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# THE HOOT

KEENE STATE COLLEGE OBSERVER



Dear Alumni and Friends,

As 2021 comes to a close, we send you warm wishes for a safe winter holiday season and a joyful new year.

The Advancement Team

Share your updated information with Advancement/Alumni Offices!

# Campus Updates

Dear Friends of Keene State College,



Thank you for your continued support of our students. With their success as our guide, we have made structural and administrative changes at KSC to create clear academic pathways and a streamlined experience from admission to graduation. This process is continuous and always informed by their needs. Our COVID response continues to be one of the most effective in the state and region. We have successfully delivered on our promise to provide an in-person experience for our students this semester. None of this would have been possible without your input and support and for your ongoing commitment to Keene State.

With deep gratitude,

Melinda D. Treadwell, Ph.D.  
President, Keene State College  
Alumna, Class of 1990



### **Keene State English Professor Lands Prestigious Book Deal**

Last year Dr. Brinda Charry won a pitch competition organized in New Hampshire by the 603 Writer's Conference for her novel, "The East Indian." The novel is a fictional account of a real person, a 14-year-old boy who was the first person from the Indian subcontinent to appear in American colonial records.

After winning the competition, Dr. Charry connected with a literary agent and continued revisions on the novel until it was ready for review by publishers. She subsequently landed a two-book deal with Scribner, an imprint of Simon & Schuster, and sold it to Scribe, a UK publishing house.

Read more about Dr. Charry and her writing [here](#).



**Come on back to the nest, Owls - Keene State College is hiring!**

Consider a career at Keene State College.

Check out available positions [here](#).

Spotlight

# NEW HAMPSHIRE 200

Several of Keene State's own were honored this month in New Hampshire Business Review's "New Hampshire 200," a list of NH's most influential business leaders. Keene State College alumni, Peter Ramsey '76 and Joel Maiola '80, were named, along with Dr. Dottie Morris, Associate Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion at Keene State College; friend of the College, Arthur Sullivan; and two University System of New Hampshire Trustees, Jamie Burnett and Gregg Tewksbury.

When asked what excited her most about the future of Keene State, Dr. Dottie Morris said: "Watching young people grow, gain confidence, and take the lead. I love talking to students about their hopes and dreams for the future and supporting them in the process. Their excitement about their ability to have an impact is refreshing."

Congratulations to all the New Hampshire Business Review's "New Hampshire 200" business leaders!

View all the leaders [here](#).

Generosity



### **The Donna L. Coty Nursing Scholarship**

"A true healer." "A great comforter." "A genuine soul." Friends, family, and colleagues use these words to describe the late Donna Lynn Coty, who worked at Keene State College as Nursing Simulation Laboratory Coordinator in the Nursing Program from 2017 until her death in September of 2021 following a brief illness.

A colleague shared that, "The students loved working with Donna. She connected with students and helped them perfect their clinical skills, as well as offered a friendly ear when they were down and struggling to succeed."

The nursing faculty are creating a scholarship in Donna's memory and are nearly halfway to their goal of \$20,000 to establish a permanent fund. Click [here](#) to donate. Thank you.

Learn more about Keene State's Nursing Program [here](#).



### **Keene State Class Scholarships - Working together to reach high impact giving**

Did you know that nineteen Keene State College classes have created or collaborated on endowed scholarships valued at nearly \$1 million? Of the 3,151 gifts to class scholarships recorded since 1988 (the farthest back that our electronic records go), 2,525 were less than \$100. Small gifts add up!

Education major Alexis Johnson describes the impact of her class scholarships:

*These scholarships have helped me immensely during my time here at Keene State. I am the first person in my family to go to college. I knew from the time I was in first grade that I wanted to be a teacher, and I am so close to achieving my goal. Because I am paying for my college education on my own, these scholarships truly help me ensure I can afford to stay here. Thanks to the scholarships, I am able to make my dreams come true.*

To all alumni who support student scholarships: Thank You!

Teacher Education Scholarship Endowment (classes of '42, '43, '44, '49, '50, '51, '53 and '65)

Class of 1939 International Education Endowment

Class of 1954 Education Scholarship Endowment

Class of 1957 Endowed Scholarship for Teacher Education

Class of 1958 Endowed Scholarship for Teacher Education

Class of 1960 Endowed Scholarship

Class of 1961 Endowed Scholarship

Class of 1962 Endowed Scholarship

Class of 1963 Teacher Education Scholarship Endowment

Class of 1964 Teacher Education Scholarship Endowment

Classes of 1990 and 1991 William T. Lessard Memorial Scholarship Endowment

## Note from Peers



### **We are relaunching Class Notes! We invite you to share your news!**

After a short hiatus, I am thrilled to share we will be relaunching the Keene State College Alumni Class Notes in January. We will have an online version and a print version, but we need your help. Do you have news to share - have you recently married, added to your family, received a promotion, or accomplished a life goal? Let us know! We'll share your news with your classmates and fellow alumni! Please email [classnotes@keene.edu](mailto:classnotes@keene.edu) by December 24th, and we will do our best to include your note.

Thank you, and I can't wait to hear about your updates!  
Bethany Morin '12  
Alumni Director

# Events

## Save the Date! Alumni and friends are celebrating in Florida!

Keene State College is hosting a variety of events throughout the state from March 10<sup>th</sup> to March 18<sup>th</sup> including Naples, Fort Myers, Sarasota, Orlando, and the East Coast!

Interested in connecting with KSC while we are in Florida? Please contact the Alumni Office at

[alumni@keene.edu](mailto:alumni@keene.edu) to join the mailing list.



## Join us at Keene Country Club for the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Keene State College Golf Classic

The Keene State College Golf Classic, sponsored once again by Chartwells Higher Ed, is back for the 31<sup>st</sup> time on June 3, 2022 - submit your foursome, or pledge your support with a sponsorship today!

We hope that you'll be able to join us for a fun day of golf to support Keene State College Athletics. Enjoy a day on the course with friends, alumni, faculty, staff, and community members, all to benefit the best student-athletes in the game, **by par**.

Register for the Golf Classic [here](#).

