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THE WORLD ISSUE

In ways big and small, the College community is changing the world by experiencing it first-hand. This issue of *Keene State Today* is dedicated to international engagement on the part of alumni, faculty, and students – be it through study or service abroad, living and working in other countries, or conducting research in far-flung places. In these pages, we take you on a continent-by-continent world tour, introducing you to some of the campus and alumni community's more intrepid travelers.

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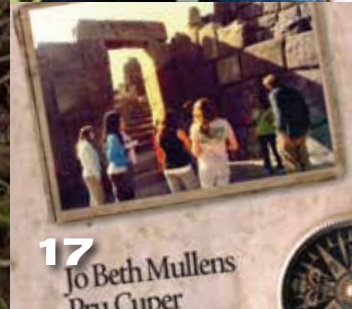
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In Pursuit of Adventure and Discovery

From Dr. Anne E. Huot, *President, Keene State College*

One question that we ask ourselves repeatedly at Keene State College is, “Who says a classroom has to have walls?” Putting our students into real world learning situations is an important part of the educational experience at Keene State and something that we have tried to build into each one of our areas of study. The opportunity to learn in locations around the world is something we encourage our students to embrace. Why is it so important? Students tell us that their experiences outside the traditional classroom have amplified considerably what they have learned and provided them with a deeper context from which to approach their disciplines. For many, the experience is life changing, transformational, in the most positive ways. Study away shifts their perspective on their own lives and even influences their choice of careers. After all, the “real world” is where they will spend the rest of their adult lives and college must guide them and prepare them for that experience.



This year, students from Keene State College went to Nepal to work in a sustainable community; to South Africa to study the transformation of a country moving away from the damaging effects of apartheid; to Ecuador to learn first-hand about the realities of the Free Trade system; to the Turks and Caicos Islands to study the coral reef ecosystem; and to Rwanda, 20 years after one of the world's most horrific genocides. Keene State students also participated in independent study projects

in India, France, Australia, Italy, Spain, Costa Rica, South Africa, Ireland, and at sea, and they completed exchange semesters at some of our 24 international partner institutions and the 170 US National Student Exchange colleges and universities. As I look over the list, I can't help feeling a profound sense of pride in their pursuit of adventure and discovery, and their commitment and contributions to the needs of people around the world.

This issue of *Keene State Today* is a snapshot of the hundreds of examples of how Keene State alumni, students, faculty, and staff are pursuing education, research, and careers around the world, and how the spark that drives their passion was somehow ignited here.

Many of these trips were made possible by the generous contributions that we receive from our donors each year. I look at this philanthropy as an important partnership that has far-reaching implications for our students, the work they do that benefits society, and the lifetime of commitment they bring to their chosen professions. As Keene State students are changed, they change the world. What could be more important? So I call your attention to the Donor Honor Roll that is described in this issue and may be found on the College's website. As you look through it, I know you will appreciate, as I do, the significance and importance of this philanthropy.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anne E. Huot". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Anne E. Huot

ANTARCTICA



Life on the Ice


After a hiatus of a few years, during which he taught at the middle- and high-school levels in New Hampshire, Curt LaBombard '97 headed back to Antarctica this summer to serve as science implementation manager. He's working for the National Science Foundation's contractor on the continent. "Basically, I manage people who manage projects on the ice," he says.

LaBombard worked "on the ice" from 1996 to 2004 and again in 2007. "In the first place, I went for the adventure," he says. "My last year at Keene I did a study abroad in Russia, and I wanted to travel. I wanted to experience things. My major was geography, so I liked to see how the world worked. I had an opportunity to go to the Antarctic as a carpenter, so I took it." Since then, he's worked a number of jobs in Antarctica, most recently coordinating construction of temporary field camps.

A memorable time: "In 2003 I was fortunate enough to be part of a camp on the Beardmore Glacier in the Transantarctic Mountains, an area that is unique because it has a lot of exposed bedrock. I was helicopter operations coordinator at the camp, which housed about six different groups of researchers." One group found fossilized remains from a previously unknown dinosaur. They brought fossils back to the camp, including

fossils of dinosaur skins. "It was unbelievable," LaBombard remembers. Another group was studying one of the first ferns on the planet. There were also researchers collecting fossilized wood, and others studying the iridium layer, a band of clay formed in the earth's surface during the time dinosaurs became extinct. "It really brought home to me the concept that everything is connected – all the different disciplines and the different methods of conducting scientific research. It all has relevance to our current society as far as extinction-level events and learning about our past and how things work together," he says.

LaBombard credits Keene State with providing him "a world class" foundational education. "The more I reflect on it, the more I realize how world-class it was," he says, citing in particular the "fantastic education in geography" provided by Professors Klaus Bayr and Al Rydant. "They taught me how to think like a geographer."

 [Link to LaBombard's 2007 Antarctica blog at keene.edu/mag.](http://keene.edu/mag)

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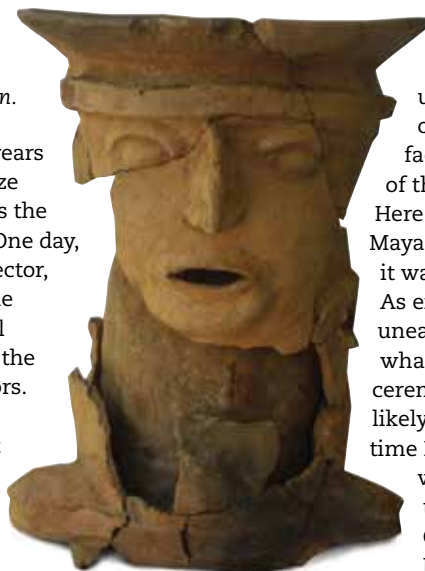


The Past Facing Off with the Present

W. James Stemp of the Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminology Department, who received the 2014 Faculty Distinction in Research and Scholarship Award, has been involved in numerous archaeological digs in Belize, and has been internationally recognized for his research and analysis of stone tools from Maya civilization.

One of my favorite experiences in my 25 years of doing archaeological fieldwork in Belize involves the discovery of an artifact that links the ancient Maya to their modern descendants. One day, while excavating at Minanha, the project director, Dr. Gyles Iannone from Trent University, made a fortuitous find with some of his field school students. Interestingly, on this one day, of all the days spent digging at Minanha, we had visitors. Among them was Guillermo, a friend of ours who worked at Erva's, our favorite restaurant in Belize. Guillermo is Maya.

As Dr. Iannone and the students continued to excavate, the sounds of excitement grew and piqued the interest of those of us working nearby. He called staff and



students over to see what had been found. When it was my turn, I went over to a small excavation unit that contained a large ceramic potsherd. At first, it seemed plain, undecorated, and unremarkable. Then Dr. Iannone reached down, picked up the artifact, and turned it over. On the other side of the potsherd was a face. The face looked exactly like Guillermo's. It was one of the most amazing things I have witnessed. Here was a Maya face from the past staring into a Maya face from the present. They were so similar it was as if Guillermo was looking into a mirror. As excavations continued, more fragments were unearthed until there were enough to reconstruct what ended up being a Maya incensario, a ceremonial incense burner. The face on the pot was likely that of a ruler and venerated ancestor. Every time I see Guillermo, whether at Erva's for a meal or when we're out somewhere together, I think of that potsherd with the face and wonder how Guillermo might be connected to the ancient Maya kings of the past.

– W. James Stemp

Organizers. Planners. Budgeters. Managers. Mentors. Translators. Teachers. As student leaders for Keene State's 2013-14 international service trip to Bocas Del Toro, Panama, Cameron Haggar '14 and Kya Roumimper '15 took on a number of roles. The group of 15 students plus Coordinator of Community Service Jessica Gagne Cloutier helped out at a school for indigenous children, creating curriculum plans, painting a cafeteria and library, and building a baseball field. While the service was a worthy undertaking, Haggar and Roumimper agree that the real value of such trips comes in the education Keene State students get – the broader understanding of themselves and the world that they bring back.

