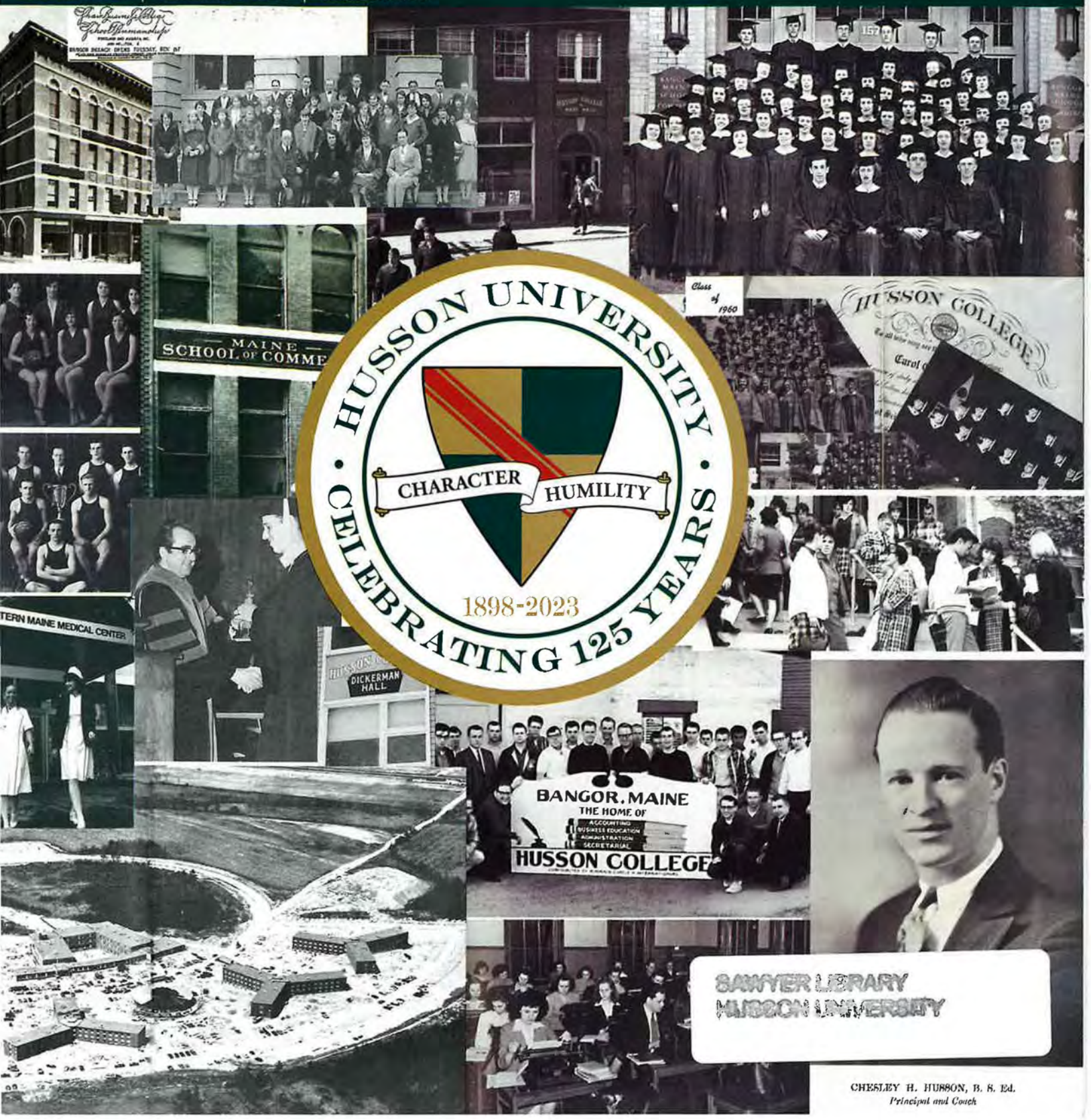
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CHESLEY H. HUSSON, B. S. Ed.
Principal and Coach

Teresa Steele
1937 – 2023



Teresa Marie Willett Steele, 85, will probably best be remembered for the significant contributions she made to the success of Husson University's nursing program.

As a teenager at John Bapst High School in Bangor, Maine, Steele decided that she wanted be a teacher or a nurse. After high school, she graduated from the Mercy Hospital School of Nursing in Portland, Maine. Steele was employed at Eastern Maine Medical Center (EMMC) as a registered nurse (RN) in a variety of capacities including: staff nurse, charge nurse, head nurse and nursing instructor at the EMMC School of Nursing.

In 1983, the EMMC diploma program joined Husson and became the Husson College/EMMC Baccalaureate School of Nursing. Steele joined the College shortly after the program began.

While at the College, Steele helped found the Husson's graduate nursing program. In addition she was the person responsible for bringing the first $1 million grant to the Husson University School of Nursing from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). This federal funding allowed the University to start a psychiatric mental health Master of Science in nursing (MSN) program. Once launched, Steele became the program's director.

As her academic career progressed and Husson changed from a College to a University, Steele became the dean of the School of Health. As dean, she was responsible for overseeing the nursing, physical therapy and occupational therapy programs. She retired in 2010 as a professor emerita.

In the fall of 2017, she returned to the University as the interim dean of the College of Health and Education and assisted the nursing programs in preparing for the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) accreditation process.

In 2018, Husson University honored her more than 30 years of service to Husson University by presenting Steele with the Chesley H. Husson Sr. Award.

Over the course of her career, Steele earned one bachelor's degree, two master's degrees and a PhD. Her degrees included a Bachelor of University Studies (BUS) and a Master of Education (MEd) from the University of Maine. She also earned a Master of Science in nursing from the University of Texas – El Paso, and a doctorate from the Union Institute and University in Cincinnati, Ohio.

In addition, Steele received a variety of other honors and awards. In 2010, she was inducted into the Husson University Alumni Hall of Fame. That same year, she also received the University's Distinguished Community Service Award. Steele is listed in *Who's Who in American Nursing*.

Contributions that honor Teresa Steele's memory can be made at **www.husson.edu/alumni/give**.

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Dear Alumni and Friends,



On May 11, 2023 the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) declared an official end to the COVID-19 public health emergency. The pandemic has been a difficult time for our nation and our University, but in the end, we made it through this crisis.

Looking back, I'm proud of how hard everyone on our Husson team worked to protect the health of our campus community. Because of our diligence and perseverance, Husson was able to deliver in-person education while simultaneously keeping our campus open and healthy.

Just as we always have, the University put the needs of our students first.

Now our task is to use the lessons of the past few years as we shape our future. Our mission to prepare professionals for the work force of tomorrow has not changed. The faculty and staff continue their dedication to the task of developing and delivering a curriculum that will meet and indeed exceed the demands of the emerging fields that inspire our future graduates.

These efforts can be seen across our campus, from the studios of the New England School of Communications, to the extended reality workshops in Harold Alfond Hall and to our educational efforts to blend simulations with practicums, clinical experiences and internships.

All of these exceptional initiatives are testimonies to the continuing quality of a Husson education!

As we observed Husson's 124th commencement, I know that with your continued support, **WE** are making a difference in the world one student at a time. Our mission to provide students with the professional education they need to achieve career success emerges from the pandemic stronger than ever.... Nothing will stop Husson University from continuing to move forward!

Robert A. Clark, PhD, CFA
President





An alumnus recently said this about Husson: "Everything has changed and nothing has changed." He elaborated: "the campus has grown dramatically and programming now includes a robust complement of health and other non-business majors, but the school's student-centered focus and strong sense of community remains the same."

As President Clark alluded to above, one of the great strengths of Husson is our community's ability to pull together in order to serve the greater good. This strength isn't just found on campus. It's deeply ingrained into the moral fabric of our graduates and those who support our learning community. As I meet alumni and friends from across the country, I remain impressed by the number that respond to Husson initiatives by asking, "What can I do to help?"

As an example, alumni from the Tau Kappa Epislion-Omicron-Mu Chapter fraternity (TKE) recently learned that some Husson students faced food insecurity and other hardships that threatened their ability to continue at Husson. As a result, the chapter created the TKE Student Emergency Endowed Fund. Collectively, they are working to raise a minimum of $200,000. Annual distributions from this permanent fund will help assure Husson students can meet their basic needs and remain in school. These alumni are making a real difference in student's lives.

At Homecoming, we will kick off a year-long celebration of Husson's 125th year of preparing students to become vibrant community leaders. This issue of the *Husson* magazine offers a trip down memory lane to rediscover some of the people, places, and programs that helped Husson become the university it is today.

It's impossible to mention all who played a role in shaping tens of thousands of student lives and created today's Husson. Thank you to every single person who has played a role in our university's growth and success over the last 125 years! Your dedication, hard-work, leadership and support has not gone unnoticed and it makes a difference!

