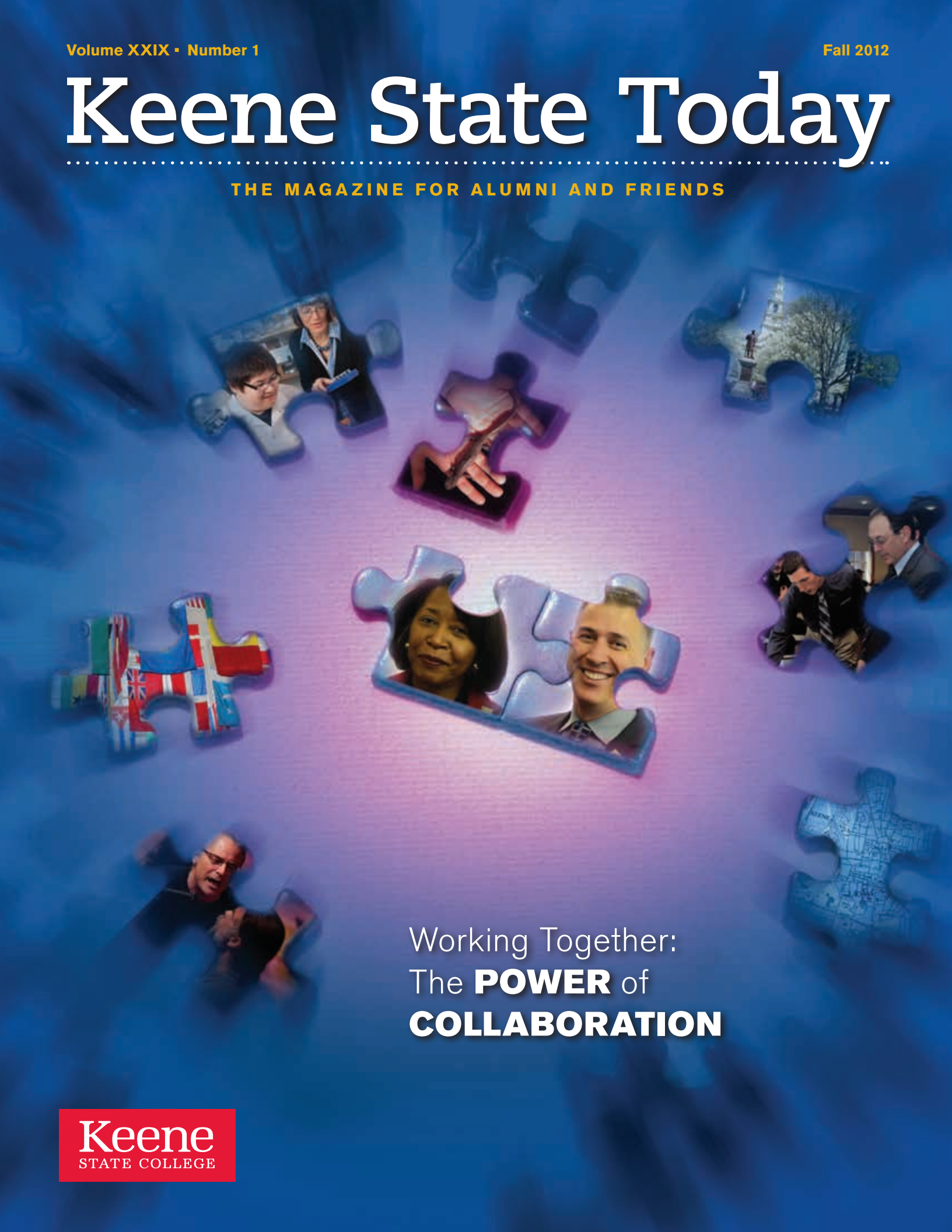


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Working Together:
The **POWER** of
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Jay Kahn *Interim President, Keene State College*

After 24 years as Keene State College's vice president for Finance and planning, I look forward to serving as interim president for the upcoming academic year. I strongly identify with the college's commitment to academic excellence and student success – standards that guide every facet of campus life and the decisions we make. Educational discovery and the relationships we create at KSC make our work rewarding.

Faculty and staff don't work alone in this effort. We consistently establish partnerships that enable us to create experiences for our students beyond formal campus boundaries. Here's what occurred just this past spring semester:

- **Sociology students worked with the city of Keene and state agencies to understand homelessness.**
- **Environmental studies students worked with the city on the Ashuelot Dam restoration.**
- **Architecture students worked on design projects with the Hampshire School, Putney School, MoCo Arts and the nearby town of Troy, New Hampshire.**
- **Dance students taught motion therapy to people with disabilities.**
- **Health Sciences students documented the problem of prescription drugs being redistributed to non-prescribed users.**
- **Nutrition and athletic training students worked with the Cheshire Medical Center and its Vision 20/20 partners. Science faculty research, in partnership with Dartmouth College, led to sponsored undergraduate research experiences in KSC labs with our faculty. To view the 140+ different community partners working with Keene State students, look at the web site at this URL: <http://sites.keene.edu/ksce/for-community-partners/community-partner-list/>**

Our view of the classroom is limited only by our view of where learning takes place. Transformations in Keene State's curricula integrate a variety of learning modalities. Learning can be classroom-based, led by a master of the field, or a self-guided activity working from a syllabus. Learning can be supplemented by *doing* in a lab, either scientific or technological. Learning occurs in teams, often while working on a project. Learning can be field-based or happen in a workplace guided by an employer's needs. It takes a creative faculty, such as ours at Keene State College, to introduce these experiences across the curriculum, adjusting to the multiple learning styles of our students.

Why, in a state known for its public and private partnerships and the number of not-for-profit organizations, does Keene stand out? I've heard it referred to as the "Special K" factor, enabling us to do more with less because of the relationships local organizations draw upon. It's also said to be in the water, part of our eco-system. Recent higher education literature describes this type of engrained behavior as embedded in organizational DNA.

The fundamental outcomes of a Keene State College education are stated in our mission: to prepare students to think critically and creatively, to engage in active citizenship, and to pursue meaningful work. I am grateful to our community partners for helping provide the essential experiential learning, internships, practicums, and project-based research opportunities for KSC students. Together we are adding value to the education of KSC students and to the communities we serve.





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Campus Happenings

Sandra McNair



Students exhibited their academic achievements at the 12th Annual Academic Excellence Conference. The event brings together student scholars, their families, faculty and staff mentors and attracts a large audience of community members, including legislators, university trustees who come to see results of academic research and other forms of scholarship.

Sandra McNair



Nicole Mihalko '12, explains the inner workings of NASA's BETTII telescope

Sandra McNair



David Daly '12, presents his research into Alaskan salmon runs



Michael Moore

The largest class in the 103-year history of KSC graduated in 2012. Commencement speakers included Mary Ann Kristiansen, winner of the Granite State Award, and Janet Cohen, who was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters. For the first time, graduates wore caps and gowns made of 100% post-consumer recycled plastic bottles.



Photo: Greg Wasserstrom for Obama for America

Joe Biden with Cheryl Kahn and Interim President Jay Kahn



Following his May appearance, Joe Biden meets student volunteers Matt Foster '12, Aaron Testa '14, Shay Lynch '14, and Dave Hersey '12

The background of the entire page is a blue-toned image of several interlocking puzzle pieces. The pieces are scattered, with some in sharp focus and others blurred, creating a sense of depth and movement. The overall color palette is a range of blues, from light sky blue to deep navy blue.

GREATER THAN THE SUM OF OUR PARTS

At a time when agendas divide communities and nations, Keene State College has brought together more people and pursuits, more committees and causes than ever before. Since 2005, when Helen Giles-Gee accepted the presidency and soon thereafter enlisted the help of Emile Netzhammer as provost, leaders at the college have woven an intricate and productive web of new and interconnected relationships. Initiatives that integrate community service and academic excellence are multiplying and growing stronger, and stand as a fitting legacy for a pair of leaders who left KSC a more vibrant institution.

Evidence of these collaborations can be found all over the college, the city of Keene, the Monadnock Region, and beyond. A national research lab eagerly awaits the samples that come from KSC undergraduates, collected at the city's recycling center.

A performing arts center, a food co-op, a child-care center, and a host of other regional nonprofits now rely on the emerging expertise of students in a long list of academic departments, from architecture to education. Businesses look to service learning projects and incubators to help them launch new initiatives. Manufacturers participate in a collective that brings them skilled technicians and safety experts. Nearby towns engage students and faculty to solve environmental and health problems. And Keene officials now walk arm in arm with the college, enjoying a closer and more mutually beneficial relationship that surpasses individual interests.

It would be nearly impossible to describe every tendril that reaches out and distributes what Giles-Gee calls the school's "intellectual capital." And it would be equally daunting to track all the enrichment and learning opportunities that flow back to beneficiaries on Appian Way from the thriving network of relationships that surround it. But what follows is a glimpse of some of these highly functioning and ongoing collaborations.

TOWN, GOWN, AND ALL AROUND

The term "town and gown" goes all the way back to the Middle Ages to describe the relationship between schools like Oxford and Cambridge and their host communities. In Keene, the relationship goes back only 105 years, when city fathers asked the state for a teacher's college. Since then, the partnership has seen some bright and some dark days. Mayor Kendall Lane grew up on Main Street across from the Keene Teachers College and remembers it as an open space for adventure, where he learned to shoot pool and play tennis. His parents took in students as boarders, who did light chores for their keep and at the same time showed him the benefits of higher education.

But when Lane returned from military service in the 1970s, the college had turned inward. The city itself was rundown, and Main Street was little more than a parking lot bound by failing retailers.

"This caused a lot of hostility and students were running amok off-campus and the college turned a deaf ear," he said in contrast to the way things are today.

Lane finished law school and entered public service.

"I was on city council when [president] Judith Sturnick came in with a new vision for the campus, a college that was part of the larger community," he said. Sturnick's involvement helped the city and KSC pinpoint areas of conflict. When Stanley Yarosewick became president of the college, Lane says, "he sat on a variety of community boards and nonprofits. If there was something going on in the community that had an impact on the college, he was there. We adored him. He really brought the college to the community."

Helen Giles-Gee, who followed Yarosewick, "has done even more," said Lane. "She's brought the community into the college." Although Jay Kahn, former vice president of finance and planning, and Andy Robinson, vice president of student affairs, had already stepped into community service roles, Giles-Gee sent more leaders out and asked for deeper involvement. Formal meetings between the president and city leaders evolved into regular gatherings with wide-open channels of communication. Former mayor Dale Pregent, who worked closely and for several years with Giles-Gee, knew immediately that the city and the campus had a bright future. "Very shortly after she arrived, she let us know that with the college being so close to downtown, it had to be an integral part of the city," said Pregent.