Our job was to get our team, both at a surface level and a deeper level, to look at the bigger questions. You look at social justice issues, and you start questioning the systems in place that allow those issues to be relevant. You question a lot of things on a more personal level, like happiness and what it means to be happy. Any time you're going into another community and doing work,

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you're coming from a place of privilege, so you're forcing yourself to step out of your comfort zone and to change your way of thinking. No matter where you go or what you're doing, you're going to come back more changed than the people you help.

– Kya Roumimper '15

I think simpler now. I don't try and plan things; I try to go with the flow and be happy with what I have. Down there, life

was so simple, and I didn't worry about anything. My mind was free. I found true happiness. That's what was most life-changing for me. I think this trip, leading the participants, having them lead me, showed me a whole different perspective on myself, a whole different perspective on life in general and the meaning of true happiness.

– Cameron Haggar '14



Students on the International Service Trip to Panama helped out at a school, including painting the library. Courtesy photo

Listen and learn

“So many times people will approach me,” says Marcia Lehninger, a lecturer in Keene State’s Music Department, “asking me where I’m from. When I say I’m from Brazil, they start speaking Spanish to me. They sound disappointed when I say, ‘Well, I speak Portuguese.’ Even though it’s the largest country in South America, the fifth largest in the world, so little is known about Brazil’s culture, its music.”

She’s doing her part to spread the word about the country where she grew up through a course, *Listening to Brazil*, that emphasizes music but also incorporates a larger look at the country’s art and culture.



Marcia Lehninger with her husband, Keene State Artist in Residence Christopher Swist, and their son Willy at Copacabana beach in Rio de Janeiro. Courtesy photo

The class attracts a lot of non-music majors, including arts and film students and, interestingly, student athletes who want to know more about the country with the most successful national soccer team in the history of the World Cup. Lehninger starts the class with a discussion of Brazil’s ethnic foundations. She covers art and film, along with music ranging from classical to the bossa nova and the samba to *Tropicália*, an arts movement associated with a melding of Brazilian and African music and rock and roll.

She also takes time to answer students’ questions about Brazil. “They ask a lot about the rap culture,” she says. “They want to know if rap is as popular in Brazil. And I have to say, absolutely. Rap is a huge culture there. And in the *favelas* – the slums – people listen to funk. The hip hop culture is huge, too. This is something that would never have occurred to me to talk about in class, but now I incorporate it, because students are interested. I learn new things every semester myself.”

‘We don’t all need to be the same’

“WHEN YOU THINK ECUADOR, YOU THINK HOT,”

says Leighanna Moore ’15, but that’s not necessarily the case. While on a travel-study course in the South American country through Keene State’s Honors Program, Moore visited a day care center in the Andes Mountains. “It’s a cement building with cement floors,” she says. “There’s nothing carpeted, nothing warm, and the kids were all wrapped in their little coats for the whole day.”

The day care center lacks other amenities as well, including sufficient space for the number of children served (babies nap in “bunk cribs”) and additional safety features. But the most immediate issue, Moore learned, is that the center is stuck in a cycle of moving from one borrowed building to another. When she talked with staff, she learned they are working to raise \$10,000 for a permanent facility in which the children could flourish. It would include a playground and room to wander outside, she says. “In Ecuador, they’re all about being self-sustaining and connected to the earth. They want to teach their children those values.”



Leighanna Moore '15. Courtesy photo

“These kids were so amazing, speaking two to three languages, yet they’re all crammed into a cement box,” she says. “Through my education classes here at Keene, I really have become aware of how much stimulation is necessary for a child’s development, so I thought, wouldn’t it be great if I could help these children learn and grow?”

On her return to Keene, Moore, a double major in elementary education and health sciences, set up an account on a crowd-sourcing website and raised \$500 for the day care center by spreading the word through Facebook and approaching friends and family.

“The Ecuador experience really gave me a perspective on how other cultures are different than ours,” she says, “and it’s OK. We don’t all need to be the same.”



‘a big momentum shift’

Sharing the International Experience on Campus

Stephen Humer '14 has noticed that students who study away tend to be introverted, independent people – big thinkers who are curious about the world.

During his semester at York St. John University in England, he followed his curiosity by setting aside his computer science studies and taking history courses, including one that introduced him to the British perspective on the American Revolution and another that had him traveling all over England visiting ruins of castles and monasteries.



Stephen Humer '14 in Oslo. Courtesy photo

“It felt like a big momentum shift,” Humer says, like gaining four years of experience and maturity in four months. On his return to Keene State, he wanted to continue his involvement with international education. He volunteered to work with the College’s Global Education Office in two distinct ways.

First, he signed on to help international students at Keene State navigate the campus and experience New Hampshire life. He took them bowling, led them up Mount Monadnock, and served as a buddy and all-around guide.

Second, through the Global Ambassadors program, he spoke to groups of Keene State students about the value of study away. The idea, he says, is not to “spit facts” at them, but to tell memorable stories.

He told them, for instance, about traveling around Europe and meeting people from all over the world. “It expanded my mindset and beliefs about people,” he says. “The whole world doesn’t look like Keene State. There are all these different types of people with different opinions and viewpoints, and you stop judging people on one set of criteria and you start learning.”

“You Must Go to Germany”

Thanks to a Fulbright Scholarship, Professor of Holocaust and Genocide Studies Paul Vincent will spend the spring semester teaching in Krakow, Poland, at Jagiellonian University – where a number of Keene State students have studied on exchange. He writes here about his own experiences as a student overseas.

I am stirred by the opportunity study at Jagiellonian University offers our students not just to learn Polish and deepen their knowledge of a foreign culture but to glimpse the past. I recall the importance of an experience I had many years ago. In 1979, while writing my doctoral thesis (on the Allied blockade of Germany during the armistice that ended the First World War), my advisor uttered one of those seemingly gratuitous comments that serve to shape one’s life: “It doesn’t matter, Paul, whether you can complete your research in this country. You must go to Germany. I don’t care if you get off the plane, drink a beer at the Hofbräuhaus, then fly home. You’re a German historian; you need to go to Germany before completing your doctorate.”

Later that year I went to Germany and drank beer at the Hofbräuhaus. I also enriched my dissertation with research at the Institut für Zeitgeschichte. More significantly, I experienced the anxiety of taking a train from Helmstedt – site of the major border crossing from the Federal Republic of Germany (West Germany) through the German Democratic Republic (East Germany) – to West Berlin and then passed through Checkpoint Charlie to spend a surreal day in the strange city of East Berlin (West Berlin was no less strange). One cold and rainy evening I stood in front of a dark and deserted Reichstag, lost in thought over Philipp Scheidemann, standing on November 9, 1918, on the building’s balcony, proclaiming “*Es lebe die deutsche Republik*” (“the German Republic lives”). The building was a shell in 1979, unrepaired since the infamous Reichstag fire of February 1933. The Federal Republic’s capital was in Bonn, not Berlin, and the Berlin Wall stood immediately behind the Reichstag.

Students of Holocaust history are separated by time and distance from the subject they study. They’re empowered to eliminate one of those variables. Because the impact can be profound, it’s an opportunity that should be cherished.

– Paul Vincent



Paul Vincent

On the Purposes and Power of Memory



The Srebrenica Genocide Memorial.
Photo by Hannah Waller

James Waller, Cohen Professor of Holocaust and Genocide Studies, travels nationally and internationally to teach and give lectures, attend conferences and seminars, and conduct research. He writes here about a June trip to Bosnia-Herzegovina.

I was in Sarajevo as a Centennial Senior Ethics Fellow for the Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs. I was responsible for programming a

four-day workshop on genocide and mass atrocity prevention for civil society leaders in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Our time there coincided with the 100th anniversary of the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand, an event that triggered what would become World War I.

In my courses and in the seminars I teach for the Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation, I focus often on the role of collective memory in post-conflict societies. I firmly believe such memories are important, as a transitional justice measure, in securing a better future by remembering and acknowledging the traumatic past. I also know, though, that such memories can be used as a tool of political power and identity politics. The commemoration of the Ferdinand assassination was a poignant reminder that the motives of memory are never pure. In Bosnia-Herzegovina, the assassin, Gavrilo Princip, is seen as a terrorist and anarchist. In the neighboring Serb Republic, however, he is seen as a freedom fighter and principled nationalist. So,

while we in Sarajevo mourned a political assassination that would lead to a chain of events costing millions of lives, Serbs were celebrating a nationalist hero – including erecting a statue of Princip and holding ceremonies in his honor.

