

THE Hoot

KEENE STATE COLLEGE OBSERVER



Dear Alumni and Friends,

Spring is in the air and we look forward to numerous events and celebrations as Keene State enters the last half

Enjoy this issue of The Hoot, and look for the next one on April 13, 2022!

Campus Updates

Dear Friends of Keene State College,

Every year, the University System of New Hampshire (USNH) Board of Trustees holds its meetings at each campus within the system. On Thursday, March 3, through the morning of Friday, March 4, we were honored to host the USNH Board of Trustees on our campus. Highlights included a reception where our students displayed their talents via an academic poster session and a musical performance, and President Treadwell's presentation to the Board, emphasizing our focused progress over the past four years and sharing examples of our students' success.



We have maintained an in-person academic experience for our students throughout the pandemic, adapting our COVID protocols as the data evolves. Just last week, I was thrilled to approve a traditional Commencement Ceremony for the class of 2022!

Thank you for helping us exceed our March 10th Giving Day @ KSC. You can read more about how it went in this newsletter!

Your input and support sustain us as we continue to define the Keene State College of the future.

Thank you,

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



A Showcase Weekend - Celebrating Keene State Student Achievements Across Disciplines

Friday and Saturday, April 22-23, will offer a range of student end-of-year showcase events including Keene State's annual Academic Excellence Conference, the BFA Graphic Design Portfolio Night, and the BFA/BA Studio Art Opening. Open to the public, this weekend is an opportunity to interact with current students and faculty, view their work, and celebrate their achievements.

On Friday evening, guests can visit the Thorne-Sagendorph Art Gallery from 4-7 p.m. to peruse the works of graduating Graphic Design and Studio Art majors, ask questions, and learn about their process and experiences.

Throughout the day on Saturday, the Academic Excellence Conference features individual and panel presentations in the Putnam Science Center and culminates in a poster session and reception in the Lloyd P. Young Student Center from 4-5:30 p.m. Students will share their creative projects, performances, research, and other scholarly work/activity. View this [AEC video](#) to learn more!

The schedule of individual and panel presentations in the Putnam Science Center and/or online will be posted soon at [Academic Excellence Conference](#).

Register [here](#) to attend the Poster Session and Reception.



Keene State Athletics Winter Round Up

The Owls were fierce this winter season – on the court, in the pool, and around the track. A number of our teams and individual athletes faced competition in the Little East Conference, many of them victorious. Want to read about the

accomplishments? Check out the following Keene State Athletics articles:

[Women's Swim Wins 15th Straight LEC Championship](#)

[Jake Pearl and Robbie St. Laurent win LEC Championships](#)

[Men's Basketball wins LEC Championship](#)

[Men's Basketball Upsets No. 20 Swarthmore in the first round of the NCAA tournament](#)



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

Consider a career at Keene State College.

Check out available positions [here](#).

Generosity



New Scholarship Supports New Americans

A new scholarship at Keene State College acknowledges the unique challenges faced by immigrants to the United States. Investigative journalists and novelists Sandra Neil Wallace and Rich Wallace have established the Koenig Siddall First Generation Scholarship for students who immigrated to the United States or are the first in their families to be born in the United States. The scholarship also considers financial need and academic standing.

The Koenig Siddall Scholarship honors the first-generation ancestors of Sandra and Rich. Anna Koenig came to North America as a refugee from the former Yugoslavia after being imprisoned in a concentration camp following World War II. A talented chef, she found work as a live-in housekeeper in Canada, eventually owning her own home and inspiring and helping her granddaughter, Sandra Neil Wallace, become the first in her family to go to college. As a teenager, Marion McAllister Siddall arrived by ship after a long voyage to the United States from Scotland, arriving through Ellis Island. She worked in a textile mill in Newark, New Jersey. She is the great-grandmother of Rich Wallace, who fondly remembers her Scottish brogue, her wit, her shortbread, and her love of soccer.