Kahn, Robinson, and Dean of Sciences Gordon Leversee rolled up their sleeves along with other community volunteers and addressed housing issues, parking, student behavior, and the overall health of the city and region.

Joint projects with the city have grown into a long list – from mass volunteering by students and staff for Keene's annual Pumpkin Festival to Professor Mike Walsh's leadership in city planning. Among many other community involvements, Maryann Lindberg, vice president of advancement, works closely with business partners on the board of the Greater Keene Chamber of Commerce. Netzhammer chaired the board of

the Hannah Grimes Center, a well-established small business incubator, and Jay Kahn serves as chair of the board of Cheshire Medical



Student "surgeons" contribute to the Keene Pumpkin Festival through KSC's annual Pumpkin Lobotomy

Center/Cheshire Health Foundation. Vision 20/20 – an initiative aiming to help Keene become one of the nation’s healthiest communities – receives heavy participation from KSC, in terms of nutrition and wellness education, athletic training, and more.

Collaborations seeded by leaders at KSC go well beyond Keene’s city limits. When Giles-Gee and Netzhammer, listening carefully to a story from Jude Blake, a university trustee, learned about the deterioration of a dam and recreation area that had been crucial to the health and well-being of Troy, New Hampshire, they saw an opportunity to help. Exhibiting the kind of synergy that made the two leaders even more effective as a team than working alone, the president and provost once again sought the advice of Gordon Leversee.

Restoring the Troy Sand Dam drew the collaborative forces of faculty and students from environmental studies, architecture, geography, and health and wellness. The popular mill pond behind the dam had been dedicated as a multi-use recreation area in 1949, built in memory of the men who had lost their lives in World War II. Working in concert with Troy citizens and its public works department, teams of students and faculty completely restored the dam and recreation area, and improved its facilities, integrity, and usefulness. KSC students subsequently evaluated the project by assessing its effect on the health and well-being of the town.

At times, the citizens of Keene and the college collaborate for the sheer joy of it. To kick off KSC’s centennial celebration in 2007, then mayor Michael Blastos, City Manager John MacLean, Giles-Gee, Lane, University System of New Hampshire Board of Trustees Chairman Andrew Lietz, and a cast of alumni and students played roles in *In Perfect Harmony: A College Comes to Keene*. Written by Mason Library director, Irene Herold, and Michael Caulfield, the popular play reenacted a city hall vote to invite a normal school to Keene.

STUDENT AND CITY LIFE:

More and Better Housing

In the spirit of bringing the community into the college, the city and the college continue to improve housing options for students while working toward new housing that will benefit everyone. “We needed more off-campus housing,” said Jay Kahn, “but buying property and removing it from the tax rolls is not a sustainable approach. So we worked with the city to attract private development in a Sustainable Energy Efficient Design (SEED) district near the college.”

The plan is working. After the city created new building standards for the SEED district, developers responded. Building vertically in the center of the city is more energy efficient and reduces the carbon footprint. “As a result, nearly 300 new beds near the college have been created through at least four different projects,” Kahn said. In addition to student housing, these projects offer attractive options to area workers, professionals, and retirees who prefer to live in the city.

As for the existing housing, the city and college have improved the situation “dramatically,” according to City Manager John MacLean. “As a result of Andy [Robinson] going into the neighborhoods and neighborhood associations and meeting with landlords, we’ve set up a voluntary, self-initiated inspection program conducted by city officials that allows them to get onto an approved list at the college. The really good landlords have actually grown, and relationships in the neighborhoods are much improved,” said MacLean.



Biology professor Susan Whittemore and Loren Launen

LEARNING BY DOING:

Service Learning and Community Engagement

Projects like the Troy dam restoration stand as perfect examples of KSC’s abiding values: citizenship and academic achievement, hands-on learning within the community. The college’s leaders redoubled KSC’s commitment to those values in an important collaboration with its neighbor, Antioch University New England.

Pauline Chandler, director of the Tomey Center at Antioch University, went to work with Giles-Gee and Netzhammer, building on already successful local partnerships and pursuing far greater community engagement for faculty and students at both institutions. A Campus Compact grant enabled Keene State to take educational programs into the community, where faculty and nonprofits, schools, and businesses could design and deliver real-world applications of learning.

“I think that using knowledge while you’re a student to solve real-world problems is what’s going to make it stick, what makes you an educated person,” said Netzhammer. “It’s critical thinking; it’s how to change the world. And collaboration with the community is the linchpin of all that.” Giles-Gee raised funds to support Chandler’s effort to draw the KSC faculty together and introduce a shift in professional development, “from content development to a change in pedagogical practice” – a new way to teach. Chandler saw that “faculty were jumping on board because they recognized the potential, and they had someone to help them find partners, manage it, help them with students and logistics.”

Community partners, once trained in how to help educate the students who helped them, responded with enthusiasm. And they continue to respond. In 2009, the provost's office created the Center for Engagement, Learning, and Teaching (CELT) to help educators design and deliver curriculum in concert with community partners. "A kernel that's much bigger now," said Giles-Gee, describing the growth of community engagement and capstone projects that have "boosted academic excellence while arming students with a portfolio of real-world work that is job-worthy."

DISCOVERY THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE:

Burgeoning Undergraduate Research

A notable collaboration with the city of Keene, which had committed to reducing its greenhouse gas emissions by running its vehicles on biodiesel, triggered what has become a boom in new research opportunities for undergraduates. In 2003, Melinda Treadwell, dean of the school of professional studies and a seasoned scientific researcher and KSC alumna, in conjunction with the Office of Sponsored Research, secured a million-dollar grant from the



Students Mike Grotton and Irissa Plouff worked on turning samples of waste grease into high-quality biodiesel

is helping New Hampshire expand its research capacity, advance student readiness for the workforce, and propel biomedical research in the state through a collaboration called the New Hampshire IDeA Network of Biological Research Excellence (INBRE). The network connects KSC with nine other colleges in pursuit of biomedical research.

Under the INBRE grant, biology professors Lauren Launen and Susan Whittemore have engaged their students in studying the effects of a group of highly toxic pollutants (polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons) released by burning fossil fuels. Launen focuses her team's attention on the microbial communities of the Great Bay Estuary, and Whittemore's students examine the pollutant's effect on the development of organisms.

INBRE and other growing research opportunities have spawned PURE at KSC, the Program for Undergraduate Research Excellence. PURE will encourage high school students to come to Keene State for research involvement that begins in their freshmen year and carries through until graduation, and sometimes beyond.

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National Institutes of Health (NIH) to study the effect of using biodiesel on personal exposure and air quality in a local environment.

The NIH grant allowed Assistant Professor Nora Traviss and her students to monitor and analyze biodiesel emissions and their effect on workers within municipal facilities and throughout the city. In this effort, Traviss collaborates with researchers at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Colorado, the University of Vermont, and Dartmouth Medical School, where students can use highly advanced equipment at KSC and other participating campuses.

"We're working with nationwide experts on biodiesel," said Traviss. "And they think we're doing great science because we can supply them with samples from real-world operating sites, and we're all trying to know the same things," she says.

Meanwhile, other research initiatives are putting students to work with networks doing important scientific laboratory and field studies. Again, the NIH

Research efforts throughout KSC – occupational, social, biological, chemical, or economic – are blossoming with collaborative efforts. Support from leadership has nurtured this growth. "Leadership's dedication to undergraduate research, and Helen's involvement, in particular, elevated my students' work," said Traviss. "These new grants are no coincidence," she said. "I think funders see the commitment from KSC, our productivity, and the bright faculty and students we have here."

The many and diverse parts of Keene State College, its alumni network and friends, and a constellation of communities add up to a force far greater than any individuals. But the kind of synergy that sustains its effect and continuously expands its reach has often come from nurturing the seeds of cooperation and mutual benefit. By having the vision and willingness to support promising ideas that inspire collaboration, Giles-Gee and Netzhammer have left more than a mark; they have set in motion a field of collective energy that radiates inclusion and excellence from the core of the college and into every community it touches.



Weaving a Web

of Science, Community, and Conservation



by Brett Amy Thelen

With the mission of bringing together citizens and scientists to gather data aimed at protecting and restoring the local environment, educator David Moon founded Ashuelot Valley Environmental Observatory (AVEO) in 2003. In the early years, David ran the organization from his home in Westmoreland, but as the program grew, it needed a bigger, more public space. At the same time, Keene State was renovating its science center, re-envisioning it as a place where the college and the community could come together around science. Dean of Sciences Gordon Leversee saw AVEO's work as "a nice fit with the kinds of experiences our faculty wanted for students – to be in the field, doing science that matters."

From its base in the Putnam Science Center, AVEO launched community-based research projects, monitoring water quality, documenting vernal pools, and surveying fish passageways at road-stream crossings throughout the Ashuelot River watershed. Over the years, AVEO staff have engaged hundreds of volunteers, who join students at KSC for trainings. They have also served as mentors to students undertaking capstone research projects in geography, environmental studies, education, and biology.

AVEO expanded its mission in 2010 by becoming part of one of New England's top environmental organizations – the Harris Center for Conservation Education in Hancock, New Hampshire. The Harris Center has a long history of large-scale land protection efforts and excellent environmental education programming,

“ AVEO trains volunteers – KSC students, Antioch students, and many local folks who come back year after year, simply for the joy of it all. ”

including an annual calendar of more than 100 free public programs and guided outings. Linking with the Harris Center enabled AVEO's collaboration with Keene State to expand beyond volunteer training and into other programming with a conservation science focus.

Under the aegis of the Harris Center and AVEO, the KSC School of Sciences co-sponsors monthly public programs on conservation science. Recent programs have included presentations of local graduate student research on the

The Keene Vernal Pool Project

Vernal pools are small, temporary, forested ponds (“wicked big puddles” in the woods) that serve as breeding habitat for amphibians. Because they often dry up by late summer, they are easily overlooked in land-use planning and consequently lost to development. To help protect this habitat, AVEO trains volunteers



Ashuelot River Flow mural by Nancy Selvage

migration of Northern Saw-whet Owls, an Antioch University New England professor who engages high school students in studying the ecosystems atop Mt. Monadnock, and a series of powerful documentaries.

AVEO spins a wide web of joint efforts, connections with inestimable benefit, including advantages for KSC faculty and students. Dean Leversee observed that when students are doing important work for AVEO and its partner organizations, “the students feel a little more accountable than they do to faculty in regular classwork. The expectations of outside organizations raise the stakes in a nonthreatening way for the students.”

Among AVEO collaborations are three key projects: the Keene Vernal Pool Project, the Culvert Project, and the Salamander Crossing Brigades.



to identify and document vernal pools, focusing on lands where information is needed for conservation planning. This project is still ongoing, but last summer AVEO staff presented an initial, interactive online map of documented and potential vernal pools to the Keene Conservation Commission, which lauded it as a valuable tool for protecting important habitat.