This rich experience was a stark reminder of the ways post-conflict societies reconstruct their pasts rather than faithfully record them – in essence, manipulating the past in order to mold collective memories of the present. The time in Sarajevo pushed me to continue to think about the purposes and power of memory – especially in healing a society torn apart by genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity, and ethnic cleansing.



James Waller
Photo by Mark Corliss

– James Waller

Around Europe in Seven Days

Amie Gagnon '16 tried out film studies and English majors, but a semester at York St. John University in England, where she hung out with other international students, convinced her of the importance of connecting with people through language. Now a Spanish major who's exploring a German minor, Gagnon is spending the year studying in Spain. A highlight of her York semester: visiting, with a friend, as many major European cities as she could during a week-long break. She tells the story here:

We started in London, where we spent a few hours in the airport boarding a plane to Barcelona – where we spent one day and one night, then flew to France at 6 a.m. We were scheduled to land in Beauvais, but because of fog we were diverted to Lille, which meant a three-hour bus ride into Paris. We arrived while it was still daylight, and had the rest of the day and all of the next to explore.

From there we caught a late-night flight to Venice. We had no map and no idea where we were going. I figured we could take a taxi to our hostel, but a cabbie explained that cars are limited to the outskirts because the streets are too narrow to drive through. “Venice is a walking city,” he said. But we were still lost! The cabbie gave us directions, which started with “Go straight.” We forgot the rest of the directions, which didn’t matter because it turns out there aren’t any straight lines in Venice. We finally found our hostel after an hour and a half. We stayed two nights in Venice, and spent most of our time there wandering around trying to get lost – which we were very good at!

Next stop: Berlin. We toured the city with a friend who’d been an exchange student at my high school. The next morning, we headed back to London and then to York. Five cities, seven days.

– Amie Gagnon '16



Amie Gagnon tries on a Carnivale mask in Venice. Courtesy photo

Partner Cities Partner in Song

The Voices of Salzderhelden sang a traditional Swedish song, a German tango from the 1920s, the South African national anthem, and the all-American doo-wop hit “Barbara Ann.” The Chamber Singers of Keene responded with choruses by two English composers, an American composer, and the German Johann Sebastian Bach. The Keene State College Brass Ensemble and Chamber singers expanded the concert’s reach with music by composers from Germany, Italy, Austria, Norway, and Australia. Finally, the Voices of Salzderhelden and the Chamber Singers of Keene partnered on several songs, including Abba’s “Money, Money, Money,” “The Singers” by Keene State grad Miriam Sharrock ’14, and the American hymn “How Can I Keep from Singing?”

Collaborative musical projects can bridge cultures, as seen in fall 2013 at the joint concert by the Keene Chamber Singers and the Voices of Salzderhelden. The


Voices are a choral group from Einbeck, Germany, since 2002 the official partner city of Keene.

The Keene Chamber Singers, led by Sandra Howard, assistant professor of music at Keene State, had visited Einbeck in July 2012, and promptly invited their new German friends to come to Keene. During a week-long stay with local host families, the members of the German choral group enjoyed people, culture, and cuisine of New England. Among their excursions was an extensive visit to the Keene State campus, including a tour of the new TDS Center, followed by the concert at the Redfern Arts Center, which was packed to the rafters.

The musical groups are already planning their next get-together, continuing the lively cultural exchange between Keene and Einbeck.

Drawing on Family History

Marek Bennett M’04, a New Hampshire-based cartoonist, musician, and educator who is an advisor for a new MFA program in applied cartooning at the Center for Cartoon Studies in Vermont, has led community-based cartooning projects with young students in places including Henniker, New Hampshire, and Nicaragua. This cartoon is from Slovakia: Fall in the Heart of Europe, a graphic novel based on his recent season-long stay in his ancestral homelands of eastern Slovakia – where, among other things, he connected with local relatives and led Comics Workshop classes with students in Roma community centers.

 Link to Marek Bennett’s website at keene.edu/mag.



Marek Bennet M’04. Photo by Deb Cram



French Connections

"I met Tom at the University of Valenciennes

when he came to set up an exchange program," writes Emmanuelle Stauble '89. "I was one of the students that had been recommended to him, and that's how the whole story began – the story of friendships, still going on."



Thomas Durnford

"Tom" is Thomas Durnford of the Modern Languages Department, a veteran Keene State professor who served as director of international education for the College from 1986 to 1991 and a frequent world traveler. This year, a four-week summer sojourn took him to France, where he connected with Stauble and another Keene State grad from that era, Fabrice

Watremet '91, and had a surprise reunion with a third Keene State grad, who was launching a new venture.

But to get back to the story: Durnford arranged for Stauble and Watremet to come to Keene State as exchange students from the Université de Valenciennes in France. Stauble, a theatre major, and Watremet, a management major, spent a happy year in New Hampshire – so happy, in fact, that both decided to complete their degrees at Keene State.



Fabrice Watremet '91. Courtesy photo

"My first year as an exchange student was just amazing," writes Stauble. "I could study theatre in college, which was impossible in France at that time. And I became quite good in English!"

Watremet had a similar experience. "My experience at KSC between 1988 and 1991 surely opened doors for me," he writes. "You have to remember

that the world was very different back then and young people fluent in English were not that common in France."

Their former professor spent time with each this summer, and, he notes, both have had impressive careers. "Those early graduates from abroad, they have been tremendously successful," Durnford says. "They'll tell you that what made them successful was Keene State."

Stauble had a long and fruitful career as a stage manager and lighting designer, working in Africa, Asia, and Europe. She's now embarking on a new career as a photographer.

Her time in Keene gave her the technical background that she needed for theatre work, she notes, and says, "It's always with a bit of nostalgia that I think of that great period of time."

Watremet parlayed his management degree and English skills into a career in international business as an export manager for a textile mill and the European sales manager for an Irish textile company, after which he started his own company making women's apparel. Four years ago he started a business that distributes Swedish and Italian biomass boilers in France.

"The friendly and supportive spirit within which we foreign students were welcomed at KSC taught us human values such as friendship, openness, and tolerance," he writes.

Durnford visited with Watremet in Reims before heading to Paris to do research at the Shoah Memorial for a documentary film he's making with Professor Emeritus Larry Benaquist on the lives of Jewish people in France leading up to and during World War II. While he was there, he also spent time catching up with Stauble. That's when he ran into yet another Keene State grad.

"We were sitting having lunch and who do I see walk by but Claire Tamarelle, a woman who was a student here who leads women's tours to Paris."

In fact, Tamarelle '09 was leading her very first tour. A nontraditional student who finished her French degree many years after starting it, she had considerable business experience and had made numerous visits to France when she decided recently to translate her enthusiasm for Paris into a business.

Through her company, Lily Goes to Paris, Tamarelle provides personalized tours of the City of Light for up to six women. She doesn't think of herself as a tour guide, says the Alstead, New Hampshire, resident. "I'm more like a friend who will show you what I know about Paris and the things that I love about Paris." She favors venues that are off the tourist track; her tour this summer featured meals in the homes of Parisian friends and a visit to a small museum specializing in Monets.

They're the kinds of experiences that create stories, establish friendships, and expand the reach of a Keene State graduate into the world.

And so the French connections continue.

Visit keene.edu/mag for a message *en français* from Durnford to his former students.



Emmanuelle Stauble '89
Photo by Thomas Durnford



Claire Tamarelle '09
Courtesy photo

‘Everywhere, Chinggis Khaan was present’



A longtime music teacher and veteran traveler, Dayna Lee Drake-Walker '73 traveled to Australia in 2005 as a Fulbright scholar; a second Fulbright-Hayes seminar abroad took her to Hawai'i, New Zealand, Beijing, and Mongolia in 2009. Her research in those places led to two curriculum projects: *The Kids' Connection I and II – Integrated Social Studies and Music: Lessons and Ideas*. She writes in this excerpt about her time in Mongolia:

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taken at Keene State years and years ago were recalled and very helpful. I was asked the English names of Mongolian animals by a bus driver who spoke only Mongolian and Russian. I colored superhero pictures with a six-year-old boy and danced the hokey pokey at a summer camp for orphaned children. I played recorders, sang, reviewed music theory, and shared music of favorite performers with Mongolian jazz musicians. Camaraderie, music, and humor were universal. So were prayers offered by Buddhist monks for our safe passage.