With gratitude,

Sarah Cary Robinson
Vice President for Advancement

Around the Circle

Accomplishments, events and items of note happening at Husson

CAMPUS

Husson Creates New Institute for Strategic Leadership and Workforce Development

Husson University launched a new institute dedicated to strategic leadership and workforce development training and education. This institute offers "students, professionals and organizations a pathway to enhance leadership capabilities." Founded by the University's College of Business, the new Institute is also providing educational opportunities to organizational trailblazers through a variety of leadership and workforce development initiatives at Husson University and at businesses' and organizations' own locations. For further information, please call Assistant Professor and Program Coordinator **Michael Camire** at 207.941.7641 or email him at camirem@husson.edu.

Husson Counseling Graduate Program partners with MSAD 7 Grant to Train Counselors

Thanks to a grant from the U.S. Department of Education, MSAD 37 - a school district in Washington County, was able to launch a new project that supports student mental health. The district is developing a "grow your own" pathway in partnership with the University of Maine at Machias and Husson University. It encourages Down East Maine residents to become qualified to provide school-based mental health services. The project is in response to an urgent need for more school-based mental health service providers in the district.

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

School of Hospitality, Sport and Tourism Management Honored at 2023 Maine Tourism Awards

Husson's School of Hospitality, Sport and Tourism Management recently received the Leadership and Growth Award at the 2023 Maine Tourism Awards. The award recognized the school's contributions to Maine's



tourism workforce and efforts to provide students with tourism job opportunities. Accepting the award on behalf of Husson University from Maine Governor Janet Mills was **Dr. Lee Speronis**, associate professor, director of the School of Hospitality, Sport and Tourism Management, and College of Business assistant dean. The 2023 Maine Tourism Awards were part of the annual Governor's Conference on Tourism. Twenty-five Husson students and a number of Husson faculty were able to attend the event.



Distinguished Business Speaker Series: Matthew R. McHatten of MMG Insurance



Dr. Marie Hansen, dean of the College of Business, interviewed Matthew McHatten, the president and chief executive officer of MMG Insurance in Presque Isle as part of Husson University's Distinguished Business Speaker Series. The MMG Insurance Company, headquartered in Presque Isle, is a regional property and casualty insurance company with operations in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Pennsylvania and Virginia. MMG writes in excess of $246 million in premiums in partnership with more than 220 independent agencies across more than 580 locations. The conversation focused on McHatten's leadership experiences and the lessons he learned during his career.

Dr. Steve Cunningham Quoted in *Mainebiz*



The Dr. Phil Grant Distinguished Professor in Management and Economics **Dr. Steven Cunningham**, was quoted in a *Mainebiz* article about our state's banking industry. As part of the article "Checks and balances: Maine banks, believers in safety first, may face bumpy ride if turmoil escalates," Cunningham shared his thoughts on whether the challenges faced by Silicon Valley Bank (SVB) could happen here in Maine.

COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND PHARMACY

Davis Appointed as a Fellow of the American Occupational Therapy Association



Dr. Kimberly Davis, an associate professor in the School of Occupational Therapy has been named a fellow of the American Occupational Therapy Association. She is the first Husson faculty member to receive this prestigious honor, which is given to OT practitioners who have demonstrated a record of service to the profession at the local, state and national level. In a show of support, several students, alumni and faculty members attended the award ceremony.

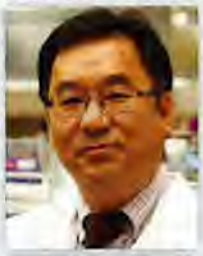
Sauda Presentation at OMNL Annual Nursing Summit



Dr. Valerie Sauda, an associate professor in the School of Nursing, chief nurse administrator and undergraduate director of nursing

spoke at the Organization of Maine Nursing Leadership's (OMNL) 2023 Annual Nursing Summit at the Augusta Civic Center on March 22, 2023. Her presentation was entitled, "Living What We Teach: Lessons Learned during COVID-19 in a Maine School of Nursing." OMNL's membership is made up of Maine nurses who work as executives, managers/directors, educators and nurses in leadership roles or aspiring to be in leadership positions.

Pharmacy Faculty and Students Publish a Research Paper





Dr. Shuhua Bai and **Dr. Tianzhi Yang**, professors in the Husson University School of Pharmacy, recently published a research paper in *Colloids and Surfaces B: Biointerfaces*. Using CRISPR/Cas9 gene editing and targeted nanoparticles, the research group was able to reduce multidrug resistance proteins in brain cells. The new bioengineered cells could be used as a feasible model to help predict potential therapeutic agent drug resistance. This would help make the treatment of brain diseases more effective. Pharmacy students **Skye Curtis**, **Abby Young**, and **Derek Derosier** served as co-authors on the paper.

School of Pharmacy Ranked Among Top 20 Pharmacy Schools in the Country by NAPLEX Pass Rates

Becker's Hospital Review recently ranked the top 20 pharmacy schools in the country by their NAPLEX pass rates. The NAPLEX is the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination. Being among the top 20 pharmacy schools with the highest NAPLEX passage rates is a testament to the quality of education Husson University provides to our pharmacy students.

Sidaway, UMaine Professor Receive Grant Funding

Dr. Ben Sidaway, a professor in Husson's School of Physical Therapy, recently collaborated with Dr. Babak Hejrati, an assistant professor in the University of Maine's Department of Mechanical Engineering, on a grant submitted to the National Institute on Aging. The grant, entitled "A Wearable Haptic Feedback System for Home-Based Gait Training for Older Adults," was funded for $432,320 for three years.

Husson Pharmacy Research Describes Second-Year Pharmacy Residency Growth

Dr. Drew Lambert, an associate professor of pharmacy practice at Husson, **Dr. Shannon James**, an assistant professor of pharmacy practice at Husson, and Kristene Welch, BCACP, a primary care pharmacist at Penobscot Community Health Care and former Husson faculty member, have completed a research study that looks at the growth and trends associated with postgraduate second-year pharmacy tendencies. Details about the study can be found in Issue 16, Volume 79 of the *American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy*.

Dr. Kimberly Steinbarger Quoted in *Bangor Daily News*



An article in the *Bangor Daily News* called "Public Invited to Sign Up for Free Physical Therapy Checkups at Husson University's Pro Bono Clinic," included a quote from **Dr. Kimberly Steinbarger**, an assistant professor in the School of Physical Therapy. Steinbarger talked about the value these free physical checkups add to individuals' personal health.

Dean Contributes Article to the *HCA Healthcare Journal of Medicine*

The Dean of the College of Health and Pharmacy, **Dr. James Nash**, contributed an article to the April 2023 edition of *HCA Healthcare Journal of Medicine* called "Interprofessional Education: Models That Promote Shared Clinical Decision-Making." The article discussed the importance of interprofessional education and why "healthcare professionals need to learn more about each other, collaborate and understand what matters most to the patient when care is needed in an acute or ambulatory care setting."

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND HUMANITIES

Conference Attracts Writing Center Professionals from Across Maine





Dr. Matt Pifer, a professor in Husson's College of Science and Humanities and the coordinator of the university's writing center, and **Dr. Ryan Roderick**, an assistant professor and the College's assistant dean, sponsored a conference for writing center professionals in the Richard E. Dyke Center for Family Business in April 2023. The conference provided theoretical and practical information for both writing-center administrators and writing consultants.

Smith Presents at FATE Conference



Kathi Smith, an associate professor of studio arts in Husson's College of Science and Humanities, recently presented at the Foundations in Art Theory and Education (FATE) national arts conference in Denver, CO. Smith chaired a panel titled "Creative Collaboration-Collaborative Curriculum" and co-authored a presentation called "Co-Creating Across Generations" with **Laurie Mouradian, Sc.D**, professor emeritus in Husson's School of Occupational Therapy. Mouradian also participated in this session.

Richard E. Dyke '58, '76H 1934 – 2023

Entrepreneur. Developer. Aviator. Treasury Agent. Philanthropist. These are just some of the words that describe the amazing life of Richard Earl "Dick" Dyke.



In his twenties, he decided he wanted to be a millionaire by the time he was 40 years old. Exceeding that goal, he made his first million before he was 30.

Making that happen wasn't easy. He grew up in Wilton, Maine in a home without an indoor bathroom. His parents, wool and shoe manufacturing workers, bathed their children in a tin tub behind the sink. From these humble beginnings, Dyke went on to attend Wilton Academy and Husson College.

Amid his degree studies, he joined the Army and served in the 108th Counter Intelligence Corps in South Korea and Iceland. After the Army, he returned to Husson in 1958, joined the Mu Sigma Chi Fraternity and completed his degrees in finance and taxes. In a series of post-graduation jobs, Dyke served as a revenue agent with the U.S. Army and the IRS; and as the treasurer at Burnham and Morrill.