Sandra Neil Wallace and Rich Wallace are the authors of dozens of award-winning publications. Their 2018 book, *First Generation*, tells the inspiring stories of the courage, achievement and determination of 36 trail blazing immigrants and refugees to the United States who have helped make our country a stronger place. Click [here](#) for more information about the Koenig Siddall Scholarship.

GIVE A HOOT

Keene State's first-ever Giving Day KSC Celebrates Success!

On March 10, 2022, the Keene State community came together to show that they "give a hoot" for KSC!

783 alumni and friends donated \$85,805 – all to benefit the student experience! Athletics added to the overall success of the month-long Athletics Giving Challenge, raising \$62,661 from 631 donors. The KSC Fund was the second most popular with \$9,046 raised from 72 donors.

Thank you for donating, sharing, "liking", and interacting on social media to promote Giving Day KSC!

Note from Peers

Announcing the Keene State Speakers Bureau! Invitation to share your skills

Return to Keene State as a speaker for a classroom, seminar, or other venue! The College is creating a roster of speakers who are interested in sharing their skills and experience, whether from your career or other areas of expertise. By adding your information into the [Speakers Bureau library](#), you will become part of a faculty and staff resource for classroom guest speakers, Career Speaker series, community guest speakers, and more. For questions, please contact Kristin Brooks '11, Kristin.Brooks@keene.edu, or Jessica Bigaj, Jbigaj@keene.edu.

For more volunteer options, please visit our [Volunteer Opportunities](#) webpage.

Spotlight



KSC Alums Create an Employment Pipeline to Wediko School

With a graduate of Keene State's psychology and school counseling programs as its principal, the Wediko School is staying connected to the college's programs and graduates. Principal Tobias (Toby) Iselin '07 M'12 regularly returns to campus classrooms to network and recruit staff for Wediko, which currently employs eleven KSC alumni.

Wediko is a therapeutic residential school for adolescent boys in grades 6-12 who experience social, emotional, behavioral and academic challenges. Focusing on students' strengths, the program provides "... wraparound care, which includes family therapy, medical providers, and school all in one place," says Toby.

KSC alumni employed at Wediko come from a range of disciplines:

- Tobias Iselin '07 M'12 – Psychology and School Counseling
- Betsy Oswald M'15 – School Counseling
- Robert Parker '15 – Elementary Education and Communication
- Brian Kenney '07 – Safety Studies
- Tory Baulier '18 – Women & Gender Studies
- Jami Daigle '18 – Psychology; Criminal Justice minor
- Kenneth Wilber '91 – Education

- Audrey Bethel M '09 – School Counseling
- Jason Dawson M '11 – Education
- Alex Dubois '18 – History
- Jacob Howard '18 – Studio Art
- Zachary Rioux '20 – Film Production and Critical Studies; History minor
- Aiyana Crary '03 – Theater and Dance

When asked how KSC prepared him for this work, Lead Teacher Alex Dubois '18 said, "KSC gave me ample opportunities to serve the community, most notably the Alternative Break Program or Relay for Life with my fraternity. This service-oriented attitude inspired me to work with this vulnerable and needy population of young men." **View the full article [here](#). Read more about the [Wediko School](#).**



Tory Verdi '95

Tory Verdi, Keene State College class of 1995, has been the head coach for the women's basketball program for the past 6 years and has led the team to the program's first A10 (Athletic 10) Tournament Championship! UMASS (No.3) beat the University of Dayton (No. 1), 62-56, to take home the program's first A10 Championship title. Verdi and his team collected their 26th win, making them the winningest team in program history.

Since graduating Keene State, Verdi has gone on to coach at several institutions: University of Nebraska, University of Kansas, Eastern Michigan and the WNBA's Connecticut Sun. Verdi shared "I enjoyed my time at Keene State College. I feel I was prepared and ready to go out into society and be successful."

Events

Learn something new! KSC Seminar Series

Keene State College and guest faculty have expertise to share in this series of diverse special topic lectures and presentations throughout the spring semester. All seminars are free and open to the public and are presented at 6:00 p.m. in Mason Library 240 and via Zoom at <https://keene.zoom.us/j/91473714097> unless otherwise noted.