I was a novelty to a few folks with my gray hair and green eyes. I was known as “Auntie” or “American Mom” to others. Gestures of respect, courtesy, and kindness were present throughout my visit. During one particular bus ride into the countryside, a stranger offered his *deel* – traditional outerwear – for me to wear because I was cold. Others were proud to offer hospitality and share traditions. Our group went “guesting” in towns and to nomadic herders’ *gers* – homes – in the countryside. I was treated as an equal and offered food, drink – tea, fermented mare’s milk, fresh camel’s milk, vodka – and the male head of household’s snuff bottle. And everywhere, Chinggis Khaan, whom we know as Genghis Khan, was present. My hosts were pleased that I had read *The Secret History of the Mongols*.

– Dayna Lee Drake-Walker '73

👁 Read more about Drake-Walker’s overseas research at keene.edu/mag.

Studying Chemistry and Building Bridges

Yasha Nazir Butt, a student from Pakistan who studied chemistry at Keene State during the spring semester, has big plans. She hopes to establish a lab in her home country to conduct research on using gene therapy in the treatment of cancer. It’s work, she notes, that will require collaboration with scientists in the United States. She got a good start on that, forming bonds with students, community members, and professors here at the College. She also worked with Professor Jerry Jasinski on single crystal X-ray crystallography, a state-of-the-art tool for determining molecular structure that’s used in research that can lead to the development of new disease-fighting drugs.

The program that brought Butt here, which is funded by the US Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs,

emphasizes cross-cultural understanding, and she took her duties as a cultural ambassador very seriously. At Keene State, she gave talks about her home country – including one to a Continuing Education class of local seniors and retired people – and talked informally with other students about the people and customs of Pakistan. She also volunteered with the College’s Habitat for Humanity chapter and went on a spring break service trip to New Orleans, where she had fun wielding a power drill. (“In Pakistan, men do that stuff; but here, it felt really good!”)

“I loved being here, because I could socialize more with people, tell them about my country, build a bridge between these two countries,” she says. She told her friends about “how people live” in Pakistan and “how welcoming they are.” Now, she says, several Keene State



Yasha Nazir Butt

students who will be studying abroad in India this year plan to visit her at home. “Knowing me has changed their conception of Pakistan.”

👁 Read more online about Yasha Butt’s semester at Keene State at keene.edu/mag.

‘Lines Between Home and the World . . . ’

Born and raised in India, Associate Professor Brinda Charry of the English Department is the author of two novels set in her native country. An excerpt from her fiction follows.

THE MULBERRY BRANCHES SCRAPE AGAINST THE GLASS of the windowpane. *Let me in...* The sound is the kind that makes your hair stand on end, flint scraped against glass. *Let me in...* If the windows were opened the tree would enter the room with



Brinda Charry

its eager scrawny fingers, along with the afternoon rain blowing inland from the coast, along with the gunmetal sky, the green moss that hasn't been scraped off the outside walls of the house for years, and the smells of our wet, steaming compound. Lines between home and the world have never been clearly marked here – things have always spilt in, fine dusty butterflies' wings frayed at the edges, postcards, dry leaves that wrap themselves around the legs of the furniture and get into people's bedclothes. And things go out that really have no right to be leaving, old

photographs crumpled and soft as cotton, household account books, ragged whispers, and look, right there, a bedside clock, batteries long dead, in the bed of giant cacti that are nearly as tall as the house.

The wind is persistent: *Let me in...* and coaxing: *Come on ... let me in...*

Around the corner workers from the Indian Tobacco Company have come out for a break signaled by the long wail of the factory siren. They huddle in damp clothes around the little shop wreathed with bunches of bananas, warming their hands around miniscule cups of brick-red tea. A train goes by, rocking and singing on the wet tracks. In the sudden brief burst of sunshine that follows, a shadow falls over the open patch of ground in our compound. The chameleon below the crimson and yellow poinsettia stops to watch, its eyes unblinking, and the mongrel named Rocket barks enquiringly. If you turn back and look right now, you will see our pet peacock Heera, Prince of Diamonds, inspired by the clouds, spreading, just for a glorious moment, his thousand-eyed tail. He preens himself, lowers his feathers and struts towards the house. The gawking chameleon unfreezes and scurries away, changing from red to green to red, as if its body has caught two kinds of fire.

– Brinda Charry, from *Naked in the Wind*, Penguin, 2007

songs and spells

As a Yale University graduate student, Rosemary Gianno made her first extended visit to Peninsular Malaysia in 1980 to learn about the Orang Asli (indigenous peoples). As a professor at Keene State, she's worked to preserve documentary materials on the Orang Asli through the development of the Orang Asli Archive, housed at the College's Mason Library. Here's an excerpt from an article that's part of the collection. "Semai Response to Mental Aberration" by Robert K. Dentan, published in 1968, discusses data compiled between 1961 and 1963 on the Semai, one of the 17 to 20 groups that make up the Orang Asli peoples.

It is worth sketching the two major ways in which the Semai medicate mental aberration (and diseases). The first is the "sing," a ceremony which takes place on two successive nights (six, if the first "sing" is unsuccessful), with all fires extinguished. The women pound bamboo stampers rhythmically against a log, while both men and women sing. A magico-medical expert (or experts) invokes his familiar spirit(s) to aid in diagnosing and treating the disorder. These familiar spirits are attracted by the presence of fragrant plants, "spirit perches" and sometimes other gifts. During the ceremony the expert or the younger men go into a trance. Some informants said the trance was due to possession by familiars, others that the "soul" of the person in the trance has gone into the rainforest to seek the familiars whose own "souls" are attending the sing. . . .

Spells (*jenampiq*, from Malay *jampi*), many of which are in Malay, constitute the second major method of curing. If someone in the village knows the appropriate spell, he may recite it in addition to, during, or instead of a sing. Usually, however, treatment by spells, which requires the presence of only the patient and the spell-sayer, precedes treatment by sing, which requires a larger number of participants. People are vague about how spells work but, e.g., suggest that in cases of "soul loss," spells "call the soul back," whereas familiar spirits go and get the "soul."



Photo: Chief Dam and a young man with a blowpipe and dart canister, Padangstar, Yala, South Thailand. From the John H. Brandt Collection, Orang Asli Archive

In India, a Culture of Respect


"I'VE NEVER BEEN TREATED WITH SUCH RESPECT, such appreciation," says Professor Jerry Jasinski of his fall 2013 semester teaching at the University of Mysore, India, through a Fulbright-Nehru Fellowship. "I had the most wonderful professional experience of my lifetime."

Jasinski had been collaborating for several years with faculty from the university on crystallography research, which can lead to the development of new drugs to fight cancer and tumors. While in India, he continued his research, published, in conjunction with his students there, 28 papers, spoke at a number of universities, toured the region, and got to know the people and culture of the South Asian republic.

What stands out most for him? The reverence that students have for teachers, for education, and for the subject matter, he says. "It's beyond comprehension." Jasinski received celebrity treatment from students, who lined up to have their photos taken with him and stood when his lectures were finished, waiting for him to leave the room before leaving themselves.

The experience has changed the way he approaches teaching. When he returned to teach at Keene State in the spring, he told the students in his two chemistry classes that he expected them to respect the faculty and their fellow students and to give the coursework their full attention. "I said, 'Furthermore, if you choose not to do that, you can just walk out the door.'"