Next, he built his own tax practice. Known as Dyke Associates, the company grew into a major consulting business. After 15 years, Dyke sold the business to his employees. With the sale completed, Dyke put his energy into buying ailing companies and returning them to profitability. Throughout his 55-year career, he bought and sold nearly 70 companies.

His lifelong interest in family business and education led to the creation of the Richard E. Dyke Center for Family Business on Husson University's campus. This Center is dedicated to supporting and strengthening Maine's 30,000+ family-owned businesses.

"The Center for Family Business serves family businesses through a variety of seminars and workshops," said **Dr. Brien Walton**, the Center's director and an assistant professor of entrepreneurship in Husson's College of Business. "I considered Mr. Dyke a mentor and his generous support for education has benefited countless small businesses in Maine. I feel honored to help preserve his legacy through the Center."

Dyke is also a former chair of Husson's Board of Trustees. He served on the board from 1965 – 2000 and



was inducted into the Husson Alumni Hall of Fame in 1970. Six years later, he received an honorary doctorate in business administration from the college.

"What was truly remarkable about Dick was how laid back he was about his own success," said **Dr. Robert A. Clark**, president of Husson University. "He enjoyed helping others achieve their dreams by providing work for them and believed in giving people a hand up – rather than a hand out. He will be missed by everyone here at Husson University."



New Online Program Offerings at Husson University

Four new programs will roll out in the fall of 2023

The needs of employers keep evolving. To keep pace with consumer demand, employers must make sure their workforce's skill sets are keeping pace with change. There is a never-ending need to retrain existing employees and hire college graduates who can help keep organizations competitive and efficient.

In an effort to make sure the University is providing education to our students that makes our graduates attractive to today's employers, Husson University Online has launched four new programs designed to be on the cutting-edge of their respective disciplines.

Online Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

This online bachelor's degree in criminal justice is ideal for individuals interested in leadership positions with law enforcement organizations. The curriculum for this program examines leadership, the meaning and administration of justice, law, legal adjudication and criminological theory as well as the application of research and analytical methods to this discipline. The degree is designed to provide new and existing protective services professionals in law enforcement, corrections, probation or private sector safety with the expertise they need to reach and expand their career goals.

Online DEI Certificate

Organizations interested in fully embracing diversity are looking for knowledgeable professionals who understand how to create inclusive and equitable environments. To assist in this effort, Husson University Online is launching a new certificate program in diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI). Students will learn how to create an inclusive work environment and drive organizational change. This online certificate program will give students the skills they need to promote equity, diversity and inclusion within organizations.

Online Certificate in Nursing Global Health

Human health has become a global issue. Going forward, professional nurses will need to deliver patient care with cultural and global concerns in mind. A Nursing Global Health Certificate from Husson University Online is ideally suited to make this happen. Coursework explores all facets of global healthcare including: areas of program planning, management and evaluation; healthcare information and technology; public health policy and more. Students will learn how to address transnational health issues and find solutions that enhance the delivery of healthcare.

Online Certificate in Executive Nursing Business Management

Individuals interested in blending nursing care with management should consider earning a Certificate in executive nursing business management from Husson University Online. Students will learn about healthcare management, financial management, managerial accounting, strategic change management as well as an analysis of organizational processes with a focus on strategy. Supporting topics in information, technology and public health policy issues and challenges round out this curriculum.

Husson University Online stands ready to help anyone interested in attaining more education and elevating their careers to the next level. To learn more about the online programs available through Husson University Online, visit **online.husson.edu**

Calling all Alumni!

This fall we are offering a one-time discount of **$500 off your first class** if you sign up to continue your education with a Husson online MBA or Husson MSN.

We are also ***extending this discount to anyone that started a Husson degree and didn't quite finish*** – so let your fellow Eagles know!

Contact **online@husson.edu** or call **207.992.1972** to get started!

Creating an Environment for Educational Excellence

70 Years of Campus Growth: 1898 – 1968

Through good times and challenges, Husson has continued its inexorable march forward. Today, it is one of the nation's top professional educators. Getting to this point, however, has been marked by both highs and lows.

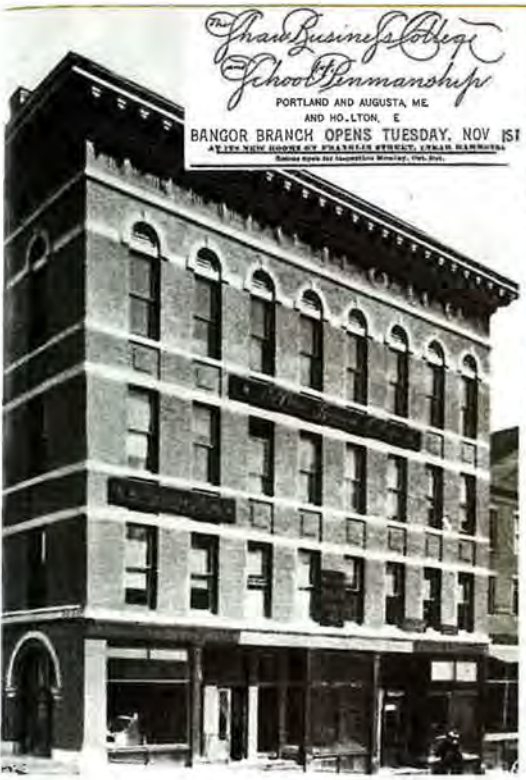
In 1898, when Husson's first predecessor educational institution, the Shaw Business College and School of Penmanship, set up shop, the University began a long tradition of providing students with first-rate learning environments that enhanced their education. Located at **49 Hammond Street** in Bangor, in a building known as **The Bass Block**, the business college occupied the entire second floor of the building. According to the *Bangor Daily Commercial*, a local newspaper from the period, the College's rooms were "finely fitted up in natural wood and steel ceilings. Besides the main room, which is excellently lighted, there are dressing and toilet rooms, a shorthand department and a principal's office."

The facility certainly made a big impression on the editors of *The Journal*, another local newspaper. They described the facility as having "handsome work" that gave the rooms "an exceedingly neat appearance." Noting that the floors were made of fine birch, *The Journal* reporter observed that the "business college will have quarters worthy of that very excellent institution."

With the untimely passing of Frank L. Shaw in 1925, the Shaw Business College and School of Penmanship went through a period of retrenchment. As the college transitioned to becoming the Maine School of Commerce in 1926, the school moved from The Bass Block to the **Adams Building on Columbia Street in Bangor.** The Maine School of Commerce occupied this building until 1940.

These facilities were more spartan and less luxurious. A 1938 description of the facility in *The Chieftain*, the Maine School of Commerce yearbook, said that the classroom had no clock or bell and just one window. That one window was the only source of ventilation. In the winter time, the window was kept closed which made the room stuffy. With no clock or bell, Chesley Husson had to consult his wrist watch in order to announce the end of class periods. A 1926 class paper described the lighting as "extremely poor." In addition, there was a long and narrow typing room that only had one cramped aisle between two rows of desks with typewriters.

Yet despite the challenges associated with these facilities and the difficulties caused by the Great









Left: Shaw Business College, Bass Block, 49 Hammond St.
Middle: Maine School of Commerce, Adams Building, Columbia St.
Right: 157 Park Street

Depression, the educational institution continued to grow and invest in new equipment for students. According to a message from "Chief' Husson in the 1940 yearbook, "Our school took care of its pupils quite easily ten years back when the number did not exceed 150 boys and girls." By 1939, however, enrollment had grown to approximately 250 students and the School was ready to move to a new facility that would better suit its educational mission.

So in 1940, the Bangor Maine School of Commerce moved to **157 Park Street** in Bangor. With more spacious accommodations and amenities, the School entered the modern era. At the time, it was the first and only building designed and constructed for specialized business education in Bangor. This building was the home of the Office of the President, the dean of Admissions and Student Services, the director for placement, members of the Secretarial Science Department and the faculty room. There were also two lecture halls.

The modern facility on Park Street was definitely a step-up from Adams Building on Columbia Street. The 1940 *Chieftain* had this to say: "One can only marvel that the pupils of the fourteen years (at 27 Columbia Street) of our history have laughed it down and haven't recognized these difficulties as of any importance. They made the best of them. They have gone their way and the Maine School of Commerce lives with them in their warm hearts. They knew of the many shortcomings, but they chose to ignore them."

The Park Street facility was ideally located. The Bangor Public Library was just a few minutes away from the building. In addition, its close proximity to downtown gave Bangor Maine School of Commerce students the opportunity to form relationships with members of the business community and become gainfully employed – often in the areas of business that they were interested in.

To assist students who needed to work their way through school, the Bangor Maine School of Commerce instituted a flexible class schedule. This allowed those who were already employed, but were interested in improving their lives through education, to be at their jobs in the mornings during the week and attend classes in the afternoons and all day on Saturdays.