Many hands are making the project a success. Keene State students and faculty have collected data from Robin Hood Park, Goose Pond Forest, and many other acres of city-owned land. Their efforts continue, alongside members of the Keene Conservation Commission and graduate students from Antioch, as well as other community volunteers and local nature lovers. Enhancing the project's usefulness, a team of geography education majors recently developed a middle-school curriculum on vernal pool mapping, informed by the Vernal Pool Project trainings and materials.



KSC partnered with AVEO "Culvert Operators" David Viale and Corey Prescott Miles from Antioch University New England.

The Culvert Project

Joining forces with the Nature Conservancy, AVEO trained and coordinated more than 80 volunteer "Culvert Operators," including several teams of KSC students, who surveyed nearly 1,000 culverts and bridges throughout southwest New Hampshire in 2006 and 2008 to determine where fish passage is most affected by road structures. A team of KSC geography seminar students conducted an analysis of the Black Brook culverts that was so impressive it prompted the Nature Conservancy to refine its own model for prioritizing areas for stream restoration.

A team of geomorphologists, fish biologists, and other conservation scientists from Trout Unlimited, the Nature Conservancy, New Hampshire Fish & Game, and Antioch, are now reviewing photos and data collected by AVEO's culvert volunteers. When the restoration projects are complete, they will combine to re-open more than 22.5 miles of upstream habitat for brook trout and other fish species.

Salamander Crossing Brigades

Every spring, as the rains drench New Hampshire, thousands of spotted salamanders, Jefferson

salamanders, wood frogs, and spring peepers make their way to vernal pools to breed. When weather conditions align, this migration happens during just a few warm, rainy "Big Nights." In some places, the amphibians' journeys take them across busy roads, where they're run over by cars in great numbers.

AVEO trains Salamander Crossing Brigade volunteers – KSC students, Antioch students, and many local folks who come back year after year, simply for the joy of it all – to count migrating amphibians

and to safely usher them across roads at amphibian-crossing hotspots. In the last five years alone, AVEO's Salamander Crossing Brigade volunteers have crossed nearly 12,000 amphibians. In Keene, these data also led to the purchase of a parcel of conservation land – previously slated for development – as an important migratory amphibian corridor.

In the coming years, AVEO will continue its work training new volunteers, collecting more data, and sharing it with the Keene Conservation Commission, local land trusts, and other regional conservation decision-makers, giving the students' work life beyond a shelf in a professor's office.

Ashuelot Valley Environmental Observatory offices are now in the Carroll House on the KSC campus. Brett Amy Thelen is AVEO's Program Director.

The expectations of outside organizations raise the stakes in a nonthreatening way for the students.

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Dr. Karen Cangialosi, Biology

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Melissa Laughner, Finance and Budget Analyst

Recipients of the 2011 Bradford K. Perry Award for showing "financial genius" as noted by the University System of New Hampshire (USNH) Treasurer and the Financial Policies and Planning Council

Lara Bryant, Geography

Received a grant from the National Geographic Society Education Foundation for the project "New Hampshire Geographic Alliance"

Rodney Obien, Mason Library

Won funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities for the project "Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan and Staff Training to Preserve Special Collections and Film Archives"

Shannon Mayers, Redfern Arts Center

Granted funding from the New England Foundation for the Arts for the project "Meet the Composer – Christine Southworth"

Dr. James Waller, Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies

Commendation from the California State Senate at the Third International Conference on Genocide, Negationism, Revisionism, Survivors' Testimonies, Eyewitness Accounts, Justice and Memory in November, 2011

Becca Berkey, CELT and Alyssa Day, Student Center

Received funding from Campus Compact for New Hampshire for the project "MLK Day of Service"

Sharon Fantl, Redfern Arts Center

Accepted to participate in the Leadership Development Institute, facilitated by the Association of Performing Arts Presenters. She is one of 14 performing arts professionals chosen to investigate the topic of "Knowing and Connecting with Community" over the course of five sessions in three cities.

Roger Martin, Communications

Won funding from the New Hampshire Humanities Council for the project "Adam's Vision, Book XI, Paradise Lost"

FULBRIGHTS AWARDED TO PROFESSORS MERCHANT AND MCLOUGHLIN

For three months this fall, **Deborah Merchant**, *assistant professor of education*, will share her knowledge of special education with graduate students at the University of Macedonia in Thessaloniki, Greece. As a Fulbright Scholar, Merchant, a KSC alumna (along with her mother, husband, and son), will teach a seminar that addresses the skills and needs of students with intellectual impairments. She will also construct a framework for a curriculum that secondary schoolteachers can use to prepare students for self-determination and the world of work.



Education Chair **Shirley McLoughlin** will follow the Fulbright Scholars Program on a four-month engagement, starting February 1, 2013, at Telavi State University in the Kakheti province of Georgia. A KSC alumna, McLoughlin expects to teach curriculum theory and development, educational leadership, and methodologies for elementary school teachers. She has a keen interest in the role education plays in the newly created country as it emerges from Russian dominance. The department leader also intends to explore possibilities for a collaboration and student exchange between KSC and Telavi State.



ALL HANDS ON STAGE



"The first thing everyone talks about afterwards is how great it was to work with each other."

The 111,000,000 people watching January's Super Bowl half-time show witnessed a parade of centurions, heavy-metal seraphim, men walking on men, bleacher-bouncing gymnasts, tightrope dancing by a man in a toga, and Madonna's own cheerleaders on a tiered stage pulsing with light like a giant pinball machine. Behind it all – the show's art director, Anthony Bishop, a 1994 Keene State alumnus.

Miniature versions of the Indianapolis extravaganza, television shows like *The Voice* and *Family Feud*, supply Bishop's bread and butter, but in shows of any size, he refers to himself as "one of many cogs in the wheel."

When Bishop describes his education in theatre, he speaks in terms of nurturing, how students were "nurtured by those who had experience. At Keene, it was our professors." Even though he's been designing

sets since he was in eighth grade, he says he learns something from every production designer and art director with whom he works.

Bishop's bachelor's degree set him up for graduate school in theatre arts, and he had his pick, finally settling on Ohio University. Making the shift from theatre – helping out on Broadway – to television taught him to put timetables on turbo-charge. Once a project is approved, he says, "you have to be picking those apples as fast as you can and putting them in the right basket."

A quick list of skills a television art director possesses includes drawing, design, lighting, carpentry, audio, budgeting, project management, and a deep understanding of theatre arts. But those tools are useless without being part of a team of co-creators.

"As a theatre person at Keene State, what I learned first was: collaboration is everything. The second was: we all sit at the same table; we take a script, break it down, and cast it around the table," Bishop says. When he's working with someone else's vision, he's figuring out how to make it work, bringing experience and all the skills and talents of the people he knows.

At the core of his collaborations lie key relationships – the kind that drive the entertainment business. Bishop hesitates at immodesty but knows himself well enough to say, "In this business, you have to have presence, whether you have the skills or not; you must have personality. Without a good personality, you won't get in the door and you won't survive the conversation."

But a strong sense of self is only a prerequisite; skills and talent create the bond. "My relationships begin with drawings," Bishop says, "whether they're on coasters or napkins, whether I've done them or someone else has. We share them and form opinions without even meeting each other." Before long, designers, art directors, creative directors – a whole cadre of artists and technicians are working to realize a single, yet evolving vision.

Knowing television production schedules to be tight, Bishop admits to thinking about logistics from the start. On *The Voice*, for example, a complex reality set, creative teams come up with concepts that must be built within two days, demanding intense logistics, communication, and cooperation among vendors. When describing the results, though, his own voice rises to reflect the satisfaction he derives from the process. "It's quite a feat, every time, an awesome experience."

The serial awesomeness of Bishop's work comes from working with the talent around him. "The design, depth, and creativity can be fantastic," he says, "but the first thing everyone talks about afterwards is how great it was to work with each other."

Projects call for Bishop to assemble teams that range in number from a tight trio to 200. He shoots *Family Feud*, for instance, in Atlanta, where a three-person team works with local riggers and technicians to take the set out of storage and reconstruct it for three months of filming, then pack it up for another year. But Hollywood award shows and big events call for hundreds of hands.

For Bishop, keeping teammates working together means listening. "Simple skills are all it takes – even when someone's unhappy – like including them in the conversation, having everyone come together in a huddle. Yes, I start the conversation as art director,

but I don't want to be on a pedestal, talking down to anyone, because it's not how this works." He goes out of his way to support the team and show confidence, passing along

the faith executives have placed in him to get the job done in situations where mistakes are expensive and failure is not an option.

These days, projects rarely rattle Bishop. "You know what scared me, though?" he asks. "The Super Bowl – because I hadn't done it before. And I saw it as the ultimate challenge." He describes arriving in Indiana two

weeks before the event, meeting a convoy of tractor-trailers and an army that would be assembling the set and rehearsing at a covered stadium near the actual location.

"I knew what we had to do at halftime: roll in an entire set and 500 people from outside, and we've got five, six minutes to get it on the field and assembled, a quick line check [electrical, audio, etc.], the performance, and then get the whole thing out of there." Three months earlier, the team had arranged to have a mock stage constructed in New Jersey, where Madonna rehearsed every day.

When the time came, Bishop relied on his skills and the talents of

professionals with whom he had worked on many other projects. Regardless of preparation, thousands of trigger-points could misfire. "That's when you see how people really work together," he says. "When it goes off-plan, that's when ultimate collaboration takes over." But that night of Super Sunday, "It was a massive movement of people and equipment, like parade floats, and we were a well-oiled machine," says one very critical cog.

At Keene State's theatre department "I was taught how to do everything...there was no 'this is my little corner, come talk to me,' " Bishop says. "It taught me to embrace everything. To go after it. Not be afraid. There's nothing outside my comfort zone anymore. And the depth of a liberal arts degree allows me to take crazy situations and know I can handle them. It allows me to be me, to work with others, and make my own decisions."

*"As a theatre person at Keene State,
what I learned first was:
collaboration is everything."*



Anthony Bishop '94, on the job at Lucas Oil Stadium, site of Super Bowl 2012



Student Researchers Take Action on National Epidemic

By Mark Reynolds

Prescription drug abuse is the leading cause of accidental death in the United States – killing more people than car crashes. On average, an American dies every 15 minutes as a result of prescription opiate abuse. President Obama has called it “the number one epidemic in the United States today.” And the Monadnock Region of New Hampshire is no exception.

Several KSC student researchers have stepped up to address the crisis. Students in Assistant Professor Marjorie Droppa’s health science class have partnered with Monadnock Voices for Prevention, a local agency that works to raise awareness about substance abuse, to conduct research on the problem in the region and to add their data to state and national efforts. They’ve looked to organizations such as Phoenix House (a rehabilitation and detoxification facility in Keene), local law enforcement, pharmacists, and

nursing home residents to gather as much information as possible.