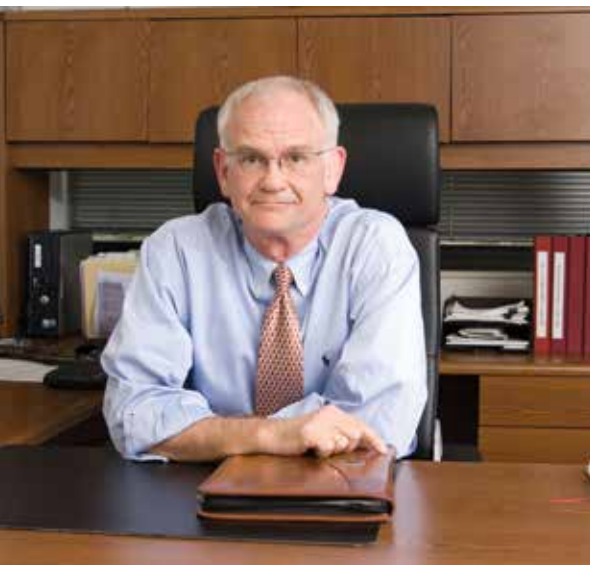
As it turned out, most of his students rose to the challenge. "I had probably the best classes in my 35 years here," he says. "Nobody left. The atmosphere was just electric. And it's all because of what I experienced in India, how I saw them embrace education and academics."

 Read Jasinski's articles about his semester in India at keene.edu/mag.



Jerry Jasinski in the lab with Professor Tarlok Lobana. Courtesy photo

A 37-Year-Long Dance with the Japanese



Bruce Stronach '74. Courtesy photo

Bruce Stronach '74 is dean of Temple University's Japan Campus. He reflects here on his life in East Asia.

When I left KSC 40 years ago, I never planned to go to Japan. And two years later when I went to Keio University as a researcher, I never planned to build a life in Japan; it just kind of happened. Now, I don't think that I could have planned anything better or more satisfying to do with my life. Living and working abroad, embedded within an alien culture, living in a society in which you did not grow up, and using a language not your own teaches you a great deal about yourself. It also teaches you a great deal about humanity as a whole.

In order to integrate you must become flexible, able to challenge beliefs and attitudes you have held your whole life, and able to adapt without changing your essential being. It also forces you to develop a greater sense of empathy

to others, because if you do not learn to understand that which is outside your comfort zone, you will always be an outsider. The key is learning how much to adapt and adopt in order to fit smoothly in your new surroundings, and how much to retain in order to remain yourself. This is a dance I have been dancing with the Japanese for 37 years and it is still fascinating. I can truly say my life never gets old or boring. It may be at various times in different parts beautiful, rewarding, enlightening, stressful, uncomfortable, and angst-making . . . *but never boring.*

So, whether for a semester, or a year, or a lifetime, take the challenge. Can you learn another language and culture well enough to live in it? If you can, you'll never see yourself, your culture or your country the same way again. Is that good? I don't know, *but it sure is interesting.*

– Bruce Stronach '74

Usually casting his recruiting line in pools around New England, Keene State swim coach Jack Fabian waded into international waters to reel in Shahar Resman.

Resman, who is from Ashdod, Israel, grew up with the daily reminder of his country's precarious position in the region. "There are days you can't go out, because you don't know what's happening," he says. Nonetheless, he enjoyed his childhood in Israel and began his pool pursuit there, earning a spot on the country's open-water national team.

Fabian, who is also a coach for the USA Swimming national team, met Resman about five years ago when their paths crossed at a World Cup open-water event in Argentina. Concerned about the currents of the Rio Negro, the site of the race, Fabian and his daughter Eva, a world-class open water swimmer, commandeered a kayak to investigate the conditions.

"One of the organizers asked if we could take this Israeli kid along, because he wanted to swim in the river too, and it ended up being Shahar," Fabian said.

Although the trio became fast friends, Fabian wouldn't hear from Resman for several years. Required to spend

three years in the military following high school, Resman returned to Israel to complete his commitment and continue his swimming.

Looking to improve and to fulfill his dream of representing his country at the Olympics, Resman contacted Fabian about coming to Keene State. "I told him that we were a non-scholarship Division III school, so I figured it would be the last we heard from him," says Fabian.

That didn't deter a determined Resman, who got in touch with the College Admissions and Global Education offices. With paperwork and visa issues resolved, he was on his way. "I was happy, but I was also scared, because I was leaving my country and my family behind," says Resman, now a junior who has earned five All-America honors swimming for Keene State. "But I knew I had to do it to make my dream come true."

– Stuart Kaufman



CROSSING THE WATER



File photo

Lots to Think About

Ever wonder what goes on in a teacher's head during a lesson? John Sturtz has, and he traveled to Australia this summer to collect qualitative data for a cross-cultural study of the ways teachers think.

"Being a teacher is a really hard job," says Sturtz, an assistant professor of education at Keene State. "There's a lot of thought process, and there is no algorithm. It's a balance of art and skill and science." Educators need to balance content and pedagogy and meeting state and federal standards like Common Core and No Child Left Behind, he notes – "all these different layers that they filter through the time allotted, logistics, student behavior, where students have to be for the unit test, where they have to be for the end-of-the-year assessment, where they have to be for next year." Teachers have to teach to the short-range plan, keep the long-range plan in mind, figure out what an individual student needs,

and factor in 20 to 25 students per class. "The amount of thinking that goes on just to get through a day is amazing," he notes.

Sturtz hooked up with Paul Reitano, a professor at Griffith University in Brisbane who shares his research interest. Reitano came to New Hampshire first, and the two videotaped social studies teachers at four middle schools. They played back the videos for the teachers, who talked about why they did what they did as the class session unfolded. In July, Sturtz made the trip to Australia to repeat the process there.



John Sturtz, right, grabs a selfie in Australia with collaborator Paul Reitano.

Sturtz hopes the findings of the study will help teachers and education students have a better understanding of the process of instructional decision making. "What do people in the field contemplate as they're teaching? Education students have an idea of what it is that happens, but that's not reality. It's tossed out the window as soon as they're in front of a class and they have to make decisions, and decisions that matter."

Sarah Melady '03 earned a Master of Social Work degree in 2009. Shortly after that, she learned that New Zealand had a shortage of social workers, and, after a relatively easy immigration process, she was granted a three-year work visa and later permanent resident status. "I left the US with three suitcases, a backpack, and a job that started in two weeks' time," she writes. She lives in the suburb of Mangere Bridge in the country's largest city, Auckland, and works as a child protection social worker for the New Zealand government.

Sit Down and Have a Cuppa

While living in another country has its challenges (as does life in general), one custom I have come to really appreciate in New Zealand is morning tea and afternoon tea. They are the two times between your morning, afternoon,

and evening meals when you sit and have a "cuppa" (tea or coffee in Kiwi English). If you invite people around for morning tea they will arrive between 10 and 10:30 and for afternoon tea between 3 and 4. I frequently have to visit schools for my work, and if I arrive at morning teatime I will very often have to sit in the tea room with the teachers while they have their tea and the children have their "tea" and recess. On special occasions, teatime involves elaborate food offerings to share with others and becomes a longer social occasion. There is hardly a workplace that doesn't provide tea (and milk and sugar) for its employees. And when I visit other workplaces there is always an offer of a cuppa and sometimes a biscuit (cookie). While I do not always have the time to formally acknowledge morning or afternoon teatime, it's a custom that reminds us to take a break and foster self care.

– Sarah Melady '03




Courtesy photo

'I Am Because We Are'

Kelly Christianson '15 spent six weeks during the summer of 2013 in a service learning program in Cape Town, South Africa. While there, she took courses and worked for six weeks at a children's home, where she organized a community garden project. "It was one of the best experiences of my life," says the triple major, who hopes to teach in post-conflict countries. She describes her experiences with her host family:

I got to stay with a Muslim family – a mom and dad, four children, and a granddaughter. They were absolutely fantastic. It was Ramadan when I got there, so I got to fast with them. I learned a lot about community. I'm from East Longmeadow, Massachusetts, the Springfield area, and there's no community there as tightly knit as the one in Bo Kapp. I've never experienced living in a neighborhood where people care about their neighbors. So I thought a lot about my experience with Ramadan. The entire Muslim community came together, and each family would make one dish of food. They would make enough for the entire community. Everyone would make a different dish, and then you'd go from house to house exchanging food, so that when it was time to eat after the day was done, every family had something the entire community had made. *Ubuntu*, the Xhosa word for "I am because we are," means: We are all in this together. You have what your neighbor has. If you have enough to share, you share with everyone. Even if you don't have enough to share, you share with everyone.