That first year at 157 Park Street was an idyllic time in the history of the University. Unfortunately, it didn't last long.

On December 7, 1941, the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor and the whole world changed. Young men who were planning to go to college were

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Top left: aerial view of Park St. complex: (1) administration building, (2) Dickerman Annex, (3) Hart Hall. Top right: Hart Hall

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suddenly going off to war. After only a year in the new Park Street building, Husson College faced an enrollment crisis. Enrollments reached their lowest point in 1943-1944, when there were only 94 enrolled students. Even though 1942-1945 was marked by a significant reduction in the number of students, the College hung in there.

Once the war ended in 1945, there was a reversal of fortunes. Thanks to educational benefits contained in the G.I. Bill, the Class of 1947 was more than five times larger than the Class of 1944.

1947 was the same year The Bangor Maine School of Commerce changed its name to Husson College. Under Chesley H. Husson's leadership, the institution embarked upon a significant period of growth during the post-war period. In the fall of 1954, the College had 254 students. By 1965, there were over 1,000 students. And as the College grew, there was a continuing need to better serve the College's growing student body. To address this need, Husson began adding facilities to their campus.

For example, in 1956, **Dickerman Hall at 234 French Street** was added to the College's portfolio of buildings. It housed the audio-visual equipment, a large lecture room and a library on the first floor. It also contained the offices for the Department of Business Teacher Education on the second floor. In addition to these offices, there were four classrooms and a teachers' room on this floor. The basement was also pressed into service. It contained a student lounge, restrooms, student lockers and other student facilities.

Two years later, Husson College found itself in need of more space. So in 1958, it acquired the building at **170 Park Street and renamed it Hart Hall**. It was the home of two classrooms, the bookstore and administrative offices. After just five years, the building was completely renovated. While Hart Hall continued to have two classrooms, the rest of the facility was converted to a bookstore and offices for other essential college departments including the academic dean, treasurer, controller, assistant treasurer, dean of women, chaplain, director of public relations, the director of special services and other related staff.

Growing the academic facilities in order to better serve the needs of students wasn't Husson College's only priority during the late 50s and early 60s. With even more students coming from farther away to attend the College, there was an increased need for student dormitories. To house students, the College leased the former Penobscot Exchange Hotel for men and the former Stinson Hospital for women. Located on lower **Exchange Street**, The Penobscot Exchange Hotel was leased in 1962 and renamed **Husson Hall**. It housed 246 men. The former Stinson Hospital building at **12 Ohio Street**, was renamed **Bell Hall** and housed 60 women.

Husson Hall was renovated with new furnishings in all of the rooms after the College took control of this residential living space. This made it more livable. In addition to the living quarters, new equipment was added to the dining room and the kitchen. A management company was brought in to provide food service and maintenance for the dormitory. With the addition of new room furnishings and a dining room, Husson Hall quickly became an important center for student life for the 246 men who lived there when it first opened. Leased in 1963, Bell Hall also had food service and maintenance provided by the same management company that served Husson Hall.

Continued growth also required the College to purchase the former **Pendleton Home at the corner of Broadway and Somerset Streets** in 1963. Once remodeled this building provided the College with 11 classrooms and faculty offices.

Chesley Husson recognized that the demands on the College were continuing to grow. With more students came the need for more academic programs, faculty, staff, classrooms, living facilities and financial resources.

That's why President Husson made the courageous decision to not only convert the school from a for-profit to a non-profit institution, he felt it was time for the College to have its own self-contained campus. Making this dream a reality would require millions of dollars. That was going to be a challenge. The College was a proprietorship. Tuition dollars only covered the academic costs. No student or alumni had ever been solicited to donate to the College and there was no endowment.

Regardless of the challenges, Chesley Husson continued to move forward. The values Husson and his team had infused into the College's culture produced an educational institution that was destined for greatness.

This was evident to the entire nation when in 1967, Senator Edmund Muskie of Maine entered an article into the Congressional Record that had this to say about Husson College:

"The transition of Husson College from a proprietary school to a non-profit, degree-granting college dedicated to educating young people for professional careers in business, clearly demonstrates the significant role of the college of business in higher education today... From classrooms on the second floor of a building on Columbia Street to a multimillion dollar campus – Husson College has become a recognized leader in business education for the youth of Maine and the nation... Throughout its history, Husson College has endeavored to conduct its total program in an environment permeated by the philosophy that a successful individual is the product of sound and comprehensive academic, social, and spiritual training...Since 1898, it has been the policy of Husson College to provide education of the highest quality to the young people who seek business training. Its history is one of growth and expansion. The College is proud of its heritage and will continue its efforts to maintain a college which is progressive and modern."

The story of the University's facilities picks up in the next edition of the alumni magazine when Husson College moves from Park Street to 1 College Circle in Bangor. Don't miss it!









Top Dickerman Hall. Top right: Husson Hall, Exchange St. Bottom left Carlisle Hall, Somerset St. Bottom right: Bell Hall, Ohio St.



Commencement 2023

Husson University held its 124th Annual Commencement Exercises at the Cross Insurance Center on May 6, 2023 in Bangor, Maine.

The ceremony recognized individuals who completed degrees from Husson University's College of Business, College of Health and Pharmacy and College of Science and Humanities.

Over 900 professional certificates, undergraduate degrees, and graduate degrees were awarded at this year's Commencement. Students completed their programs by studying online, on-site at specific business locations and/or on Husson University's campus.

During the ceremonies, Husson paid special tribute to **David and Beverly Worthington**, the founders of the Worthington Scholarship Foundation by awarding them honorary doctorates in public service. **Ryan Wheelock**, the president of Husson University Student Government, delivered this year's student reflection. He shared his perspectives on how Husson students have improved lives through community service.

Valedictorians recognized for their academic achievements include **Austin Baron** from Ellsworth, Maine and **Lydia Gatcomb** from Hancock, Maine. They both graduated with a grade point average of 3.992. Joining them, as this year's salutatorian, was **Mikaela Ryan** of Gray, Maine. She graduated with a grade point average of 3.989.

















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Honorary Degrees

Worthington Scholarship Foundation Founders Receive Honorary Degrees at 2023 Commencement

This year, the Worthington Scholarship Foundation will award nearly 700 new scholarships to students from 98 high schools in Maine. The Foundation plans to expand its reach to include graduates from all public high schools in Maine, with a goal of awarding 900 new scholarships in 2024.

In recognition of these and other efforts to support college education for Maine students, Husson awarded honorary doctorates in public service to **David and Beverly Worthington**, the founders of the Worthington Scholarship Foundation, at the University's 124th Annual Commencement Exercises on Saturday, May 6, 2023, at the Cross Insurance Center.

"Worthington Scholarships are awarded to students here at Husson who have significant academic potential," said **Dr. Robert A. Clark**, president of the University. "The Foundation's contributions to the betterment of education in our state, make this generous and philanthropic couple more than worthy of these honorary degrees."



David and Beverly Worthington

Assisting with the hooding of the honorary degree recipients was the chair of Husson University's Board of Trustees **Dan Hutchins, '83** of Naples, Florida. "Honorary degrees are the highest honor Husson University can bestow. Awarding this honor to David and Beverly is fitting given their many contributions to students' education," said Hutchins.

Born in Worcester, Mass. in 1941, David served his country for three years as a part of the U.S. Army's XVIII Airborne Corps. After completing his tour of service, he earned a Bachelor of Science in Geology from Marietta College. In 1969, he received a Master of Science in geophysics as part of a Texaco Fellowship at the University of Utah and Virginia Tech. His oil industry career began in Houston, Texas with the Shell Oil Company. Later, David took over the TGS Geophysical Company and assumed a majority ownership position. After merging with a Norwegian company (NOPEC), the TGS-NOPEC Geophysical Company became the fourth largest company of its kind in the world. David retired from TGS-NOPEC active management in 1996.

Beverly Worthington was a commercial pilot who owned and operated an aerial application company in Texas for many years. Her roles in agriculture and international trade included serving as a liaison between the Texas Department of Agriculture and the Texas State Legislature on agriculture issues. She also served as an executive board member of the Gulf Coast Agribusiness Council, and participated in the Uruguay Round; the eighth round of multilateral, international trade negotiations conducted within the framework of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT). A graduate of Lee College in Texas, Beverly has a degree as a legal assistant.

For students attending a four-year college or university, scholarships from the Worthington Scholarship Foundation can add up to $17,000 or $2,125 per semester. For two-year community college students, that amount can total up to $14,500 or $1,500 per semester, with the option to continue on to a four-year institution. Scholarships are renewable for up to eight semesters. Learn more at **www.worthingtonscholars.org**.





STUDENT REFLECTION

Positive Change Through Community Service

Student Reflection Focuses on his Peers' Contributions to the Community and the University

During Husson University's recent Commencement, Student Government President **Ryan Wheelock '23** reflected on his Husson experience. During his address to the class of 2023, he talked about the importance of community service.