March 23 – Lisa DiGiovanni (Modern Languages and Cultures): Militarized Masculinity & Torture

March 30 – Karen Heikkila (Visiting scholar, library archives): Conserving the Green and Beautiful World of the Semai Orang Asli of Malaysia: Issues related to Protecting Semai Linguistic and Biocultural Heritage through an Indigenous Cultural Landscape Designation

April 6 – Dena Shields and Amanda Hickey (Public Health): The Hungry Owl Pantry... More Than Just Ramen Noodles (location: Mason Library 142)

For presentation details, please visit [KSC Lecture/Presentation/Events](#).

Virtual Art Challenge: Earth Day

Calling anyone who loves to create art in any media! Celebrate Earth Day with the Thorne-Sagendorph Art Gallery 15th Virtual Art Challenge celebrates Earth's elements. Join in to see your artwork posted in an online gallery!

Submit now through April 29, 2022

View the 15th Virtual Art Challenge and submit your art [here](#).



Save the Date! 32nd Annual Keene State College President's Outstanding Women of New Hampshire Awards

Please join us on **Thursday, March 24, 2022**, at 6 p.m. in the Mabel Brown Room, Lloyd P. Young Student Center as we come together to honor the women who have made outstanding contributions in our communities.

The theme for 2022 is **Women Providing Healing/Promoting Hope**. We will pay tribute to and recognize the women who have been caregivers and frontline workers, both during the ongoing pandemic and before it, contributing to our community's health and well-being. Nominations for women who have been involved in:

- Physical, mental, emotional, or social health and healing, either as providers of such care or as facilitators
- Scholarly research, writing, speaking, and teaching pertaining to health and well-being.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information about the event and registration [click here](#).



Alumni Gatherings in the Sunshine State!

Time to enjoy some fun in the sun with some Keene State Alumni in Florida! Please join us at one (or more!) of our events April 5-9. We have a lot happening across the state and hope to see you soon!

April 5: [Alumni Happy Hour in Naples](#)

April 6: [Sunset Catamaran Cruise on the Sweet Liberty in Naples](#) - Wait list only

April 7: [Sarasota Sunset Alumni Reception](#)

April 8: [Orlando Happy Hour](#)

April 9: [Dinner and a Show in Lake Worth](#)

Keene
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SIDORE & GENOCIDE
AWARENESS MONTH LECTURE

LOVE, LIES, & JUSTICE: From *East West Street* to *The Ratline*

with Philippe Sands

Wednesday, April 13 | 7 p.m.
Mabel Brown Room, L.P. Young Student Center



Presented by the **Cohen Center for
Holocaust and Genocide Studies**



LOVE, LIES, & JUSTICE: From *East West Street* to *The Ratline*

with Philippe Sands, Director of the Centre on International Courts and Tribunals & Professor of Law, University College London

Wednesday, April 13 from 7 p.m. -8:30 p.m.

Professor Sand's book *East West Street* examines the stories of the two men who, simultaneously, in the same city, and unknown to each other, originated the concepts of "genocide" and "crimes against humanity." It won the British Book Award in 2017. *The Ratline* is the story of his attempt to escape capture after the war, and the legacy borne by his son.

This event will be held in the Mabel Brown Room, L.P. Young Student Center or can be viewed online.

Please register [here](#) to attend in person.

Please register [here](#) to attend online.



Open call to alumni artists! *Owl Artists Fly Home*

The annual alumni art exhibit and reception will launch during Homecoming Weekend. Plan now to enter your piece in the Thorne-Sagendorph Art Gallery from October 2-8, 2022. The opening reception will be on Saturday, October 8, 2022.

Enter your name [here](#) to let us know you're interested, and stay tuned for details!

Celebrating Alumni at the Palace Theatre: April 29, 2022

Join Keene State College alumni and friends at the Palace Theatre in Manchester, New Hampshire for The Producers show, join fellow alumni for a pre-show reception, where we will honor Peter Ramsey '76 with the Alumni Association Award.