– Kelly Christianson '15

 Read online about Christianson's summer '14 trip to Rwanda at keene.edu/mag.



Kelly Christianson '15, right, with another American student on exchange in South Africa. Courtesy photo



BLESSINGS ALL AROUND


While their classmates were heading off to graduate schools and professional jobs, Keene State couple Sarah Stearns '13, a secondary education and social science major with a minor in gender studies, and Bryan Finocchiaro '13, a geography major, raised a combined \$20,000 and then spent four months undertaking volunteer work in Kenya through a nonprofit called International Volunteer HQ. "It was kind of a spur of the moment decision," says Stearns, who taught at a primary school and a special needs school as well as helping out at Blessings Children's Home, the orphanage where Finocchiaro worked. The funds they raised provided supplies and construction materials for projects at the orphanage.

I taught English, social studies, and science to sixth- through eighth-graders, and had about 90 kids in my class. The school had 1,200 students and only 32 teachers. There was no technology; you were lucky if the kids had a pen or a pencil and paper. Most of the teachers didn't even have notebooks. My class was full, with students sitting on the floor and on desks. But they would never, ever misbehave, and unless they were spoken to they wouldn't say one word. They taught me just as much as I taught them. I spoke English, but I learned a lot of Swahili and a lot about their culture.

– Sarah Stearns '13

I pretty much think of everyone at the orphanage as extended family now. Since we returned home, we've been emailing and sending packages over with clothing and games and books. It's hard to describe the experience, but it's one that you wish everyone could do once in their lives, see how the other people live. The kids in the orphanage had one meal a day, no parents, no possessions. But they are young, they're bright eyed, and they always have smiles on their faces. Now I try to take advantage of the opportunities that are in front of me, and to use only what's needed. I just don't take as much for granted anymore.

– Bryan Finocchiaro '13

 Visit keene.edu/mag to link to a video Stearns and Finocchiaro made of their travels and work in Kenya.



Sarah Stearns '13 and Bryan Finocchiaro '13. Courtesy photo

The Keene/Kenya Connection

The efforts of Jason Crooks '96 to help a young Kenyan launched a chain of events that have led to a business venture to bring quality Kenyan products to America – starting in the Monadnock Region.

A year after he graduated, Jason Crooks headed to Kenya with the Peace Corps. One day found him riding up a mountainside in a Land Rover with a Kenyan teenager, David Kiara '05. Crooks decided he would do what he could to get Kiara into KSC. "He was thoughtful, kind, and inquisitive," Crooks remembered. "He'd lost a leg to cancer and had a prehistoric prosthesis, but managed to be incredibly upbeat all the time."

Through his friendships with Lindy Coggeshall M'93, in what is now the Global Education Office, and Don Hayes, then KSC's coordinator of Community Service, Crooks paved the way for Kiara to gain admission to Keene State and scholarship funds to help with tuition. Frances Kiser of Kiser's Orthotic and Prosthetic Services set him up with a new prosthetic leg.

After Kiara graduated and returned to Kenya, the Keene church he attended sent

Mike Pratt and Ruthellen Davison over to do mission outreach. They met Kiara and Kenyan farmers who sought an outlet for their products in the US. They brought back local tea as gifts, and the friends who received the tea loved it, which sparked the idea of developing a business to import high-quality Kenyan teas, nuts, jams, chilies, and coffee to America.

They partnered with Charles Owusu '99, local businessman and Alumni Board president, to market their products in the US. The partnership created Clouds of Grace Imports, which is now distributing tea under the brand name Merusu, coffee and nuts under the Out of Africa brand, and herbs as Meru Herbs. Owusu sees many possibilities for a relationship between the College and the work in Africa. "There are many different aspects of running a business, and I believe current and former students will help shape that," he noted. "I believe that KSC has yet to leave its mark on this project."

– Mark Reynolds

Charles Owusu '99, left, and Mike Pratt with tea and other Kenyan products.



After spending the spring semester of his sophomore year studying in South Africa, Alex Habibi '15 was particularly interested in traveling to Rwanda this summer with other Keene State students and Professor Therese Seibert. "I'm interested in colonialism and seeing the effects of it," he says. "South Africa and Rwanda went down very different paths in 1994. If you'd asked foreign policy analysts in 1993 which country in Africa would see a race war/genocide, they probably would have said South Africa. The international community considered Rwanda to be of marginal concern."

'There Was This Stillness'

The trip combined two weeks of touring Rwanda and two weeks of participating in the Peace-Building Institute, a conference for students facilitated by the nonprofit organization Never Again Rwanda. Habibi also had a chance to climb Mount Kabuye with another Keene State student, a Rwandan friend, and two local boys. He speaks about that experience here:

When we got to the top, there were a lot of holes dug in the ground. Immediately, I thought they were trenches. It turned out that the top of that mountain was a

command post during the civil war for the Rwandan Patriotic Front, now the governing party. I saw a small amount of metal fragments; I assumed they were shrapnel or bullet casings. Yes, there were trenches right there, and no government markers. It wasn't part of a sanitized museum or anything like that.

It just really spoke to the freshness of the conflict. The Patriotic Front invaded in 1990, the genocide was in 1994, and I was born in 1993, so it's fresh and right there. And even at some memorials, like in the Ntarama Church, there are still blood stains on the walls, there's still the lingering smell of death. I don't know if it was my mind conjuring up that smell or if it was actually there. It's almost like there's an air about it. Even though there wasn't a memorial marker on Mount Kabuye, and there are no skeletons or physical remains, you could almost feel that something had happened there. There was this stillness. Something didn't feel right.

– Alex Habibi '15

Read an interview with Alex Habibi at keene.edu/mag.



"No single thing impacted me more during my KSC years than Dr. Al Rydant's lecture on the apartheid system in South Africa," writes George F. Roberson '86. Roberson, who has a PhD in geosciences and spent a year as a Fulbright research scholar in Morocco, is the founder, publisher, and director of Collaborative Media International,

concerns), I met a large group of high school teachers. They invited me to visit their school to attend classes and talk with their students. I eagerly agreed, but the administration wouldn't allow it. A few days later I joined them to break the fast during Ramadan at the home of the top military commander in the region. He was hosting a series of elegant dinners, having just returned from the Hajj in Mecca. He greeted me with great humility, bowing low, head turned down, gently holding my hand for a long time. The school administrator was also there; he greeted me more warmly than my

An Elegant Dinner, Conducted in Silence


a nongovernmental organization dedicated to "furthering intercultural dialogue and understanding between the USA, the North Africa / Middle East Regions, and world-wide through multinational collaboration, research, and education." He divides his time among Denver, Amherst, Massachusetts, Tangier, and Mexico City.

I've traveled in over 50 countries, and nothing has humbled and impressed me more than the generosity, friendship, and solidarity of the people I've met.

Once, visiting in a war zone (I can't mention the place due to safety

concerns), I met a large group of high school teachers. They invited me to visit their school to attend classes and talk with their students. I eagerly agreed, but the administration wouldn't allow it. A few days later I joined them to break the fast during Ramadan at the home of the top military commander in the region. He was hosting a series of elegant dinners, having just returned from the Hajj in Mecca. He greeted me with great humility, bowing low, head turned down, gently holding my hand for a long time. The school administrator was also there; he greeted me more warmly than my

— George F. Roberson '86

 Read more from George F. Roberson about what drew him to his work and link to CMI's website at keene.edu/mag.



George F. Roberson '86 explores Taoist sites on Laoshan Mountain, near Qingdao in Shandong Province, People's Republic of China. Courtesy photo

Writing the Book on Global Engagement

Jo Beth Mullens, professor of geography, has designed and taught a number of international courses over the years and has figured out the logistics of taking students overseas. Pru Cuper, professor of education, has a strong background in curriculum and pedagogy but (until recently) no experience teaching outside the United States. When the two teamed up to teach an Honors Global Engagement course in Peru, they realized their areas of experience and expertise complemented each other – and could even benefit other faculty teaching an international field course for the first time.