"I've seen all of you evolve into leaders," said Wheelock. "As leaders many of you have dedicated a significant amount of time to improving the surrounding community and the University through volunteer service."

Wheelock then quoted President Theodore Roosevelt as part of his speech. "'This country will not be a good place for any of us to live in unless we make it a good place for all of us to live in.' From what I've seen, the Class of 2023 has made the decision to take on the challenges of today to make the world a better place."

One of the more meaningful initiatives undertaken by students, according to Wheelock, was the Red Cross Blood Drive sponsored by the campus radio station WHSN. Every donor's contribution had the potential to save up to three lives. He also talked about the "Be the Match" drive. This drive helped connect those in need of bone marrow or stem cell transplants with healthy student donors.

Students' can-do attitude was also on display as part of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service. On this day, students and Student Life staff helped pack meals at Good Shepherd Food Bank, lended an ear at the Bangor Area Recovery Network, and fed hungry animals at the local Humane society, along with other contributions to the community.

Projects that Wheelock thought were the most inspirational were those where the Class of 2023 came together to help others who were less fortunate. "In 2021, a survey conducted by the Maine Policy Review found that over 30 percent of college students experienced moderate or severe food insecurity," said Wheelock. "Recognizing the difficulty of focusing on your studies while worrying about your next meal, the Class of 2023 empowered their student representatives to create a pop-up food pantry where fellow students in need could get free nutritious food – no questions asked."

"The American cultural anthropologist Margaret Mead once said, 'Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has,'" quoted Wheelock. "You're a class that believes in helping others, rather than just helping yourself. You're not willing to wait for someone else to create change. Instead, you choose to make it."

"As I look out into the faces of everyone here today, I see hope, courage and empathy." Concluding, Wheelock said, "You are members of a class that can right the wrongs of the past and create a more fair and just society. You have already seen and overcome adversity. You know what it takes to persevere regardless of the cards you're dealt...If we all do our part, we can make the world a better place for ALL OF US."

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> — Theodore Roosevelt
> *President of the United States*

Degrees of Excellence

Pursuit of Academic Quality and the Growth of Specialized Programs

The history of Husson's educational progression over time is the story of a University that is constantly moving forward. With every accreditation self-evaluation and completed student feedback form, Husson is receiving the information it needs to improve its educational offerings. Husson also gathers information from a variety of other sources to make sure that the different majors offered by the University are continuing to serve the needs of today's employers and preparing students for the jobs of tomorrow.

Offering programs that served the needs of employers was certainly important to the Bangor Branch of the **Shaw Business College and School of Penmanship** when it was first launched in 1898. While no official records of programs of study have been found for the Bangor Branch specifically, the following programs were offered in Portland, Maine. Most, if not all of these programs were offered at both locations. They included (in alphabetical order) arithmetic; banking, stocks and bonds; bookkeeping; business correspondence; business practice; commercial law; elocution; ornamental penmanship; penmanship; physical culture; stenography; and typewriting. Course content was supplemented by guest speakers, travelogue accounts and lecturers.

Overseeing this curriculum was George D. Harden, an 1894 Shaw graduate from the Portland branch. In addition to being a member of the faculty, he was the manager/principal when the Bangor Branch opened in 1898.

Experiential learning was an important part of the Shaw Business College experience under his leadership, just as it is today. Back then, the institution conducted three regularly organized banks. They included the Shaw College in Bangor, the Exchange Bank in Portland and the Dirigo Bank in Augusta, Maine. All three of these banks, held in coordination with the different branches of the Shaw Business College, were managed by students and had a full complement of officers.

Like many of today's online educational offerings, the programs of study offered during this time were self-paced and individualized to meet the needs of each student. The Shaw Business College was open year-round. Classes were available in the evening, students could enroll anytime, take whatever courses they desired and work at their own speed.

Other innovations were also instituted. According to the records in the Registrar's Office, there were regular six-week summer sessions offered during the 1930s and 1940s. During World War II, the summer sessions were popular with high school students. The majority of these students took typewriting.

There were several systems of shorthand offered. And while typewriters had been around since 1867, they weren't a fully integrated component of every business office until the early decades of the twentieth century. That's why clear and legible penmanship was still a valued skill during this period.

According to a 1916 local newspaper article, from 1872-1949,





1945 classes



1947 Accounting class



1950 Accounting class

courses offered by the Shaw Business College fell into four major categories. The article said, "In addition to the regular commercial course, which included special work in higher accountancy, [there was] a shorthand course fit for the stenographic profession; a combination course fit for the secretarial profession and a teacher's course for teaching... in high schools." Finally, there was a telegraph course that prepared individuals for all sorts of telegraph positions. During the 1920s, the College continued to diversify its offerings. A 1924 article in the *Bangor Daily News* said that "originally [the College] offered courses in business administration only, but today, it offers eight different courses to the prospective student."

From 1927 to 1933, there were eight different programs available at the **Bangor Maine School of Commerce** (BMSC). The programs included business administration (one year); junior secretarial (one year) salesmanship and advertising (one year); stenography (five to ten months); accounting and auditing (10 – 15 months); administrative secretarial (two years); full commercial (two years), and teacher training (two- and three-year programs).

It was around this time where state agencies began reviewing programs. BMSC certainly wanted the "seal of approval" and the added credibility for its programs that came with state agency approval. The oldest existing catalog for BMSC from 1934 stated that the Maine School of Commerce had a program that was devoted to "training commercial teachers and offering courses in accounting, business administration, secretarial science and stenography that were approved by the State Department of Education." This approval from this state agency served to reassure the public that the teachers program met the standards set by the state of Maine.

In 1947, the Bangor Maine School of Commerce became **Husson College**. At that time, President Husson reorganized the programs offered by the College into various Schools. They included the School of Business Administration, the School of Education and the School of Secretarial Science..

In another effort to enhance the credibility of Husson College's programs, President Husson led the effort to develop four-year programs for all departments. This was an important priority if Husson College was to successfully petition the State of Maine to confer bachelor's degrees.

In 1949, **William H. Donahue, Jr.** was appointed to create a Department of Accounting. The titles of all academic sections were changed to "departments." In 1952, a third-year program of study was added to two areas of business. These areas were accounting and business administration. Business Teacher

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Education had a third-year program since 1932 so it was unaffected. The College continued to offer one- and two-year programs in accounting, business administration and secretarial science and while three-year programs were available, students generally preferred two-year or four-year programs.

1951 marked the first year that Husson College began teaching classes on site at a business. In addition to the evening classes taught at the Park Street campus, classes were available at Dow Air Force Base. Today, Husson University has taught classes at Bangor Savings Bank, L.L.Bean and Northern Light Health, to name a few.

Programs in teaching shorthand, typewriting and bookkeeping and history were all optional subjects. A 1940 graduate of BMSC stated that optional subjects were not "required by the state for certification." That was because, at the time, no accreditation of business colleges existed. In 1953, the College petitioned the State of Maine Legislature for authority to confer Bachelor of Science degrees in four areas of business: accounting, business administration, business education and secretarial science. The authority was granted by the Maine Legislature. The first degree was awarded in 1954.

The next programmatic innovation came the following year, in 1955. Departments began to offer choices of concentrations as part of their degree programs. Accounting had general accounting and governmental accounting concentrations. Business administration had finance, insurance, management and marketing concentrations. Business teacher education had accounting, business administration and secretarial science concentrations. The use of concentrations within degree programs is a common practice at today's Husson University.

Technology has always been an important part of education and Husson College was always trying to provide its students with the tools they needed to advance their careers. One of the key tools for secretarial science was the typewriter. In 1954, the College introduced the electric typewriter into this classroom. This added a completely new dimension to business education offered by the College at the time.

The advent of the electric typewriter foreshadowed some of the most important technological changes in Husson's history that would affect both the way the College did business and the way business would be conducted in general. The first implementation of automated data processing happened in 1962. In today's terms it was very basic. It was a punch card system for administrative functions using an IBM 402 Accounting Machine. It was used to provide class rosters, grades and permanent academic records, accounts receivable, accounts payable and payroll. Academic content that addressed data processing was more theoretical than practical in the classroom, although there were occasional field trips to a data processing center. More advanced systems were put into place when the College moved to **1 College Circle**.

Higher levels of accreditation for the entire College were the next important development in the pursuit of educational quality at Husson College, The NEASC accreditation process was begun in 1966 and candidacy status was granted in 1968. Accreditation was granted in 1974, after Husson moved to 1 College Circle.

After Husson College moved to 1 College Circle, there was an explosion of new programs and accreditations that demonstrated the educational institution's commitment to quality and excellence. An article that focuses on these innovations will be the next edition of Husson's alumni magazine.