Their research explores the significance of

the prescription drug abuse issue and how residents of the Monadnock Region can combat it. “This project is different in that it contains advocacy training to prepare students to be active voices for legislative change, as well as performing interviews with leaders in the community around this issue,” Droppa explained.

“I cannot emphasize enough how important the students’ research work has been in determining the extent of the problem and the goal we have developed,” noted Monadnock Voices for Prevention’s Kelly Brigham-Steiner. “Without their work, we would not have had



any data for any other age group than 15 to 25 year olds. Their work helped us plan strategies for people of all ages.” The KSC research is especially important because the students collected data on prescription drug abuse among the adult population, while most other studies focus on teenagers and young adults.

According to Steiner, data from the collaborative research has been used to help the 32 communities in the Monadnock Region identify needs and gaps in service and to develop a region-wide strategic plan. The recommendations will be submitted to the NH Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Services.

“Prior to their work, the community was primarily focused on ways to dispose of unused pharmaceuticals,” Steiner said. KSC research showed that everyone, especially young people and seniors, need more information about sharing, selling, and saving medications. It also proved the need for community strategies to address social and retail access to these medications, as well as their disposal. The students recommended that a sticker be added to the prescription container offering information about disposal locations.

Steiner went on to explain that the students’ research “has helped position the Monadnock Region to be responsive to the NH Prescription Drug Epidemic Call to Action published by the Governor’s Commission and Task Force. We look forward to a continued relationship with KSC and are in discussions with other colleges and universities regarding this project, because of the foundation that has been built through KSC engaging students in research.... The students provided recommendations that no one has ever thought of.”

Those recommendations included issues such as ease of traveling to and from the pharmacies and disposal locations. Seniors are now being taught how to make the most of area transportation in this regard. “This is very significant,” Steiner explained, “because it affects diversion, proper disposal, theft, violence, Internet ordering, etcetera.”

The KSC researchers were also the first to point out the problem students face in having their medications stolen, and the group is working on recommendations to prevent such theft.

Droppa delights in how the collaboration has made researchers out of sophomores and juniors, enhancing

their critical thinking, analytical, and presentation skills; engaging them in real-life work with community partners, and teaching them how to become advocates for social health issues. “As their professor, I have seen tremendous gains in their confidence and research skills,” she said.

The effects of the students’ research are already spreading beyond the region. When physician and ’73 alumnus Elmer Dunbar, MD, read about the project in KSC Newsline, he immediately wrote to offer his support and to share his research.

Dunbar was active in the passage of NASPER, the National All Schedules Prescription Electronic Reporting Act, intended, in part, “to protect patients and physicians from deleterious effects of controlled substance misuse, abuse, and trafficking.” A resident of Kentucky, Dunbar noted that the passage of KASPER, a similar bill in his state, saw “doctor shopping” (going from doctor to doctor to gather prescriptions for pain meds) dropped from 18% to 2.1% over a period of 10 years – significantly cutting access to fraudulently acquired painkillers. “The students’ research is very powerful; it provides critical support to legislative efforts to curb a very serious problem,” Dunbar said.



“The KSC research is especially important because the students collected data on prescription drug abuse among the adult population, while most other studies focus on teenagers and young adults.”

One of Droppa’s students, Faith Durnford, has received a SURF (Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship) grant and will work with Monadnock Voices for Prevention. She’ll also receive training from Dr. Jeffrey Metzger, senior analyst with the State’s Department of Health and Human Services Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Services and chair of the State Epidemiological Workgroup.

Other health science students who think this work sounds intriguing are in luck: This very important project isn’t over yet. There’s still plenty for Droppa’s students to do, and Steiner is looking forward to receiving the valuable information they continue to gather.

Student researchers, (l) Shelby Hall and Faith Durnford (r). Kelly Brigham-Steiner (above).



Will Wrobel

KSC Chief Officer for Diversity and Multiculturalism, Dottie Morris, delivered the keynote address at the 2012 New Hampshire Culture of Peace Conference.

WORLD PEACE & NATIONAL PRIDE



The Global Education Office, the Diversity and Multiculturalism Office, the Multicultural Student Affairs Office, and Common Ground sponsored the 2012 Flag Raising Ceremony to celebrate KSC students' nations of origin. This year five flags were added to the display in the Lloyd P. Young Student Center.



Flag Raising masters of ceremony, Montel Walcott (l) and Steve George (r) hold up the flag for Senegalese student, Mamadou Cisse (not pictured). Athena Arrindell of Aruba, Nazmine Bazizane of Rwanda, Jessica Pierre of Haiti along with Colber Prosper, Coordinator of Multicultural Student Affairs, and Lado Pitia of South Sudan display the flags of their countries.

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ALUMNI PROFILE: MATT GILL '10

WE ALL RECALL THE MIX OF ENTHUSIASM, trepidation, and wonder that comes from our first days on campus. For Matt Gill, a self-described quiet and reserved high school student, those days were a revelation. He found his voice, and plenty of support. "As soon as I got there, I really opened up. And if I talked passionately about an idea, somebody would say, 'You should try to make that happen.' Everyone has a place there and can get involved, feel accepted and welcomed."

Gill wasted no time getting involved. His freshman classmates elected him president, setting him on the road to leadership he would follow for four years. He approached his involvement in Pride, an organization focused on the lives of Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, and Transgender (LGBT) students, with openness that allowed a larger community to embrace their concerns and interests. As the president of Pride and president of his senior class, he sparked widespread collaboration among students and faculty, helping first-year students who felt misunderstood or had difficult experiences identifying with their sexual orientation or gender identity.

"We focused on having an open community and giving people safe spaces where they could grow," said Gill. And his fellow students and the college readily supported those efforts. "All I had to do was go for a big idea and create a structure or scaffold that allowed people to buy into it, and then they start shaping it, working it, and guiding it to fruition."

Gill capped off his Keene State days with what became a massive recognition of World AIDS Day, involving 27 student organizations, faculty and staff groups, and community partners. The event included fund-raisers, an exhibition, and a two-day conference. "The president's office immediately got involved and contributed, as did the vice president's, all the way down to the students. Everybody from the Biology Club to the Martial Arts group was involved," said Gill.

Initiatives started by others also caught Gill's attention and he happily jumped aboard. He learned that Jana Jacobson from the housing office had an intense interest in creating gender-neutral housing and helped her form a group to explore the possibility. "The collective effort just exploded and I didn't have to do anything else. They made a big change happen, which is incredible."

After graduating with an individual arts major – Human Studies – which focused on communications, psychology, and philosophy, and an internship with Andy Robinson, VP of Student Affairs, Gill knew he wanted a career

helping students realize their own dreams in college. He is now a graduate student at Eastern Michigan University, pursuing a master's in Educational Leadership and Higher Education Student Affairs.

His first year as a grad student brought a dose of reality. "I run a dormitory with over 600 first-year students. It's pretty crazy," said Gill. Over the past year, he and a small team have worked to rebuild the school's residence life office, applying his class assignments and grappling with complex challenges. Starting anew in an unfamiliar place with no affiliation and no "political capital," as he calls it, has been tougher than he expected.

But Gill focuses on the positive and recognizes the benefits of adversity. "Back at Keene, everything turned out better when someone sitting across from me said, 'What you're talking about might be a little crazy.' I love big ideas, but I need to be reined in, too." He knows that he will give up ground and has made a habit of shooting for greatness, calling upon a metaphor that influences his life and collaborations: "Achieving the greatest good is like shooting an arrow at a forward-moving target; we're always moving forward, achieving some good and something great always survives."



At 25, the eldest brother of five siblings, a long way from home in Derry, New Hampshire, Gill has no intention of aiming low. He hopes to find a job working in student affairs in the Boston area when he finishes grad school. A term on the board of directors of the Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network (GLSEN) in New Hampshire has led him to serving on the GLSEN board in Michigan. "I've yet to see a barrier I couldn't cross," said the young man who sees life as a series of opportunities and possibilities.

Working with others and succeeding has given Gill a surprisingly sweet taste for politics. "Being able to collaborate means being able to be political," he said. "People see the political landscape as divisive, but when you look at it through the scope of collaboration, of how much can be done by working together, it's just the opposite."

Ask this hard-working, wide-eyed optimist for his wildest dream and he doesn't even hesitate. "Governor of New Hampshire." Gill stressed his love of work and learning, his growing political experience, his dedication to strengthening communities and representing varied interests. "Idealistically, if all that comes from working with a large body and representing people, then governor of New Hampshire would be awesome!"

STELLAR STUDENTS

On the Importance of Collaborative Relationships

"I've learned so much from living with roommates. It's like being in any relationship: you have to compromise. And if you have something on your mind, you need to speak up or it will only get worse."

Andrew Hodgdon '12, BA magna cum laude, Digital Film Production. Andrew made a promotional video each of the last three years for Walk a Mile, a project of the Monadnock Center for Violence Prevention, and emceed the event. He hopes to run his own film production business.



"I chose Keene State because it was a relatively small school, which I saw as an advantage. Basically, if you give to the school, the school will give back to you. My work on the student newspaper has given me many opportunities, and has taught me about my own strengths and weaknesses."

Chris Palermo '13, journalism major. He is executive editor and photo editor of the *Equinox* and photographer for the Sports Information office.



"I love working with my professors. As an elementary education major, receiving proper training is critical, and I get that here. I truly find I have a connection with every professor in the education and mathematics departments. They work so hard to ensure success for every student."

Christina Anderson '14, elementary education and mathematics dual major, Honors program. As a freshman, she did primary research with Dr. Anthony Scioli and presented their results at an Eastern Psychological Association conference. She writes fiction every day for 30 minutes, and tutors in the Center for Writing.





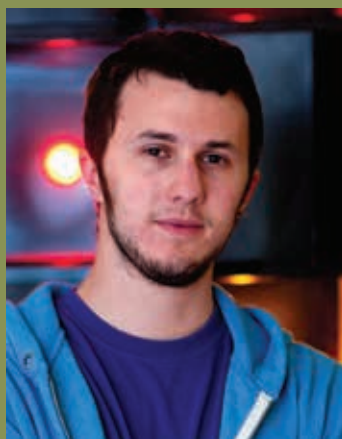
Ferm (l), Bissonnette (r)

research projects. For an entire year, I worked with Professor Kristen Porter-Utley, using Keene State's ITS gene sequencer to better understand the evolution of 260 species in a subgroup of passionflowers."

Kristin Bissonnette '12, BS biology, BS chemistry.

"As an art student, I chose Keene State because I could become involved in a tightly knit community of people who are honest and caring with each other. With some friends, I was able to rejuvenate the Art Collective as a place for anyone to participate in the arts, and we've become an official organization with funding and a major presence on campus."

Sean Bowes '12, BFA in studio art and graphic design. What sold him on KSC was the ability to study fine art alongside graphic design.