“Since 2003, more students are opting for short-term, largely faculty-led programs for their international study experience,” says Mullens. “Despite this trend, we found that there were very few resources out there to help faculty navigate this teaching arena.”



Jo Beth Mullens, left, and Pru Cuper.

After leading Global Engagement courses in Peru and Belize, Cuper and Mullens teamed up to write a book: *Fostering Global Citizenship Through Faculty-Led International Programs*. Part practical program-planner, part curriculum model, and part travelogue, the book is informed by the larger question of how to usher young adults into global citizenry.

“There are many things that you need to think about just to make a trip happen,”

notes Cuper, who was recently named the Alumni Association Distinguished Teacher for 2014 (Mullens earned the award in 2006). “But there are other things you have to think about simultaneously to have the learning experience be as rich as possible.”

How rich? Transformational. Here’s just one story from the book: The students took on a service project in Peru, building stoves of mud mortar in indigenous village homes. Initially shy with the Peruvians and uncomfortable with the task, they soon began to interact and take pride in their work. Later, they gathered to reflect. “Enthusiasm was running high and stories filled the air. They talked about what they had learned that day, how clumsy they had felt at times, and how amazed they were to be in the village.” One student came to this realization: “We were supposed to be helping today, but the service was the other way around. They opened their homes and let us in.”

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Chris Coates '04 in his Owl days. File photo

BASKETBALL AROUND THE WORLD

After completing an outstanding Owl basketball career, finishing second in scoring (1,970 points) and fifth in rebounds (795) on Keene State’s all-time career list and becoming the program’s first All-American, Chris Coates '04, a determined and savvy 6-foot-3 swingman, overcame the odds by becoming one of the few Division III players to get the opportunity to play professionally overseas. When he returned to the US, he parlayed his experience into a business helping high school players prepare for college and college players prepare to try out for overseas teams.

Coates attended several pro-exposure camps before signing his first professional contract to play in France. While the perks, which included a round-trip ticket, a furnished apartment, and a car, were nice, Coates says adapting to a new country and a different language was difficult. “The people in France weren’t super warm to Americans, and no one on the team spoke English,” he says. “During halftime speeches the coach would say, ‘Chris, you go score,’ and that was pretty much it.”

Coates had a better experience playing in Australia. “The people in Australia were really awesome. There was no language barrier and they welcomed you with open arms,” he remembers. “If you embraced the culture they went out of the way to make you feel at home.”

After putting up impressive numbers in Australia and doing some self-promotion, Coates went on to play four more years on a higher-level team in Norway, where he was named MVP and the league’s leading scorer. After signing a lucrative contract to play in Hungary, though, Coates saw his professional career abroad come to an end when he suffered a pulled ligament in his ankle and had a bout of food poisoning while trying out for the team.

These days, Coates can be found back home in New Hampshire, running Coates Sports Management. “I’m truly doing what I love,” he says.

– Stuart Kaufman

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Lisa DiGiovanni, *History and Literature Detective*

Lest you think conducting literary and historical research is a dry and sedentary pursuit, consider the work of Lisa DiGiovanni, assistant professor of Spanish. Her book *Longing for Resistance: Post-Revolutionary Nostalgia in Spanish and Chilean Fiction and Film* examines how novels and films convey a nostalgic longing for a pre-dictatorial past in Spain and Chile, as well as for the resistance during the Franco and Pinochet regimes. Her research, which has taken her to two continents, involves detective skills, legwork, persistence, and analysis. Here she writes about her recent research trip to Spain, funded by a Keene State Faculty Development Grant:

At the Spanish Civil War Archive in Salamanca, I tracked down documents, newspaper articles, and original letters related to the 2,100 Republican exiles who arrived in Valparaíso, Chile, on September 3, 1939, on a ship called the Winnipeg. The famous Chilean poet Pablo Neruda organized the transport of these exiles. My book highlights this fascinating and

largely unknown chapter in history that brings together forgotten stories of revolutionary women, displaced children, intellectuals, and combatants who resisted fascist forms of government and culture. I learned about one of these Spanish exiles, Victor Pey, on an earlier research trip to Chile. Born in 1915, Pey fought in the Spanish Civil War and later fled on Neruda's ship to Chile, where he befriended Salvador Allende. I attempted to arrange a face-to-face meeting with him, but had begun to lose hope until I went to a book presentation and, by chance, Pey sat right in front of me. I got up the nerve and approached him, but he mistook me for someone else and gave me an embrace. After I awkwardly asked if he had received my messages, he realized his error and cordially told me he would get back to me, which he never did. The interview I had envisioned lingers, and my longing to listen to his stories remains forever suspended. Yet my questions do not remain entirely unanswered. I've met other survivors, authors, and filmmakers in Spain and Chile, and have heard first-hand accounts of survival and continued commitment to justice and equality.

Spanish students are not only language learners, but also cultural interpreters engaged in understanding the social, historical, political, and economic contexts of Latin America and Spain and how these connect with our own.

– Lisa DiGiovanni



Lisa DiGiovanni in front of the Spanish Civil War Archive in Salamanca, Spain. Courtesy photo

FACULTY & STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Darrell Hucks

José Lezcano, Music
Performed three "Humanities to Go" presentations for the New Hampshire Humanities Council, including one for inmates of the New Hampshire Correctional Institution in Berlin.

Darrell Hucks, Education
Received an award for Education Excellence from Kappa Delta Pi, the international honor society in education. He was recognized in the Professional Development category for the Inspiring Conversations in Education conference held at Keene State.

John Sturtz, Education
Received a nearly \$5,000 Whiting Foundation grant for travel to Australia to engage in a cross-cultural investigation of teachers' pedagogical thinking.

Jonathan Schwartz, Film
Received a \$5,640 Whiting Foundation grant for travel to Vienna to explore holdings in the Austrian Film Museum.



Mark Long



Stuart Mitchell

Mark C. Long, English
Invited to serve as an external reviewer for English departments at The College of Idaho and SUY Geneseo.

Daniel Patterson, Theatre and Dance
Had his play *The Vastness Within* read by The Edge Ensemble under the direction of Keene State Adjunct **Kim Dupuis** in Keene's Heberton Hall June 6.

Denise Burchsted, Environmental Studies
Received a \$23,450 grant from the University of New Hampshire/US Geological Survey. Her project includes student research on dams and water quality in New England Rivers.

Kris Fox and Jessica Trombley, Campus Safety
Recently completed certification to teach Rape Aggression Defense for Women (RAD).

Stuart Mitchell, Campus Safety
Completed advanced training in the Clery Act, which mandates that colleges keep and disclose information about crime on and near their campuses.

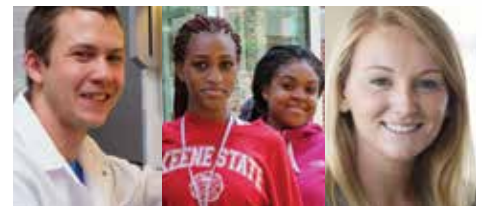


Denise Burchsted

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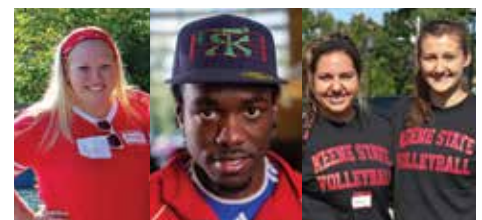
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Pru Cuper, professor of education, was named the Alumni Association Distinguished Teacher for 2014. With a focus on curriculum development that encourages reflection and appreciation of cultural diversity, Cuper has taught in Keene State's elementary, secondary, and graduate education programs and in the Morris-August Honors Program. A colleague wrote: "Dr. Cuper demands much from her students and is able to pull the best from them." Read more on page 18 of this issue of Keene State Today and online at keene.edu.



W. James Stemp, associate professor in the Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminology Department, received the 2014 Faculty Distinction in Research and Scholarship Award. Over the past 25 years, Stemp has conducted considerable archaeological fieldwork in Belize. He's also championed undergraduate research at Keene State. Read more on page 4 of this issue of Keene State Today and online at keene.edu.