1966


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GIVING DAY 2023



On Wednesday, April 5, 2023, Husson University hosted its fifth annual Giving Day. More than 1,400 donors came together as **one** community to collectively support their favorite area of campus. Approximately 95 different campus areas benefited from the generosity of alumni, students, faculty, staff, parents and friends of the University as part of Giving Day 2023.

Giving Day is a 24-hour fundraising event that encourages alumni, students, faculty, staff, parents and friends to support their favorite area of campus through philanthropy. The success of Giving Day was amplified by the generosity of Husson's lead donors who provided unrestricted gifts that were used as "challenge funds." Whether matching dollar-for-dollar, or unlocking specific matches, like the area that has the highest number of first-time donors, these challenge fund gifts helped increase the impact of donations.

Husson Alumni Association Board Challenge

This year, the Husson Alumni Association Board showcased the true meaning of community by collectively sponsoring a Giving Day challenge. The Alumni Board graciously donated $500 toward the 500th donor's area of interest. The 500th donor on Giving Day was recent alum **Dylan Foster '15**. His donation, through Husson University on Giving Day, provided the baseball team an additional $500 in matching funds.



Because of Giving Day, Head Baseball Coach **Chris Morris '10** was able to purchase a Blast Motion system for their hitters and a Pitch Logic Pitching system for their pitching. Blast Motion provides motion analysis and performance insights utilizing sensor data and video capture technology for hitters. Pitch Logic uses a specially designed baseball with an electronic sensor in it that downloads information to a smart phone after every pitch.

Ca$h Cab returns and encourages giving!

Back by popular demand, Ca$h Cab ran from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Students were able to win matching funds for their favorite area of campus. Riders gave a minimum $5 donation to compete for their favorite campus priority. While onboard, riders were asked a mix of Husson and pop culture trivia. Special guest faculty and staff members volunteered their time to help quiz the Ca$h Cab riders. Based on the question's difficulty level, the rider(s) won Husson swag or matching funds for their area of choice. Anyone who made it around College Circle, without getting three questions wrong, earned an additional $25 for their preferred campus priority. Thirty-seven riders participated in Ca$h Cab, and $1,346 was awarded to a variety of campus activities and departments.

To read stories about how Giving Day enhances Husson students' campus experience, visit **www.husson.edu/givingday/2023results**.
Thank you again to all our alumni, students, parents, faculty, staff and friends who supported Giving Day 2023!

Profiles in Leadership:

The story of the visionaries who made today's Husson University possible



Anyone familiar with the history of Husson will tell you that the "founder" of today's Husson University was **Chesley H. Husson, Sr.** His many contributions to the success of this educational institution is why it bears his name.



Frank L. Shaw

What many may not know is that there were several other leaders, associated with two predecessor institutions, who helped cast the mold for what would eventually become Husson University. The first was **Frank L. Shaw**, the owner of a private business school in Portland, Maine. In 1898, he began an offshoot of his original School called **The Shaw Business College and School of Penmanship** in Bangor.

Shaw made several important contributions to the development of Husson's culture. First, he made sure his College provided a high-quality education. The Shaw College of Business provided enhanced education, based on the Bryant Stratton business programs, considered an outstanding program during the 19th century. Second, he introduced a "physical culture" to the institution and fielded a baseball team. This was the first cited instance of team sports in Husson's history. Later, in 1907, the College added a basketball team. Finally, he believed that education was a way to lift people out of poverty and elevate their social standing. He once said, "Every individual should have [a] chance to develop sufficiently the skills needed to provide for a better way of life." Shaw's sudden death in 1925 led to the dissolution of the College.



Howard W. Mann

In 1926, **Howard W. Mann** acquired the ownership of The Shaw College of Business and renamed it the **Maine School of Commerce (MSC) – Bangor Branch**. Under Mann's leadership, the Maine School of Commerce had branches in Auburn, Portland, Augusta, Presque Isle and Bangor. One of the smartest things he did was hire Chelsey H. Husson to be an instructor and coach at the School. According to Mann's daughter, Howard Mann was a remarkable person. "He was interested in everything and a recognized authority on many things, especially botany, genealogy and antiques. He had a memory bank like a computer and could spell any word in the dictionary. He was also a mathematical genius."



Dr. Charles E. Adams

Unfortunately, within a few years of having formed his chain of five Maine Schools of Commerce, Mann had a significant financial reversal. Starting in 1929, during the early part of the Great Depression, he started to divest himself of his interests in these schools. In 1933, The Maine School of Commerce – Bangor Branch was purchased by **Dr. Charles E. Adams**.

Adams owned the Adams Block where the Bangor Maine School of Commerce was located in Bangor. He thought the school provided enormous value to the city and was instrumental in refinancing it in 1933.


Chesley H. Husson, Sr.

Chesley H. Husson, Sr. became a more influential part of Husson University's history around this time. Having been with the School since 1926, he became the president of the corporation responsible for the School in 1935. He also became the principal of the Maine School of Commerce, a private, for-profit educational institution. In 1947, with the change of title, the Bangor Maine School of Commerce became **Husson College**. He led the College during a formidable period of growth that began after the end of World War II. Chesley Husson was supported by a dynamic team of leaders who helped ensure the institution's future success.


George Carlisle


Priscilla Clark

One of them was Charles Adams. He remained connected to the institution after the change in title. A graduate of Bowdoin College and a leader at the Adams Land and Lumber Office, he was the president and treasurer of the corporation formed in 1933. Joining him in leading the corporation was **George Carlisle**, co-treasurer; **Ernest Lamb**, trustee; and **Chesley H. Husson**, Sr., principal. In 1935, Husson became president and treasurer of the corporation, a position he held until his retirement in 1970. **Priscilla Clark**, became the acting treasurer in 1956 and the executive director/treasurer in 1961. **Clara Swan** was added to the staff in 1939. This mixture of male and female senior leaders shows that Husson University has a long history of embracing gender diversity in the boardroom and in other positions of responsibility.

A member of the armed forces during World War II, Priscilla Clark enrolled in the business teacher education program at Husson College after the war. After earning a bachelor's degree from the University of Maine in 1951, she returned to Husson to teach accounting courses part-time. Clark was one of three people from Husson who began developing plans for the new campus at 1 College Circle and seeking accreditation from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges in 1966. The other two were Chesley Husson and Clara Swan.


Clara Lincoln Swan

For her part, **Clara Lincoln Swan** was a legend in her own right here at Husson. She held numerous titles during her 34-year tenure at Husson. They included academic dean, registrar, vice president, and corporate officer. Initially hired as an instructor/coach, Swan's 1952-53 and 1957-1958 women's basketball teams were undefeated. In 1970 when President Chesley Husson retired, Swan was named vice president of Husson College. This helped ensure educational continuity after the "Chief" left the institution. She is a beloved part of the college's past and present, and was instrumental in helping Husson College grow and prosper. Swan lived until she was 104 years old.


William P Newman

From the post-war period until the early 1960s, Husson College continued to add facilities, faculty, staff and programs. Having attained all of the qualification and prestige that an accredited, specialized college should have, Chesley Husson decided to reorganize the corporation from a for-profit venture to a non-profit private school. This would make it possible for the College to be accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc. (NEASC), the highest level of accreditation available. The first step necessary to making this happen was to get the support of the Board of Directors. Besides his own support, Chesley Husson needed to convince Clara Swan, Priscilla Clark and **William P. Newman**, vice president of the board, to go along with this idea.

In addition to being a Husson trustee, Newman was the president and board chairman of the Eastern Trust and Banking Company. He was also the past president of the Maine Bankers Association. The Newman Gymnasium at Husson University bears his name.

Next, Husson had to get approval from the shareholders. They included Clara Swan, **Mildred Bradford, Louise Miller,**

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Douglas VanWart, Robert VanWart, William Curran, Jr., George E. P. Husson, Jr., Millard Foss, Chesley H. Husson, Jr., William H. Donahue, Jr, and **Mrs. Chesley H. Husson**.

At a special shareholders meeting on August 25, 1961, the plan to convert Husson College to a non-profit organization was presented and approved. All of the college's personnel surrendered their shares. The Board of Trustees of the new non-profit corporation established a new constitution and by-laws for the organization the following year.



George F. Peabody

With the legal expertise of **George F. Peabody**, attorney at law, the College was able to successfully complete this process in 1963, when the Maine Legislature authorized Husson College to continue granting Bachelor of Science degrees as a non-profit organization.

Peabody was an accomplished lawyer who figures prominently in Husson's history. He joined the Maine Bar Association in 1937. Active politically, Peabody was a member of the Bangor City Council from 1942-1944. During that last year, he was the chair of the Council. His counsel to Husson College and President Chesley H. Husson, Sr. proved to be invaluable over time. Today, Husson University's primary academic building bears his name.

