valley Home Health Services.

2010s

Nicole Waterhouse Cook '10 has just published her second book entitled *Always Been You* which can be ordered on Amazon. Her first book, *Slammed Into Inferno* can be purchased on Amazon as well. Cook earned her degree in mass communications from NESCom in 2010.

Tracie Papsadora, DPT '10, '12G recently joined University of Maine at Presque Isle as the assistant professor and academic coordinator of the physical therapist assistant program. Tracie earned her DPT in physical therapy from Husson University. Before joining UMPI, she served as the director of customer service and hospitality at Cary Medical Center. She is also an actively working physical therapist.

Robert Whitehead '10, '12 recently joined The Loring Job Corps Center and Career Systems Development Corporation as their new director of human resources. Whitehead brings more than 30 years' experience in leadership, training and policy development to his new position. He earned his degrees in accounting and business administration from Husson University. Prior to joining Loring, he served as division chief for Transportation Working Capital and spent over 23 years with Defense Finance and Accounting Service. Prior to that, Whitehead served his country for 10 years in the United States Air Force.

Cassandra L. Openshaw, MSOT '13, '15G was awarded the 2022 Practitioner of the Year Award from the Maine Occupational Therapy Association.

Conor Sweeney '14 recently stepped into an exciting new role as global head of people at Fountain – a global SaaS company who has built and scaled an all-in-one high volume hiring platform that empowers the world's leading enterprises to find, qualify, and hire the right people. In this role, he oversees a global team responsible for the company's HR strategy. Fountain currently operates in 30 states and 14 different countries. In addition to his senior leadership role at Fountain, Sweeney will also begin his executive MBA studies in March of 2023.

2020s

Twin brothers **Thomas Nadeau, PT, DPT '19, '21G** and **Alexander Nadeau, PT, DPT '19, '21G** are opening Coastal Carolina Physical Therapy, LLC in January 2023. Coastal Carolina Physical Therapy, located in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, is an outpatient physical therapy clinic specializing in outpatient orthopedic services, dry needling, cupping and numerous restorative treatment approaches to restore aches, pains and physical ailments.

Victoria Friend '22 completed her Bachelor of Science in nursing degree in December 2022. Just one month later, she was beginning her nursing career at the Duke Cancer Center in Durhan, North Carolina. She is excited to begin this new chapter in her professional life!

Husson Prepares Thanksgiving Meals for Those in Need









Husson University Dining Services volunteers prepared nearly 150 Thanksgiving meals for Bangor-area seniors and disabled community members.

Anyone who has shopped at the grocery store lately knows that food prices have gone through the roof. According to the market research firm IRI, this past year's Thanksgiving meal cost approximately 13.5% more in 2022 than the prior year.[1] That included the cost of turkey and other meats, baking essentials, beverages and the popular side dishes traditionally eaten during the holiday.

In an effort to assist the elderly and disabled community in Bangor, Husson University worked together with the Caleb Group and Harbor Management to provide Thanksgiving meals to those in need. To meet the surging demand for assistance due to increased food costs, Husson, the Caleb Group and Harbor Management prepared and distributed 35% more Thanksgiving dinners this year.

This was the third consecutive year Husson University partnered with these property management and resident services organizations to prepare and deliver Thanksgiving meals to Bangor-area seniors and disabled community members. The increased cost of food for those on a fixed income made this effort more imperative this year.

Bob Sedgwick, the director of Dining Services at Husson, was proud of his team's efforts. "Our volunteer dining services team worked on Thanksgiving to prepare these meals so that those in need could enjoy a holiday meal with turkey, all the fixings and our famous Husson homemade desserts."

Making this happen required the University's dining services team to prepare nearly 150 Thanksgiving meals for local elderly and disabled residents at Bradford Commons and Kenduskeag Terrace in Bangor. Both of these facilities are owned by The Caleb Group and managed by Harbor Management. The meal assembly took place in the kitchens of the Dickerman Dining Center on Husson's campus in Bangor.

Besides knowing she's helping seniors and the disabled make ends meet, Laurie Holmes, the resident services coordinator for the Caleb Group Holmes, derives enormous personal satisfaction in bringing smiles to residents' faces when they receive a Thanksgiving meal. "In addition to providing someone in need with some hot food, these meals are a way for all of us at The Caleb Group, Harbor Management and Husson University to let our neighbors and friends know that we care about them during the holiday season."

"It's a time when we remember to be grateful for what we have," continued Holmes. "Getting a hot Thanksgiving meal with all the trimmings does more than satisfy someone's hunger – it lifts their spirit, and that's something we should all feel good about."

[1] *CNN Business*, "Thanksgiving dinner will be a lot more expensive this year, report finds," Author: Danielle Wiener-Bronner, **https://www.cnn.com/2022/11/02/business/thanksgiving-prices**, November 2, 2022.

Retired Husson Educator and Coach Passes Away at Age 90



Dr. Janet Kinney, 90, passed away on January 11, 2023. For 41 years, she chaired the Courtroom, Teacher Education and Office Professions Division at Husson University. In this role, she helped develop degree programs in court reporting, conference reporting and information processing. During her time at the University, she also served as the acting academic dean, vice president of academic affairs and assistant to the provost.