"I intended to be an English/elementary education major, but I fell in love with physics. With the help of KSC faculty, I studied last summer at Duke's Triangle Universities Nuclear Laboratories and the year before at the University of Oregon's Hutchinson Lab."

Megan Ferm '12, BS chemistry, BS math-physics cum laude.

"Starting in spring of my freshman year, I was able to work with professors and other students on independent

"I come from a family of eight children, so one thing I love about the geography faculty is that I can get to know them and often their families as well. I love mapping and field study. Last summer I had a Student Conservation Association internship studying sockeye salmon in Cook Inlet, Alaska. I'd love to become a park ranger."

David Daly '12, BA geography. President of Geography Club, presented at Academic Excellence Conference 2012, treasurer of Big Brothers Big Sisters.



"One of my proudest moments was hearing my friends perform my composition at their senior recital. It was so wonderful to hear their interpretation of the music."

Chris Robinson '12, BM, music education. Chris and his twin brother, George '12, have been the drummers for Clap-In for several years, leading new students down Appian Way to the opening convocation.



"My sophomore year something changed in me, and my career as a student really took off. Sometimes it takes just one thing to make you realize that you mean something to the community around you."

Deena Snoke '13, biology major. She spent the summer of 2011 at Dartmouth College through a Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship, and returns in the summer of 2012 as the program coordinator. She plans to enter a doctoral program in neurobiology or developmental biology.

– Susan Peery

From: Linda Lacey '73, President, Keene State College Alumni Association

Dear Fellow Alumni,

I am writing this letter while away on vacation in England and Scotland for my 40th wedding anniversary. Upon reflection, it is hard not to think about Keene State College – where my husband, Tad, and I both met. It's where the journey of the last four decades began.

Since graduating, we have lived in and around Keene for most of those years. During this time we have seen the progression of the Keene State College community, and we have stayed connected in different ways by volunteering, contributing, attending events, and keeping in contact with friends with whom we graduated.

We have seen many changes over the years at Keene State, including the addition of beautiful award-winning buildings, improvements to existing buildings, new offerings of courses and majors, the addition of prestigious endowed chairs, and countless contributions to the community. What may be less evident is the synergy created by the collaboration among administration, faculty, alumni, and community leaders to achieve this growth and change.

The vision of KSC is to integrate academics with real-world application and community and civic engagement. It takes the work of many to build a sustainable action plan, in terms of academic and personal growth, that will prepare students for the workplace and the future. As a result of the collective work by staff and alumni, a student entering KSC today has almost limitless

opportunities. Much of this comes about through technological advances at their disposal that were unheard of 40 years ago, such as e-mail, teleconferencing, instant messaging, networking software, and social-media platforms such as Facebook and LinkedIn. Today's graduates, having had opportunities to develop team-building and interpersonal skills in classrooms and in local as well as international communities, are more well-rounded than ever before. The world has opened up in the last 40 years and having the skills to work with diversity are crucial.

To maintain the level of excellence we have accomplished, it is important to continue working together so that 40 years from now another alumna can be just as proud of our growth and changes as I am today. My hope is that all alumni will reflect on what part you might play in the future of the college and that you will in some way give back.



Daniel Johnson '95, New Jersey Elementary Principal of the Year



A panel of peers has named Dr. Daniel Johnson, principal of Bragg School in Chester, New Jersey, the 2012 Visionary Leader Elementary Principal of the Year. The New Jersey Principal and Supervisor's Association grants the award to visionary leaders – those who bring the best practices in educational research to their practical application in our classrooms and who work through a process of team-building and collaboration. Congratulations, Dr. Johnson! To read more (and the comments are worth a look) go to: <http://bit.ly/I6p5QF>

Courtesy Photo

Class Notes

1929

Viola Davis Horton graduated from Keene Normal School in 1929 and received her bachelor's degree in 1952 from Keene Teachers College. Vi celebrated her 103rd birthday with ice cream and cake. Not too long ago, she broke her hip from a fall on a Thursday evening, had surgery on Saturday, and was back in her room by the following Tuesday. It didn't take long until Vi was walking to the dining room for her meals.

1935

Alberta (Cushing) Patch-Slegaiitis writes, "I spent two months of 2011 in the hospital and rehab having a pacemaker installed, followed by other heart complications. I get around with my walker and oxygen."

1937

Elizabeth Giradet Krynski lives alone in North Carolina in a mother-in-law apartment where she can be independent and prepare her own meals. She has played in the local symphony orchestra, is active in her church, and has written a book of poetry book.

1938

Doris Delaware Piper can consider herself a movie star these days, because she is featured in the film *Enter to Learn, Go Forth to Serve: The First 100 Years of Keene State College*. Doris enjoyed seeing the film for the first time at the Flicks – a delightful movie theatre located at Havenwood in Concord, NH. **Blanche "Scotty" Bean Smith** also attended but was not in the film due to illness the day other interviews were taped.

1939

Ruth "Bunny" Berry Dodge lives at Havenwood in Concord, NH. She had seen *Enter to Learn, Go Forth to Serve: The First 100 Years of Keene State College* before its screening there, thanks to a relative who had sent a copy

to her. Bunny enjoyed an ice-cream break with others during the movie.

1940

Dorothy Young Carruthers
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1941

Virginia Rollins Flint
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1942

Peggy Smith Campbell
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A delighted **Ruth Callender Lee** received her Golden Circle Medallion from **Norma Wright Walker '51** at her home in Florida. Norma and **Kay MacLean**, assistant director of Alumni and Parent Relations, paid a visit to Ruth during their trip to Florida in February. They all enjoyed a delicious lunch together.

Louise Moses Lawrence and Norma shared a lunch in Peterborough, NH, recently. Louise's daughter Cynthia was Norma's fifth-grade student in Peterborough and now she is involved in education, too. Louise would like to attend Reunion '12 because it was her 70th.

1943

Caroline Nichols Pregent
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From **Caroline Nichols Pregent**: "We had a week of warm, sunny weather in March. People are wondering if that was our summer season. In March, I was pleasantly surprised to receive a call from **Rita Sughrue**. She has a congenital heart condition but she is able to do some activities."

"In March, my daughter took me to

Havenwood Heritage in Concord. There we met **Norma Walker '51**, **Breeze Mosley '46**, and **Kay MacLean**, assistant director of Alumni and Parent Relations. We joined other alumni and friends from Havenwood and we enjoyed the documentary film *Enter to Learn, Go Forth to Serve: The First 100 Years of Keene State College*. It was a great experience to view this film. **Christine Sweeney '43** joined a group of alumni volunteers for lunch one day. We hope she can join us again.

"**Louise Whitten Perkins '43** and family attended the ceremony at West Point where her son Lieut. Gen. David Perkins received his third star. Louise had the honor of pinning one of the stars on his shirt. Louise also received a call from **Barbara Adams '43** relating that **Andrew Moynihan**, another of our special classmates, had died of heart failure."

"I continue to volunteer at the Alumni Center. We are able to help with reunion plans. Remember in 2013 we will be celebrating our 70th reunion. It would be such a pleasure to have a large attendance."

1945

An afternoon at the movies was held at Havenwood, a retirement community in Concord, NH. Two of the participants in the movie *Enter to Learn, Go Forth to Serve: The First 100 Years of Keene State College* were **Greta Meienborn Rule** and **Carolyn Wynott Goodwill**, who live at Havenwood. They were excited to see themselves on the silver screen.

Due to health problems in the family, **Myrtie Flanders Kullgren** and her husband stayed in Peterborough, NH, instead of Florida, where they usually spend their winters. Our sympathy goes out to them on the death of their son.

1946

Thelma Partridge Mitchell
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Lorraine Dow Gates entertained Kay MacLean, assistant director of Alumni and Parent Relations, and **Norma Walker '51** with punch and a variety of delicious "goodies." She is an excellent cook. It was a delightful visit remembering various faculty members, events, and friends from Keene Teachers College days.

Brigida "Breeze" Saladino Mosley can frequently be found volunteering at the Alumni Office. She has become an expert at stuffing envelopes, locating photographs, or whatever task is asked of her and the group.

The most beautiful holiday cards always arrive from a former teacher of Norma Walker's – **Shirley Ring Green**, who lives in Montana.

Marion Stevens Creighton is 93 and still lives in her own home. She has family members living nearby, so she can have help whenever she needs it.

Some classmates are fortunate to go south during the cold weather, including **Doris Johnson Blanchard** who goes to Anne Marie Island, FL. She and her husband keep busy volunteering, taking part in social functions, and visiting with friends.

Shirley Colburn Hooker, who is now making her home at Sunrise Towers in Laconia, sent a nice note.

Clare McCusker Bennett volunteers at her church and at the New London Hospital. She also enjoys spending time with friends.

Many years ago, a group of '46ers made a trip to New York City – as **Geneva Howe French** had reason to remember when she and

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her daughter were there in March. Geneva said it brought back many wonderful memories of a time gone by.

1947

A very special thank you goes out to **Ruth Blodgett Washburn** who has spent a great deal of time writing letters and telephoning, encouraging her classmates to return to campus to celebrate their 65th anniversary of graduating from Keene Teachers College. Ruth always is cheerful and ready to do anything to help not only her classmates but also the KSC Alumni Association.

1948

Ellie Smith Butler
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1949

Ellie Hughgill Muldoon
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1950

Jim Wheeler
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Vincent Gates and his wife entertained **Kay MacLean**, assistant director of Alumni and Parent Relations, and **Norma Wright Walker '51** this past February. To Norma and Kay's surprise, the handsome man sitting on the porch with Vinny was classmate **Robert Lockhart**. Bob often stops by to visit with Vinny and his wife.

Maurice "Moe" Bowler joined other alumni and guests for a luncheon in Dunedin, FL. We always enjoy seeing Moe and remembering his days as a star basketball player at Keene Teachers College and Peterborough High School.

It was great having **Walter Bucklin**, and his wife and son with us for a luncheon in Nokomis, FL. There were over 40 alumni and guests at that gathering. Sadly, Walter Bucklin passed away on April 9. Our class sends our sympathy.

1951

Norma Wright Walker
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The KSC Alumni Office would like to give a BIG Thank You to **Pat Parent O'Donnell** for setting up another luncheon in Dunedin, FL, this past February. Pat made all the arrangements, called many alumni to encourage them to attend, and organized some special prizes for those who attended.

From **Norma Wright Walker**: "We welcome **Nick** and his wife **Elizabeth '57 Hatzos** back to New Hampshire after several years in Florida.

"**Elaine Schmidt Chesley** drove up to Nokomis, FL, and joined over 40 other alumni and guests for lunch. It's always good to have her with us.

"I had a phone call from **Nina Krochmal Witham**. She has completed most of her PT and is trying to get around with a walker or cane. She has had a long ses-

sion with PT. Nina is determined to get back to her old self. She also told me she had called **Shirley Milnor Keith**. They have been good friends since their KTC days.