The next two steps important to the University were to develop a plan to create a new campus and seek NEASC accreditation. The NEASC accreditation process was begun in 1966 by President Chesley Husson, Priscilla Clark and Clara Swan. Candidacy status was granted in 1968 and accreditation was granted in 1974.

Assisting in this effort was **Dr. Janet L. Kinney**. For 41 years, she chaired the Courtroom, Teacher Education and Office Professions Division at Husson. During her time at the University, she also served as the acting academic dean, vice president of academic affairs and assistant to the provost. While she was the acting academic dean, Kinney was responsible for editing the college's catalog and preparing the first evaluative self-study for NEASC accreditation.

Concurrently, during the early 1960s, President Husson continued to take options on additional 50-acre parcels of lands adjoining those he had already purchased. These would be used to create the new campus at 1 College Circle.

All of these leaders made contributions to the success of Husson University's predecessor institutions, The Shaw Business College and School of Penmanship, the Maine School of Commerce – Bangor Branch and Husson College. Without their leadership and willingness to stay the course despite adversity, Husson University would not have become one of New England's leading professional educators.

In the next edition of this series, we'll look at the leaders who helped Husson College make the transition to 1 College Circle and the decision to become Husson University.



Left to right (seated): President C. H. Husson; Treasurer Priscilla A. Clark
(standing) Mr. George F. Peabody, Mr. Chesley H. Husson, Jr., Mr. William P. Newman, Mr. Howard, Architect






Pictured l-r: Clara Swan '33, Del Merrill '54, Bruce MacGregor, Pam Henessey.

The Husson Coaches Who Created Champions in Sports and Life

What began as an early vision by a few, has grown over time into one of the top athletic departments in Maine.

Steeped in the values of integrity, respect, responsibility and sportsmanship, Husson student-athletes are given a chance to leave their mark on the University's playing surfaces and in the classroom.

After 125 years, the University has reaped the rewards of a rich athletic tradition that has broken numerous barriers. The coaches, facilities and values that came before have laid the foundation for today's success.

Looking back, much of Husson's success today can be attributed to four coaches, professors and administrators: **Clara Swan '33, Del Merrill '54, Bruce MacGregor** and **Pam Henessey**. These trailblazing coaches and athletic directors planted the seeds of athletic excellence that grew into a culture of winning here at Husson University.

The first of these powerhouse coaches was **Clara Lincoln Swan**. After graduating from Husson in 1933, Swan returned in 1939. She served in many roles until she retired in 1972. They included academic dean, registrar, vice president, corporate officer and instructor/coach. As the women's basketball coach, Swan put together a team that won 87.2% of their matches over the course of 19 seasons. It was Swan who created the blueprint for women's athletics at Husson. In a time when athletics was dominated by men, Swan broke down barriers and created a "students first" culture. In honor of her lasting influence on the athletics department, an award that bears Swan's name is presented annually to Husson's female student athlete of the year.

Del Merrill, a 1954 graduate of Husson College, not only served as a men's baseball and basketball coach for the Eagles, he also served from 1956-74 as Husson's first director of athletics. He later became the fourth president of the university, serving from 1974-87. In an honor similar to Swan's, one fortunate male Husson athlete is named the Del Merrill Athlete of the Year. The award was named after Merrill in recognition of his lasting impact on Husson athletics.

After being hired by Merrill in 1968, **D. Bruce MacGregor** began a 55-year run at Husson serving as a coach for men's basketball, baseball, and men's golf. He was also a professor, athletic director, trustee and the chair of the Husson Sports Hall of Fame committee. At the time of his retirement, he was the winningest coach in the history of Husson and New England.

Also hired in 1968, **Pam Henessey** spent 38 years at Husson serving as a professor, softball and basketball coach until being named the college's athletic director in 1985. With her promotion, Henessey became the only female athletic director (AD) in the state. In addition, she served as the Northeast Regional NAIA commissioner and was the only woman in the country to hold that title. As AD, Henessey continued to break down barriers by adding women's sports to Husson's roster of athletic teams. Henessey was at the forefront of Maine's Title IV movement.

With the dedication and drive of these four pillars of campus athletics, Husson has grown from seven sports and 125 student-athletes in the 1920s, to 22 sports and over 500 student-athletes today. With the support of William Newman in 1968, the university added the Newman Gymnasium complex. Today, this facility is the central hub of the athletics department. The support of **John Boucher '66, Robert '67 and Francis O'Keefe, Dr. John Winkin** and the **Harold Alfond Foundation** led to the creation of Boucher Field, the Winkin Sports Complex and O'Keefe Field. With these top-notch facilities, coaches and dedicated student-athletes, Husson University has been able to field some of the best athletic talent and programs in all of New England.

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

Robert W. Maguire, Jr. '67, the retired publisher of the Maguire Newspapers in North Clarendon, Vermont, received the Marquis Who's Who Humanitarian Award on February 23, 2023. Maguire has a Master of Business Administration from Boston University (1987), a Bachelor of Science from Husson College (1967) and an Associate of Arts degree from Champlain College (1964). He has served on several boards ranging from board director for the Vermont Cancer Society, multiple press associations, to being an active member of Republican committees and board director of the Vermont Epilepsy Foundation. Maguire was also the recipient of the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award in 2019.

1970s

George John Schuschereba '74 has been inducted into the Prestigious Marquis Who's Who Biographical Registry. Schuschereba is recognized for his expertise as a health, safety and environmental (HSE) construction consultant with GJS SH&E Solutions. Leveraging more than five decades of excellence in health and safety management across fields in the construction industry, he has focused his efforts since 2015 on creating systems that lead to a safer environmental operation and for employees, eliminating the loss of life.

Among his professional accomplishments, Schuschereba is proud to have been part of the World Trade Center Recovery Program after the 9/11 attack.

He earned an Associate of Applied Science in business administration and management from Corning Community College in 1971, followed by a Bachelor of Science in business administration from Husson University in 1974. He speaks Ukrainian, English and Spanish.

After 42 years, **Theresa S. Dowden '75** retired from IBM at the end of June 2022. She and her husband Carl reside in Red Hook, NY, and welcomed their third grandchild in July.

Peter Sirois '79 of Eagle Lake, Maine, was awarded the 2023 University of Maine at Fort Kent (UMFK) Distinguished Service Award at UMFK's 141st Commencement ceremony on May 6. This award is given to individuals who have gone above and beyond in service to UMFK or the greater community of the St. John Valley, Aroostook County or the State of Maine.

Under his leadership during his 33 year tenure at Northern Maine Medical Center, the hospital was recognized in a variety of ways for outstanding patient care including being named a Top 20 Rural Community Hospital in the United States in 2017 and 2018. Less than one percent of hospitals nationwide earn this distinction. Even more impressive, this hospital earned this recognition two years in a row.

He retired in 2022 and lives with his wife of 40 years, Nola, in Eagle Lake. Together they have two beautiful daughters, Michelle and Nicole, and five grandsons.

1980s

Scott Small '82 retired from the USAF and Texas Air National Guard. Small became a realtor in the San Antonio market and graduated from the Texas REALTOR Leadership Program. In addition to mentoring other realtors and becoming certified to teach the National Association of Realtors (NAR) Military Relocation professional certificate and NAR safety programs, he also serves as a director for San Antonio Board of Realtors (SABOR) and is the team leader for San Antonio's Second Saturday Divorce Workshops, a nationally organized not-for-profit which educates those contemplating or presently going through divorce with expert guidance from an attorney, a therapist, and financial professionals.

Warren Caruso '89, '08G, '18G will be inducted into the 2023 class of the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame. Caruso is the executive director of major gifts for Husson University and has also been the men's basketball coach at Husson since 1999. Caruso led the Eagles to 14 conference championships. He has a career record of 525-249 and is the winningest coach in North Atlantic Conference history.

1990s

Tracey L. Cooley, PhD '99G was recently named vice president of Programs and Operations with Eastern Maine Development Corporation (EMDC). Cooley will be responsible for the administration, staffing, leadership, and outcomes for EMDC's economic, business, community, lending and workforce development programs. She has over 25 years of experience working with youth in various leadership, management and operational capacities, working at Penobscot Job Corps/Career Systems Development Corporation. Cooley graduated from University of Maine at Machias with a Bachelor of Science in business education, a Master of Science in business from Husson University and a PhD in education technology from Nova Southeastern University. She lives in Pittsfield with her husband, Kevin, and children, Grace and Alex.

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.

2010s

"She Came from the Woods", a horror/comedy movie, premiered in theaters on February 10, 2023. The cinematographer who brought the director's vision to life is **Michael Magilnick '13**. Magilnick attended New England School of Communications at Husson University where he earned a degree in communications with a concentration in video production. Magilnick was a camera operator for a few years, but soon discovered his passion for cinematography and working on sets. Magilnick has already worked on 42

films and is involved in 11 upcoming productions.