A 1950 graduate of Bangor High School, Kinney received the Leslie Dickerman Scholarship to attend Husson. She graduated from the University in 1954 with a Bachelor of Science in business teacher education. Three years later, she completed a Master of Science in education from Boston University. In 1960 she earned a Certificate of Advanced Study from the University of Maine as well as a Doctor of Philosophy degree from Walden University in 1974. During her time at Husson she was a member of the Epsilon Tau Epsilon sorority.

In addition to her academic contributions, Kinney was the coach of the women's basketball team. Her 1958-1959 squad had an undefeated season. In 1987, she was inducted into the Husson University Sports Hall of Fame.

Even though her first name was spelled "Janet," she pronounced her name as "Jeanette." According to Kinney, she was delivered in the small town of Danforth, Maine on a day when the doctor was running late. After she was born, the doctor arrived and completed the necessary paperwork but spelled her name wrong. Laughingly, Kinney was reported to have said, "I was too cheap to spend the $15 to get it changed."

Kinney retired in 1998 and was named a Professor Emerita by Husson University's Board of Trustees. Her many contributions to this University's success will always be cherished.



IN MEMORIAM

1940s: Fannie BAKER Lancaster '48, '96 | Colleen SIROIS Mullis '48 **1950s:** Mae BALLANGER Alexander '50 | Elma COLE Lowell '50 | Dorothy McLEAN Pelletier '50 | Betty SCOTT Schick '50 | Amy MORRIS McLaughlin '51, '95 | Clayton A. ROGERS '52, '95 | Carlene PICARD Thibeault '55 | Arva J. ARCHER, RN '56 | Rinette LEVESQUE Pelletier '56 | Rosabelle NEWMAN French '59 | John L. RIOUX '59 **1960s:** Frank C. ACKLEY '61 | Donna KENNEDY White '62 | Ellen HINTON MacMichael '63 | Betty EARLEY Rogers '63 | Dean A. MCDOUGAL '64 | Joel A. VOISINE '65 | John A. WOOD, Jr. '65 | Stanley H. WHITE '66 | Mary Jo LYDEN Mauro '67 | James E. MCKEEN '67 | Joseph T. PAOLETTI '67 | Ruth BISHOP Rooney '68 | Gregory C. MIDDLETON '69 **1970s:** Katherine BALLARD Reay '71 | Michael N. LEWIS '71 | Rev. James R. SIDOTI '72 | Regina REEKS Utter '73 | Gary L. Matthews '73 | Jeri BROOKS Greenwell '74 | Joseph P. BRYANT '74 | Michael G. O'BRIEN '75 | Kathi ST. CLAIR Benton '78 | Michael L. CRIBBY '78 | Dennis C. FARRINGTON '78 | James A. WATSON '78 **1980s:** Dorothy BUSTIN Hillock '80 | Marie WALLACE Roy '83 | Betsy MACGREGOR Webb '83 | Michele LEFEBVRE Barnett '85 | Robert H. BRANDOW '88H **1990s:** Eben B. MARSH '93G **2000s:** Keith M. LAPOINTE '01 | Barbara L. CARY, RN '02 | Brady L. MICHAUD '04 | Michael A. STETSON '06, '09G **STUDENTS:** Jared A. CUSHING 2019-2022 **ATTENDED:** Gail BANTON Sleeper 1943-1944 | Richard E. STACEY 1956-1958 | James G. DONOVAN 1958-1960 | Kenneth E. STONE 1964-1966 | Alberic J. ROBICHAUD, Jr. 1967-1970 | Cheri A. LAKEMAN 1986-1989 | Zachary B. JAMIESON 1998-2008 **FORMER EMPLOYEE:** Ronald L. ALBRECHT 1981-1984 | Janet KINNEY '54, 1957-1998

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SPOTLIGHT

Announcing Husson GOLD

As part of the reorganization of the Husson University Alumni Association, recent alums came together to create a new group. Husson Graduates Of the Last Decade (Husson GOLD), focuses on new beginnings and setting our recent alumni up for lifelong success. **Marrissa Williams '21** will chair this group and help lead initiatives that will create more opportunities for recent alumni near and far.



"I am so excited to champion this new sector of our alumni association," remarked Williams. "As a student, Husson professors set you up for success, but this group will ensure our continued success as professionals.

"We realized there was a big difference between alumni who graduated five years ago and 50 years ago. Segmented programming that caters to specific alumni groups will allow us to focus on their very different needs," explained **Christine Mihan**, director of alumni relations.

This programming will include career-related educational opportunities, networking events where recent alumni can make connections, and events where recent alumni can gather to socialize and have fun.

"Since this is new, we're open to event ideas," continued Williams. "My goal is to make this a place where young alumni can stay connected with each other and Husson University following graduation. Hopefully, recent alumni from all over the world will make it a point to join Husson GOLD." If you are interested in joining Husson GOLD, or if you have an idea for an event that you'd like to share, please email alumni@husson.edu.

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