"I have been told that several students have come over to the Alumni Center to have their pictures taken by our Owl. That means to me that our last gift to the college was very appropriate.

"A very excited **Margaret Rhoades Bost** called to say she had reconnected with her first-grade teacher who now lives down in Connecticut. The teacher is **LuLu Stylianias Rizos '33**, a graduate of Keene Normal School. LuLu taught in a rural school with only a few students when Margaret was in first grade. Margaret and several others of LuLu's students have been invited to her 99th birthday party in May. Margaret will present LuLu with her Golden Circle Medallion."

1952

Winifred Woodbury Langtry
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We are saddened to hear of the death of our classmate **Rebecca (Becky) James Brusie**. It is always sad to lose a classmate. She

had been very ill for a long time. For anyone who would like more details, her obituary appeared in the January 7, 2012, edition of *The Keene Sentinel*.

Irene Parent received some interesting news from **Don Carle**, telling us of some very exciting experiences in September and October. Don explains, "I had the wonderful experience of riding in a WWII B17 Bomber, from Worcester, MA, to Keene. These planes were on exhibition in Keene. Six World War II vets could ride for free. We had to call in and hope for a ride. I was one that was chosen. It was a beautiful day and one of my great thrills of a lifetime. To think what those Air Force guys had to go through.

"A few of us from Keene who grew up here during the late '20s to '50s are on a TV show out of Keene, talking about what it was like then. There are four of us. We tape once a week for an hour, all off-the-cuff and no script. This is great fun and we have not been cut off yet – 20 weeks so far.

"I went to Homecoming at the college. The class of '51 unveiled the statue of the Owl at the Alumni Center. Many thanks to Class of '51.

"I also spoke to the [Elm City] Rotary Club of Keene about **Clarence DeMar**. The Rotary Club [is sponsoring] The DeMar Marathon in September. The members wanted to know about Clarence. Having known the DeMar family when Clarence taught printing at the Normal School, I gave them some insights of him as a person. He and his family were very nice."



Winnie Langtry shares that **Anita Nestor** lost her husband, Alex, on December 19 after a long period of ill health. They were married 41 years and had a wonderful life traveling and living in many countries. He was a product manager handling various ways of shipping large equipment for companies worldwide. He was very proud of the work on the Amazon River, where huge ships needed special containers designed just for those ships. They lived in Australia, South Africa, England, Mexico, Chili, Argentina, England, Brazil, Yugoslavia, and other countries. Anita was very proud of her ability to entertain dignitaries of those countries as well as representatives from the United States, and she feels she gained those skills from the many social engagements our classes at Keene State offered us in the field of Home Economics. She even gave classes on entertaining and cooking in some of those countries. Because of all these many locations and his work, Alex was fluent in eight languages, both in speaking and writing. Anita was fluent in Spanish and spoke other languages as well, including their home language of the Ukraine. She will miss him but is now hopeful of being with us all in Keene at the 60th reunion in June. We look forward to seeing as many of our classmates as possible.

1953

Donald J. Johnson
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1954

Jean W. Edgerly-Saladino took part in calling for the KSC alumni gathering in Venice, and says it was great to talk with memorable classmates of all years.

1955

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Apologies to **Shirley Wright**, who was incorrectly listed as a member of the class of 1956 in the last *Keene State Today*. Of course, she is a member of the class of 1955!

1956

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1957

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From **Barbara Ryans Brackett** and **Bill Brackett**: "A sincere thank you to all who sent cards, were at the services, or quietly said prayers & thought of us during the days after our grandson's tragic skiing accident which lead to his death on March 1, 2012. These have been dark days but our family is trying to heal. Please continue to pray for all of us – especially his parents, Steven and Pauline Brackett and his brother, Jon."

1958

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1959

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1960

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Gail Spevack Sheldon writes:
"More news from our recently found **Jane Buffington Coman**! Eldest daughter Buffy is a professor at University of Alabama.

Daughter **Cristi** is married to an artist and together they have a gallery in Atlanta. Son **Chip** and his wife have several video game stores near Birmingham. Jane and Al are enjoying their newly adopted black German shepherd puppy.

"(Mary) **Betty Staniels** and I enjoy our monthly luncheon with several fellow Central grads. Lots of talking and sharing! Betty is well and returned from Florida in late March. When you read this, she will be relaxing at her summer home in Hampton Beach. An enjoyable life!"

1961

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In early September, five 1961 graduates gathered for three days in New Hampshire at Judy Wilson's lake house. Having lunch are **Dotty McGettigan Callaghan, Judy Desmarais Wilson, Margaret Frain Curtin, Cathi White Wolf, and Terry Duggan Broderick.**





Last summer, nine 1962 graduates gathered at the Block Island home of **Stephanie Baute** (left) with her are **Martha Morse, Pat Garnis, Janice Griffin, Rita Farhm, Ruth Ross, Pat Albanese, Donna Woodfin, and Nancy Morgan.**

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Jan Temple Metoxen retired in

2005 after 37 years of teaching and has been busy ever since. She drives for Meals on Wheels in Longmeadow and started a business, Like a Daughter, which helps the elderly remain independent and in their homes. She also tutors elementary math twice a week, which keeps her involved with children. Jan enjoys gardening, reading, and traveling. She has two adult children, daughter Jessica, who lives in Los Angeles and is a veterinary surgical tech, and son Jason, who lives in New Jersey and is a physical therapist in Manhattan. She has one grandchild, Matthew, whom she drives down to see as often as possible. Jan is on the Keene State Alumni Board of Directors and is active at the college again. She says, "If you haven't been back to see our campus, you would never recognize it now!"

Jan enjoys being class secretary but says she needs more news: "Recently I heard from a few members of our class, but hope to hear from more of you after my recent letter. Please write to let us know what you have been doing.

"Bruce Marsette and Martha Ferris Marsette wrote a while ago. Now that they are both retired, Bruce keeps busy skiing and playing golf and tennis. He also works one day a week at the hospital gift shop. Martha works one day a week at Wheelock School in special education and keeps busy with golf, tennis, sewing, and painting. They spend two months during the winter in Florida and recently visited Vancouver, BC, and Alaska. During the summer, they spend time at Cape Cod with their family, daughter Jessica and

son Jeremy. They have four grandchildren: Jackson, Isabel, Lily, and Owen. Bruce and Martha love spending time with the kids on the beach both in Florida and the Cape.

"Russ Koppang wrote to say that he and his wife **Cathy Derring Koppang '69** have 'seen the light' and moved to Florida permanently after spending winters there. They also have a house at the beach in Wells, Maine, where they plan to spend their summers. They have two sons, Erik, who is an anesthesiologist in San Antonio, and Paul, who is an investment banker in Charlotte, NC. Russ says that the water in his pool is 82 degrees, the same temperature as it is outside!

"Carolyn Sprague O'Neill has retired and is now living on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. She is enjoying her retirement and really likes the people and beauty of the area. Carolyn's son lives in Japan and came home to visit in November for the first time in four years, which was wonderful. She is trying to locate **Elaine Paquette**, if anyone knows where she is now.

"I received a long e-mail from **Vinny Liscomb** and **Connie Kennedy Liscomb**. They are retired and have moved to N. Myrtle Beach, SC. He says that it is different being away from New England, but that they have always wanted to live on the coast in a warmer climate. Two of their sons and all of their grandchildren still live in Connecticut. Their third son lives closer in Georgia. Vin says that they are both very active, exercising, and involved in many different activities at the resort.



They both are teaching adult classes in Finance and Budgeting and Marriage Counseling at the Barefoot Church, a large church in the area. Vin and Connie have been married for 45 years!

"I discovered that four of our classmates live in the two towns next door to me. **Richard Seldow** and I met for lunch at the end of April. He and his wife, Judy, who is from California, moved to Wilbraham, MA, in September to be nearer to the children and grandchildren. Rich has two married children and four grandchildren. Their son Adam lives in Richmond, VA, and is a school district administrator. Their daughter Rebecca lives in Springfield, MA, and is a medical school researcher. Rich retired from his chiropractic practice in 2006. He has lived all over, starting with his years in the military in Texas, to Chicago, central Pennsylvania, and now in Wilbraham. Rich and Judy enjoy hiking, running, bicycling, and traveling. And, of course, playing with their grandchildren!

"I recently had lunch with **Holly Davis Smith** in the Boston area. Holly is a learning disabilities teacher who is wondering when she can retire! Holly has two daughters, Dr. Heather Smith, an OB-GYN clinical medical scholar who is doing a fellowship at Yale, and Fallyn, a social worker working with special needs children in New York. Holly enjoys golf and painting in her free time. She and her husband, Jerry, live in Canton, MA.

"**Brian Trainor** writes that he will retire from teaching in June 2012 and move to the Sunapee, NH, area."

1969

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The New England Newspaper & Press Association recently inducted **Thomas F. Kearney '69** into the New England Newspaper Hall of Fame. Kearney, who spent much of his professional life as executive editor of *The Keene Sentinel*, is currently managing editor of the weekly *Stowe Reporter* in Vermont.

Janet Ouellette writes, "I am happily retired after a 35-year career. I keep busy with volunteer work, writing club, trying to learn French (!), and other endeavors."

1970

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1971

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Louise (Eugenio) Geary writes, "Hello everyone! I am retired! I taught elementary ed (grades 5 and 6) in New Hampshire for 10 years and special ed resource (grades 5-8) in Vermont for 13 years. **John Geary** and I dated, cohabited (1981), and married (2000). He passed away in 2005. We both enjoyed teaching and had many great years together. So what are you all doing? Let's get together, and yes, I do still keep in touch with Kit."

1972

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Heather Yurges writes, "We are the proud great-grandparents of six great-grandchildren."

From **Robert "Bob" Carlton**: "Hard to believe it was 40 years ago that we walked across the platform in front of Fiske Hall! I can remember looking up at Huntress Hall as I walked thinking, 'I wonder if I'll ever enter that building again?' Well, I never did."

"After the B.Ed. in elementary ed, I taught in New Hampshire for a few years, then moved on to teach overseas – Beirut, Lebanon, and Islamabad, Pakistan. Then I came back for an M.Ed. in curriculum and development while teaching in Jaffrey. After a couple of years, I was off to Dhahran, Saudi Arabia!

"Next came a short stint at the San Francisco Art Institute studying photography (and meeting my wife, Kathryn). Then we were on the road again, teaching in Taiwan and Israel (guess 'gypsy' was in my blood by then). Five years later we moved to Virginia, where we both got Master of Communications degrees (TV/video production) at Regent University – but I continued to teach in Tidewater.

"With an MA under our belts, we changed careers, moved to Colorado, and began working for a ministry that had us traveling all over the world (60+ nations), on

the road more than a third of the year for five years. Then we moved our base of operations to Western Europe, where we have been living since 2001.