The Portland Sea Dogs continued with their series of bobbleheads featuring notable Mainers in 2023 with a bobblehead giveaway of NASA astronaut and Maine native **Chris Cassidy '15H.**

Cassidy was selected as an astronaut by NASA in 2004 and is a veteran of three space flights. He has completed 10 spacewalks and accumulated 54 hours, 51 minutes of spacewalk time, as part of 378 days in space.

Johanna Anderson '16, was named the president of Tompkins Community Bank for the Central New York (CNY) market. In her new role, she will be responsible for the bank's growth, community and client engagement and stakeholder relations throughout its Central New York market, as well as fostering relationships with clients of Tompkins insurance and wealth affiliates. An MBA recipient from Husson University, Anderson resides with her family in Montour Falls, located in the Finger Lakes region of New York.

Tanner Wilson '17 and Taylor Wilson were married on June 25, 2022 in Valencia, California, and now reside in Northridge, Calif. Tanner is a content marketing specialist at Viewpoint School in Calabasas, Calif. and Taylor is a first grade teacher at Superior Street Elementary in Chatsworth, Calif.

Megan A. Madore '17 recently joined Fontaine Family Real Estate Group. Madore earned her Bachelor of Science in criminal justice at Husson University in 2017. While working as a paralegal at Trafton, Matzen, Belleau & Frenette, LLP out of Auburn, Madore also decided to get into real estate in order to work directly with the public. Madore earned her associate broker license and brings two years of experience to her new role.

Payson Nichols, DPT '19, gathered with 182 Mainers in Hopkinton, Massachusetts to take on the 2023 Boston Marathon. He's run a few marathons before, but there's just something special about running in Boston. Nichols has always been an athlete, from college basketball at the University of Maine at Augusta to a stint as a semi-pro soccer player, so the transition to distance running came naturally to him. In 2019 Nichols earned a Doctor of Physical Therapy from Husson University.

2020s

African Cuisine, run by **Hope Moneke, RN '22**, began serving Nigerian meals in March 2023. Moneke recently graduated from the Husson University nursing program and works as a nurse at Northern Light Eastern Maine Medical Center. Moneke cooks dishes from her home country of Nigeria, using shared space at 1492 State Street, Veazie. She offers food for take-out on Thursdays, hopefully expanding to an extra day at a later date. Before moving to the United States, Moneke ran a restaurant in Nigeria.

IN MEMORIAM

1940s: Ottillie SIMPSON Gray '47 **1950s:** Nancy GOULD Fowler '54 | Arnold S. FRANCIS '54 | Donna M. HOBSON, RN '56 | Carol POTTER Cleale, RN '56 | Laurence E. RICHARD, CLU '56 | Dorine ANNIS Carr '57 | Carolyn WING '57 | Ernest J. GAUDET '59 | Annette S. LERCH '59 **1960s:** Herbert O. HODGKINS '62 | Betty CURRAN '63 | Fred R. BULL '65 | Darwin A. MORRISON, Jr. '65 | Barbara TRAFTON Strout '65 | James H. PREBLE '67 | Daniel B. HOULE '68 | Ronald D. GODDARD '69 | Hilda M. WARDWELL '69 **1970s:** Frank A. TUTALO '70 | Charles A. CRAWFORD, Jr. '72 | Richard A. INMAN '72 | Robert W. SPECK '72 | Edward B. WELLS, III '74 | William E. HARRIS '75 | Robert J. COOLEY '76 | Peter MARTIN '76 | Jonathan C. TUPPER, Sr. '77 | Mildred F. DOW '79 **1980s:** Peter A. AUCOIN '81 | Timothy W. DURLING '81 | Denise MICHAUD '83 | Robert A. GERRISH '85 | John T. REID '89 **1990s:** Brenda M. LAWONN '91 | Jeanette C. GAGNON '94 | Robert J. KELLY '92, '96G | Gordon C. PORTER '95 | Dennis M. LAWLEY, MSB '97G | Justin A. BROWN, MSB '98, '98G | Karen KNOX '98 **2000s:** Jean E. MALONEY '02 **2010s:** Amanda KNIGHT, MSOT '11, '13G **2020s:** Mary Ellen Sheehan DARLING '20H **ATTENDED:** James A. BLACK | Philip L. BOISJOLY 1970-1972 **FORMER EMPLOYEE:** Teresa Willett STEELE, MEd, MSN, PhD **FORMER TRUSTEE:** Richard E. DYKE '58, '76H



John M. Webber Leaves $2 Million to Husson University

Gifts Benefit Business Students and the Sawyer Library

The late John M. Webber was no stranger to philanthropy. His family had a long history of supporting education.

His father, G. Peirce Webber, was the lead donor responsible for creating the G. Peirce Webber Campus Center and the G. Peirce and Florence (Pitts) Webber Scholarship at Husson University. In addition, he established the "Acorn Fund" which was an instrumental part of Husson's success in the late 1980s.

With a family history of creating positive change through philanthropy, it wasn't surprising that John Webber designated $2 million of his estate to Husson University. The first $1 million-dollar gift is being used to create the John M. Webber Husson University Business Scholarship Fund. This fund provides financial support to deserving Husson University College of Business students, with a preference given to those majoring in accounting or finance.

The second $1 million gift is creating an endowment called the John M. Webber Husson University Library Endowment Fund. It's being used to support purchases that enhance the W. Tom and Bonnie Sawyer Library's collections.

"The Sawyer Library plays a vital role in supporting an array of intellectual pursuits here at Husson," said Shelly Davis, MLIS, the University's head librarian. "Mr. Webber's magnanimous gift is ensuring that Husson students will have access to the high-quality information resources, essential to their development as knowledgeable professionals and engaged citizens."

"From an early age, my Uncle John appreciated the positive impact a university education could have on students," said Steve Spetnagel, Webber's nephew. "Making sure that college resources at quality schools like Husson remain robust, plentiful and current was always one of his priorities."



Dr. Marie Hansen, dean of the College of Business at Husson University shares John Webber's passion for education. "A college education not only opens doors to career opportunities in the business world, it also makes personal growth possible. Education helps students think critically and consider issues from multiple perspectives."

"That's why the John M. Webber Husson University Business Scholarship Fund is so important," continued Hansen. "It will help students pay for a college education that can open their minds to new possibilities. Our university remains one of the most affordable colleges and universities in New England because of what donors like John Webber make possible."

Husson President Robert A. Clark, PhD, CFA, feels that bequests from family and friends of the University play an important role in supporting the institution and students' education. "Besides helping us to further our mission, bequests allow donors to create a legacy that lasts in perpetuity," said Clark. "Donors often make large gifts through bequests that further their legacy through the charitable organizations that mean the most to them. John Webber was one such person and the endowments he created will benefit Husson students for generations to come."

Individuals interested in learning more about the ways estate planning can transform Husson students' lives should call Sarah Cary Robinson, CTFA, vice president for advancement, at **207.941.7617** or email her at **robinsons@husson.edu**.





Fun in the Florida Sun!







In keeping with tradition, Husson University is partnering with graduates to create a series of activities in locations across the country. As part of this effort, Husson University's Office of Advancement recently hosted a series of five gatherings throughout the state of Florida. From March 19-24, Advancement staff joined 93 local Florida alumni and friends of the University in a variety of fun activities. These included attending a Broadway production of *Wicked!*, sharing lunches and cheering on the Boston Red Sox as they beat the Atlanta Braves at the bottom of the ninth inning.

One highlight of the week was meeting one of Husson's oldest living alumni, **Iris McFarland Grimmer '41**. She brought her commencement exercise book from 1941 to one of the gatherings. It was fascinating to see the courses of study offered at the Bangor Maine School of Commerce (later renamed Husson College in 1947). Programs listed in the book included: college normal, teacher-training, administrative secretarial (Grimmer's major), junior secretarial, stenographic, accounting and auditing, business administration, general clerical and salesmanship.

Another alumnus of note who attended these events was **Adam Kohler '01**, an alumni volunteer who attended the Sanford and The Villages luncheon events. A resident of Titusville, Adam made phone calls to fellow alumni to extend invitations to the events and assist with registrations. Advancement looks forward to having Kohler's help again next year.

The University would be remiss if it didn't thank Coach **Bruce MacGregor**, and his wife Chris, for their generous hospitality. For the third consecutive year, they have graciously hosted an event in Naples. Two Kappa Delta Phi Brothers were able to reunite after 40 years at this event. Providing opportunities for Husson alumni to network, connect and reconnect is part of what these events are all about.

For over 15 years, the University has connected with alumni in the Sunshine State. With an increased emphasis on active and enthusiastic alumni chapters, the University hopes to expand its reach even further. Since distance makes it difficult for some alumni to come to Husson's Bangor campus, the University will work to bring a taste of Husson to our graduates wherever they are. If you would like to help the University organize, host or volunteer at an event in your area, please email **alumni@husson.edu**.

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