"It's been good to read the Class Notes from time to time over the years and to see what some of you have been up to. This is my first time submitting anything. Hope it might prompt some others who have been like me and not written! It's really pretty easy to do online now – from anywhere in the world!"

"Look forward to maybe seeing some of you in June at the 40th!"

1973

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1974

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Christine Maugeri writes, "I must confess, as I read my alumni magazine I always start at the back...looking through the years and wondering if I will recognize a name. Unfortunately, 1974 usually has few stories. So as I sit on a Sunday evening, I'd like to share a 'winter reunion.' The first weekend in December I made plans to meet my daughter and her partner, Erica, in the windy city of Chicago for dinner, shopping, and The Christkindle Market, hoping for



some authentic German treats. I called **Linda Steele Young** to tell her when I would arrive. She said she and her husband would meet us and drive us to the hotel as they live outside Chicago in Hinsdale and wouldn't mind the trip.

" 'Sure,' I said, 'and how will we recognize each other?' We laughed, and Lin said, 'Look for a gray-haired lady.' I was so excited to see my daughter, but knowing Linda and her husband, Tom, were waiting for us was thrilling. We traveled what seemed to be a very long walk through the airport to arrivals. I looked out at the crowd and shouted, 'Linda!' as I spotted her right away. She always was taller than my small 5'4" frame. And we hugged and I cried and she stared at me and said, 'You are your mother,' and I cried some more! My mom has been gone seven years, but Lin remembered all those Huntress Hall visits from my parents, and dinners together.

"Our poor husbands could only laugh! Well, we went to the hotel, then on to meet the girls, then drinks and laughs and pictures. Before we left Chicago, we went out for a quiet breakfast together. We hadn't seen each other for 27 years but as if no time had passed.

"What a gift KSC afforded me, not only in my excellent special education studies (I am still teaching), but in the friendship of Linda. We promised to meet again soon."

1975

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1976

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Sr. **Joan Miesser** taught 25 years grades k-8, and was a principal for 25 years pre-K to 6. Now, she is semiretired, doing parish ministry, and celebrating 60 years as a Sister of Mercy in September.

1977

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1978

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David Stoner writes, "I'm a Senior Principal/ Vice President at Shield Engineering Inc., an environmental engineering firm."

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Mark Hinrichs shared some sad news: "It is with a broken heart that I inform you of the death of my beautiful wife, **Kathy**. She passed away suddenly on Sunday morning, April 29, at Cheshire Medical Center in Keene, NH. We have lived in Keene since getting married back in August of 1980, just before my sophomore year. Kathy had just been given a diagnosis

of ovarian cancer the day before she passed. It was an unbelievable shock, as she collapsed from a pulmonary embolism, likely the result of a blood clot. I was right there with her. A team of doctors, nurses, and orderlies attempted to revive her for over an hour, but to no avail. She had just turned 52 in March.

"We have two children, Tyson and Kristen (our son was actually born just a couple of weeks after our graduation in 1983), and two lovely grandchildren, Landon and Aluna. All of us who loved her, and there were many, have been devastated by this nightmarish tragedy. Kathy was working as an accountant at New Chapter in Brattleboro, VT, and also as a part-time bookkeeper at the Keene Day Care. She always thought back on our college days at Keene State with great fondness."

1984

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Tamara Anderson writes: "I have two sons, Nick, 14, and Chris, 17. Both are very involved with many activities: cross-country running, track, Nordic skiing, theatre, speech team, marching band, concert band, and jazz band. I am very satisfied with my life."

1986

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From **Michael Trabucco**: "Hi Classmates! Michael Trabucco here, checking in again with another plea for any and all of you to submit something for our Class Notes. You can send it to the email address above, or find me on Facebook. Just a quick shout out to **Holly Hansen, Paula Mercier**, and her wife, Nancy, for crossing state lines to see me in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. You guys are the best!"

From **Lisa Poirier Wilkinson**: "**Deanna Stacey** and I spent a day at Siesta Key Beach [in Florida] – the #1 rated beach in the U.S. – during my February vacation. It was wonderful to sit on the beach in 80-degree weather while a storm was dumping 12-plus inches in New Hampshire. Dee and I had a great time reminiscing and catching up."

Leslie Burger Ringuette writes, "I can't believe it has been more than 25 years since graduating

Keene. Now I have even more reason to enjoy KSC – my son will be a freshman this fall. We are looking forward to the whole experience again. I have been very lucky since leaving Keene. I have been married for 22 years to Paul Ringuette and we have been living in Bedford, MA, for that time. We have two great kids, Michael, a senior, and Julie, an 8th grader. Right out of college, I started working for Analog Devices in the semiconductor industry. I now work for the Town of Bedford in the recreation office and have been there for about seven years. A few years back I started going to the KSC Reunion weekend and have had so much fun at all of them. If you are thinking about going – go! When you see your friend that you haven't seen in years, it is amazing how much fun it is to catch up. Facebook has been a great way to catch up with friends and keep up with what is going on at the college. I still keep in close contact with **Paula Monahan Bedard '85** and many of the Kappa sisters and brothers."

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1989

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Robert G. Andosca writes: "Concurrently with restarting my PhD in Materials Science (interdisciplinary between electrical and mechanical engineering and physics) at the University of Vermont, I cofounded MicroGen Systems, Inc., with my research advisor, Dr. Junru Wu. My PhD research was on a Micro Electro Mechanical Systems (MEMS)-based Piezoelectric Vibrational Energy Harvester (PZEH), or micro-power generator, which scavenges ambient mechanical vibrational energy from its surroundings that is normally lost to the environment. On May 20, 2012, I will graduate with my PhD. At the same time, MicroGen is thriving and growing with soon-to-be 10 full-time employees. MicroGen's first inertial MEMS product line is the micro-power generator I designed for my PhD. This green technology is now moving into high-volume production. The products are intended to eliminate or extend the lifetime of batteries in low-power wireless sensor applications. These applications include but are not limited to Smart Energy/Grid (e.g., real-time

monitoring computer data-centers – HVAC balancing; building light control; residential and commercial clothes dryer wireless humidity sensors), Smart Infrastructure (e.g., real-time monitoring bridges for structural integrity – 600,000 bridges in the U.S., 33% in disrepair), wireless commercial and residential metering applications), Smart Transportation (e.g., planes, trains, and automobiles; car tire-pressure-monitoring-systems (TPMS) are currently powered by batteries that use 20 microwatts, mandated in US in 2007 and EU in 2012; 164M batteries installed each year worldwide that need to be replaced after three years, batteries embedded in plastic packaged TPMS unit which therefore must be completely discarded after three years, original equipment manufacturers (OEM) will be required to deal with batteries as hazardous waste through electronic recycling or "e-cycling" mandates), Smart Defense and Homeland Security (e.g., all applications previously mentioned for military applications; chemical and biological weapon detection; commercial asset tracking), and many, many other applications."

1990

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Dorothy L. Therien is retiring at the end of this school year. She writes, "I have made no firm plans for employment for this new phase of my life but certainly will not remain idle."

1992

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Troy A. Patoine's daughter Brit-tany gave birth to his first grand-son, Travis, on November 3, 2011.

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Jennifer Cucurullo Soares is currently working in public rela-tions for Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals Inc. in Ridge-field, CT. She writes, "I live in Westchester County, NY, and should any classmates wish to correspond, my e-mail address is jensoares@optonline.net."

1995

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Lori Johnson shares that her husband, **Dr. Daniel Johnson**, was recently named as the NJPSA Visionary Leader Elementary Principal of the Year for the State of New Jersey. In addition, he is now in contention for the NAESP National Distinguished Principal award.

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2000

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2001

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After three years in semiretire-ment, **Chad Derosier** was recently hired as the Event

Spaces Logistics Manager at Ecotrust in Portland, OR.

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2003

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Angela Fall Pitman writes, "My husband, Ben Pitman (not a KSC alumnus), and I are very excited to announce the birth of our first child. Her name is Hailey, and she was born on November 12, 2011. She weighed 7 pounds, 0 ounces and was 19.75 inches long."

Jason Robert writes, "My wife, **Vanessa (Moeller) Robert**, and I would like to announce the birth of our daughter Irianna Acai Robert on February 9, 2012. She had made her brother, Isaac, and sister, Isadora, very proud!"

2004

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2006

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Dianne E. Steeves (also a former Campus Safety officer at KSC) earned her BA in Criminal Justice at Franklin Pierce University in 2008; now, she's in pursuit of her MS in Forensic Psychology at Walden University.

Adam Wefer writes, "Happy to report lots of exciting news coming from the Class of 2006: I recently visited **Lauren Saunders** in Florida, where she is living with fellow KSC alumni **Tim Regula** and **Kelly Goss**. Lauren works as an ESE teacher to educate children with autism. She got her master's degree in elementary reading at Nova Southeastern.

"Please reach out to me with all of your accomplishments and updates!"

2008

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Laura Sjolander and her husband, Ethan, welcomed their first son, Jackson Chase Sjolander, into the world on July 24, 2011. Now, she says, "we are spending time with him as he begins to walk!"

2010

Tracy Minard is living in Bulgaria as a Peace Corps Volunteer. She writes, "At Keene, I studied English and earned a minor in writing and am now teaching English to grades 2-8 in a small Muslim village in the Rhodopi Mountains in southern Bulgaria.

"I have been here for just about a year now and have another year to go but wanted to get in touch with KSC.... I'm extremely interested in encouraging others to consider



Dustin Libby '06 and **Liz Horan '07** were married September 2, 2011, on the waterfront in Portsmouth, NH. More than 25 KSC alums were in attendance, including 9 in the wedding party. KSC alums pictured left to right: **Andrew Boulanger**, **Kyle McGovern**, **Ben Russell**, **Kelly McGovern**, **Hillary Greene**, **Ashley Paquette**, **Lauren Fasolino**, **Meghan Kroeber** and **Mary Larrabee**.



Justin and Rochelle (Gaouette) Bunton '06 were married October 9, 2010 in Farmington, CT. Alumni pictured left to right are **Meghan Gaouette**, **Erica (Kates) Powell**, **Mark Flaherty**, **Carrie (Johnson) Yardley**, **Scott Yardley**, **Kathy Abbott**, **Nicole LaBranche**, **Kate Fleming**, **Erika (Dunberger) Casey**, **Ted Hartung**, **Kathryn Rue**, **Rochelle (Gaouette) Bunton**, **Justin Bunton**, **Casey Church**, **Laura (Pimm) Markwald**, **Elissa Gruber**, **Greg Schoeman**, **Scott Beliveau**, **Jess O'Brien**, **Chris Hughes**, **Joanne (Rix) Mercier**, **Normand Mercier**, **Sarina Habib**, **Jose Lugo**, **Nicole Taylor**, **Scott Kunz**, **Amanda (Boyer) Labadia**, **Brian Hackney**, **Ciro (Jerry) Labadia**, **Brandon Segrave**.

the Peace Corps, and would love to share a little about what I'm doing here. My time at Keene State truly helped me grow into the individual that I am today and definitely led me to my decision to come here and teach English as a volunteer."

2011

Adam Hogue wrote in February: "I have been in Gwangju, South Korea, for the past six months

teaching English, and I plan on being here for another year and a half. I am a full-time public school teacher. I have also begun to use my free time to backpack around Vietnam, Korea, Japan, and China. I have been writing for the online magazine *The Next Great Generation*, as well as blogging about my travels with my girlfriend, **Angie Hartley '10**, at coldsoupy.tumblr.com and kimchichronicles.tumblr.com."

Send your news to your class secretary or to: Class Notes Editor, Keene State College, 229 Main Street, Keene, NH 03435-1502, classnotes@keene.edu

Newsline

Want to know more about your classmates and what's happening on campus? Check out *Newsline* (sites.keene.edu/newsline), our news blog for alums and parents. We post news as we get it, but you can sign up for a monthly e-mail reminder to check the latest posts. And if you or an alum you know has done something outstanding, let us know!



In Memoriam

Stella (Redal) Randoy '27
January 27, 2012

M. Judith Clarke '28
December 15, 2001

Hazeldean Smith '38
September 21, 2009

Katherine Lynch Herrick '38
February 6, 2012

Nina Abbott '39
November 15, 2010

Barbara A. Parker '39
October 12, 2011

Margaret Noyes Lovett '40
January 12, 2012

Ida C. Soucise '42
March 24, 2012

Andrew J. Moynihan '43
February 20, 2012

Elizabeth Belle (Whittemore) Fitzgerald '44
June 12, 2011

Beverly Fifield Darby '46
May 11, 2011

Herwood "Zeke" Curtiss '48
April 30, 2012

Emery G. Chickering '48
January 22, 2012

Bernard C. Smith '50
September 1, 2011

Priscilla Blackington Ingram '50
January 3, 2012

Walter P. Bucklin '50
April 9, 2012

John Wright '51
December 27, 2011

Eugene Sedlewicz '52
March 8, 2012

Norma Mallat '52
April 3, 2012

William B. Baston '53
March 1, 2012

Esther L. Copp '54
January 30, 2012

Amy B. Simpson '55
April 22, 2011

Ruel "Joe" Hall '55
January 11, 2012

Edward F. Bourassa Jr. '55
March 24, 2012

Marilyn McMahon '56
February 20, 2012

William Beane '57
June 28, 2011

John Hazelton, '57
January 11, 2012

David B. Tierney Jr. '57
January 22, 2010

Janice M Brooks '58
March 28, 2011

Virginia Scott '58
August 31, 2011

Beverly Eastman '60
April 19, 2012

Raymond A. L'Heureux '60
February 1, 2012

Arthur P. Gregory '61
October 23, 1997

Priscilla Mitchell '66
April 20, 2012

Melinda J. Holden Doyle Bussino '68
March 4, 2012

Wesley R. Duling '70
July 9, 2010

Norman P. Letourneau '73
March 9, 2012

William D. Struthers '73
February 18, 2008

William J. McNamee '73
April 11, 2012

Allen Halberg '74
December 3, 2011

Harold A. Pasour '74
July 30, 2011

Allen Halberg '74
December 2, 2011

Debra Lynn (Salonen) Finelli '75
January 8, 2012

Michele D. Shannon '75
January 14, 2011

Bruce K. Bakaian '76
July 31, 2010

Kathy Jambeck '78
January 31, 2012

Kathy Hinrichs '83
April 29, 2011

Michael J. Dragone '86
February 7, 2011

Travis W. Michaud '00
April 10, 2012

Rory O'Sullivan '01
January 1, 2012

USING TECHNOLOGY TO BRING US TOGETHER

Stay up-to-date with what's happening at the college, with the Alumni Association, and with your classmates through social media.

We're seeing new faces, getting reacquainted, and having fascinating conversations every day on the Alumni Association's Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter sites. Whether you want to find out about the latest alumni events in your area, seek career advice from fellow alumni, or connect with a tight group of teammates or friends from your college days, these sites are the places to go.

To find out for yourself, check them out.
facebook.com/keenestatealumni
twitter.com/kscalumni
LinkedIn: keene.edu/linkedin/alumni



KSC Alumni Association Board of Directors

The KSC Alumni Association (KSCAA) is trying to connect members more easily through technology. While many of the KSCAA board members are from the New England area, attending meetings in Keene can be tough. Conference calls made it possible to listen in, but hard to fully participate.

Technology seems to have come to the rescue – in the form of Skype. The Communications Committee of the KSCAA has found an effective way to meet monthly and include those who can't make it to Keene. Skype accessibility and chat function allows committee members to

share documents and information in real time. Now, several committees are using Skype as an easy way to meet with far-flung members. For example, one of our newest KSCAA board members, Josh Terrell '89, will be joining us regularly from Seattle, Washington.

Volunteers

Skype is also being used to engage alumni volunteers in a variety of ways. In the spring of 2012, Caitlin Croteau '09 joined us for a panel with the Health Science Senior Capstone Classes from New York via Skype. Although we love to have alumni join us in person on campus, Caitlin was able to share her perspectives on moving to a new state, adapting to a new community, and finding work as a recent alumna.



This fall, the KSC Alumni Association, in partnership with the Academic and Career Advising Department and the KSC Parents Association, will launch an online mentoring program through Experience, an online platform that provides tools and structure that will connect alumni, students, and parents. This online strategy will give more alumni and parents a chance to volunteer as mentors to students and fellow alumni as they make transitions and life choices. Whether the subject is choosing a major, relocating, or changing career paths, this program will foster deeper connections and more alumni and student interaction.

Two **Stand-out** **Degree Programs** **Expand** Their Offerings

The fall semester of 2012 will mark the opening of two new academic departments at Keene State: the **Department of Holocaust and Genocide Studies** and the **Department of Journalism**. The move allows both departments to expand their academic programs.

The Department of Holocaust and Genocide Studies builds on a growing program at Keene State, which offers the nation's only baccalaureate degree in this field. Paul Vincent will chair the department. Additional faculty includes James Waller – endowed chair of the program, Henry Knight and Nona Fienberg. “Students have chosen to attend Keene State specifically to take part in this program. Forming the department will help to grow our program and guarantee the support we can offer students for many years to come,” said Vincent

The Department of Journalism has been serving journalism majors since the 1980s and Journalism courses have been offered since the 1950s. It becomes the only journalism degree program in the New Hampshire public education system. The new department will be chaired by Rose Kundanis. Additional faculty includes Julio DelSesto, Chad Nye, Marianne Salcetti and Mark Timney. The combined faculty brings more than 75 years of experience in the fields of newspaper and broadcast news reporting editing, and anchoring, photojournalism and multimedia journalism.



SUSTAIN YOUR **PASSION**

Since 1957, through the Keene Endowment Association, Keene State College alumni, faculty, and friends have come together in a collaborative effort to support students who share their passion. The Keene Endowment Association (KEA), an expertly managed collection of scholarship funds, will distribute \$188,240 through the college's financial aid office in the upcoming school year.

Keene State is the beneficiary of more than \$20 million in endowed funds, nearly three-quarters of which is held by the University System of New Hampshire. The \$5.4 million held by KEA has seen recent growth as dedicated donors respond to a shortfall in state appropriations and spiraling student debt.

The KEA encourages donors to name scholarships, often in the memory or honor of special friends and family, and designate them for students in particular disciplines. It also allows donors at all levels to add to the existing funds of their choice. Cecile Goff, president of the KEA board of trustees, has long given to a fund in memory of beloved KSC math professor Ann C. Peters. “I was very fond of her and appreciated her role at the college as a leader and as a model for faculty,” Goff says.

All contributions to KEA are used only for Keene State College programs and students. The endowments are supervised by a volunteer board of trustees made up of Keene area residents and KSC alumni.

Students need scholarship help more than ever. Keene State College development director, Ken Goebel, kgoebel@keene.edu, makes it easy for donors to support KEA, and offers assistance to those who would like to include KEA scholarship funding in their estate planning. For a sample of the individual KEA endowments, go to: <http://www.keene.edu/sfs/keascholarships.cfm>



Please Answer Your Phone!

(We're friendly, and we like to listen.)

KSC students have returned to campus, and with them, the start of another Phonathon year. The call center is a lively place, with student callers reaching out to alumni four nights a week. They are eager to speak with you and hear about your student days here. All of the callers say that this job has taught them much about the history of Keene State, and they love to listen to your stories.

Last year, our student callers made 38,953 calls to alumni asking for support of current students. More than \$80,000 was pledged to the College for direct support of scholarships and student programs.

Alumni support is critical to Keene State's success. The Phonathon program will run through the fall and spring semesters, so be sure to answer your phone and talk with one of our friendly callers.

For more information about making a gift to Keene State College, please contact Lindsay Taflas, assistant director of annual giving, at 603-358-2641, or ltaflas@keene.edu.

Ticket No.	Price	Event
123456	FREE	FREE
Campus Open House—August 23, 2012		August 23, 2012
Building Dedication—October 12, 3-5 p.m.		October 12, 3-5 p.m.
Alumni Open House—October 13, 12 noon		October 13, 12 noon

You're Invited!

The newest addition to our remarkable campus is the TDS Center – it's "green," it's interactive, and it's open! The TDS Center is a superb example of a dynamic building that fits the needs of today's learners. Boasting more than 53,000 square feet, it will be the primary location for instruction in three majors – architecture, Sustainable Product Design and Innovation, and Safety Studies – as well as for multiple-use space for laboratories and instruction.

Campus Open House
August 23.

**Building Dedication for Community,
Alumni, and Friends**
October 12, 3-5 p.m.

Alumni Open House
(coinciding with Homecoming)
October 13, 10 a.m.-12 noon

OUTSTANDING Safety Scholars

Winners of the American Society for Safety Engineers Scholarship for 2012

Travis Brenner – Flatiron Construction Christopher Gonzalez Memorial Scholarship

Timothy Brinkerhoff – Greater Boston Chapter Leadership Award

Joshua Besnoff – New England Future Leadership Award

Come Back Home . . .

. . . for the fun,
games, parties, friends,
and to be amazed!

HOMECOMING 2012
October 12–14th

Meet new folks and old friends for:

- **Alumni Games**
 - **Rugby – Men's and Women's Games & 40th Anniversary Celebration**
 - **Men's Soccer – under the lights versus Rhode Island College**
 - **Exclusive tour of the brand new Technology, Design, and Safety Center**
- . . . and much more.

Special for Student Government Alumni – Join Interim President Jay Kahn at Open House Reception!

More events in the works. Look for updates at www.keene.edu/alumni and join us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/keenestatealumni