An investment that changes students' lives

Students in the Morris-August Honors Program at Keene State are going places – places like Belize, Nicaragua, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Cuba, Peru, and Ecuador. Those admitted to the program for academically motivated students are required to enroll in Global Engagement, a course that follows a semester of learning about a country's culture, politics, environment, and history with a two-and-a-half week faculty-led trip to that country.

"Travel just demands critical and creative inquiry about who you are in relationship to other places and other cultures," says Associate Professor Robert Kostick, Honors Program director. "You can't help but be challenged."

Thanks to the William T. Morris Foundation and its president, Bruce August P'13, the challenges don't include financial pressures. The foundation makes it possible for Honors Program students to undertake the required travel by providing funds that offset most of the cost of the trips.

The Global Engagement trips combine interactions with local residents, research, visits to museums and historic sites, community service, and sightseeing, and sometimes include homestays with families. Each is led by a pair of Keene State professors, who put in considerable time arranging itineraries, transit, and safe (though often rustic) lodgings.

Two Global Engagement classes were offered during the 2014 spring semester, one on Nepal and one on South Africa. The trips left shortly after the end of the school year.

Danielle Fallette '16, who traveled to Nepal, noted that the semester of study that preceded the trip was critical. "You have to learn about a culture to understand it and not be overwhelmed by it," she says. "We talked about mindfulness and learned how to be open-minded and find connections. Because of that we could take in more on the trip and learn more from it." Due to her time in Nepal, she is now considering applying to the Peace Corps when she graduates. "If I travel anywhere, I don't want to travel as a tourist. I want to go into the country and learn about it," she says.

Katherine Marren '16, who blogged about the Honors Program trip to South Africa, which focused on apartheid and the country post-apartheid, calls the trip "extremely powerful for everyone. We were all taken out of our comfort zones at some point or another, and learned so much because of that." The travel, she says, changed her life. "I am more aware of my own culture and society, and I feel more of a need to have a global presence."

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The William T. Morris Foundation, says Kostick, invests generously in the Honors trips, which are not inexpensive. (The foundation also provides major support for all other aspects of the Honors Program, including scholarships and support for high-impact learning practices.) "It's really an investment," says Kostick, who notes that it comes with expectations for the students.

"Oftentimes they travel as second-semester sophomores, sometimes juniors. We're not sending them out senior year and saying, 'This is a great carrot at the end of the stick, now go graduate and go out and do good things in the world,'" he adds. The students are expected to return to campus and, informally and formally, share their experiences with the College

community. They participate in the annual Academic Excellence Conference; they speak to parents during Parent and Family Weekend; they give presentations and sit on panels; they talk with other students.

"Travel is hard," Kostick says, "but some locations offer the best of everything and the worst of everything. You're challenged the most and you're the most free, but not at the same time. It's the up and down of everything. When students are in that environment and they're working with good faculty, they grow personally and intellectually."

👁️ Learn more about the Keene State Morris-August Honors Program and how to support it with a donation at keene.edu/mag.



Keene State student Matt McDougal '15 talks with local children during a Morris-August Honors Program trip to Nepal. Courtesy photo

1927

Margaret Grover Colburn is delighted that she can get outside to walk in the warm weather.

1935

Beautiful Christmas and St. Patrick's Day cards arrive yearly from **Bernice Adams Michael**. "Bunny" has a request for her classmates: "Send in news for our column."

1936

Thelma Dickinson Dubriske has moved from the Woodard Home in Keene to an assisted living facility in Westbrook, ME. Her niece writes that it is a lovely place and that her aunt is happy and receives excellent care.

1940

Dorothy Young Carruthers
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1941

Virginia Rollins Flint
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Barbara Jeffery Stimson
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Virginia and Barbara write, "There are 13 of us still around. If each of you could let us know about yourselves, we would be happy to include you in our newsletter."

"**Virginia Flint** had a shoulder replacement last summer and is back to driving her car, running errands, and generally doing well."

"**Virginia** kept in touch with **Dr. Richard Dundas '39**, who died in May. He played trumpet in the College band and went on to become president of Castleton College in VT. Our condolences to his loved ones."

"**Barb Stimson** had spinal stenosis but is now walking."

Arlene "Starkey" Rich wrote to Barbara, "Like you I settled into a 'home-town' life. My first teaching position was in Lyme, NH. I married

the local postmaster and country storeowner. I continued teaching in the Lyme-Hanover area for 30 years. In 1971 we moved to Florida, where I became a special reading teacher under the Title 1 program and taught for 10 years in Hampton. My husband died in 2000. I then began traveling on cruises. I've been to Alaska, Hawaiian Islands twice, have also taken a river cruise in Europe. I have been to Australia and New Zealand and several cruises in the Caribbean area. I'm 93, live alone, and keep active. I do volunteer work at the local senior center. This is not 'just a little world!'"

1942

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Our thoughts go out to the family of **John Freese**. He and Barbara often held a potluck for those early '40s graduates at their cottage, where they shared family stories and Keene memories. Barbara and John frequently attended Golden Circle Luncheons.

Peggy Smith Campbell was pleased on her 93rd birthday to receive cards from the Alumni staff. She has been class secretary for many years, but lately when calling classmates has been sad to hear that so many are in nursing homes or deceased. Peggy lives in her own home, enjoys working in her yard, rides her bike miles daily, walks often, and is active in her church. She moved to Florida in 1955 but loves returning to New Hampshire as often as she can.

1943

Caroline Nichols Pregent
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Caroline Nichols Pregent writes, "The warm weather for the Keene State College alumni weekend was enjoyed by all who attended. The weekend included parties, class photos, an ice-cream social, and the President's Brunch."

"The smiling face of a special person was missing. Former Assistant Director for Alumni and Parents **Kay MacLean** died on March 7, 2014. Anyone who knew Kay loved her. Kay received the Outstanding Service Award at the awards dinner. On Sunday afternoon friends and family gathered at the College Camp for a celebration of her life. **Jay Kahn** and the Rev. Ferrin, minister of the Keene Baptist Church, led the ceremonies. Friends spoke of Kay's many accomplishments and her great kindness. We will all miss Kay very much."

"Recently **Louise Whitten Perkins** and I chatted on the phone. Her son General David Perkins was chosen as guest speaker for an international delegation in Israel and for an event in England."

"I had a letter from **Dorothy Lincoln Dattge's** daughter telling us that Dorothy has died. Dorothy had moved into an assisted living home. Despite her poor eyesight and hearing, her daughter assures us that Dorothy had an active life. Dorothy and I taught together in Greenville and worked as chambermaids in York Beach, ME."

"The next class notes are due in October of this year. Please send me some news of your activities."

1946

Thelma Partridge Mitchell
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Shirley Ring Green and daughter Maureen were planning a trip to California in May to see a granddaughter graduate from high school. They were also going to attend the ceremony of Gary becoming the commissioner of the Superior Court in Fresno County. Then they were to head to San Francisco. Shirley lives in her own home, takes exercise classes, drives her own car, and swims at the city pool.

Our thoughts go out to the family of **Lorraine Dow Gates**, who passed away recently.

Marion Stevens Creighton writes from Lebanon that she did her student teaching at Concord High School and Orford High School. She is doing pretty well in spite of several falls. Her son has cancer and is receiving treatment at the Norris Cotton Cancer Center in Hanover.

Clare McCusker Bennett planned to spend another summer at her cottage on Mt. Vista Lake. This past winter she visited family and friends in Phoenix and Salt Lake City. Clare enjoys time spent with her grandchildren. She volunteers at the New London Hospital Gift Shop and is active in her church.

Doris Johnson Blanchard writes from Tennessee that it has been a busy 28 years since she retired. Doris volunteers at the hospital and is busy with church activities. Her daughter lives close by to drive her any long distances. Son Bob owns a home in Ohio but visits often and she hopes he will move down in the near future. Doris has eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Breeze Saladino Mosley lives in Keene and often volunteers at the Alumni Center. Her daughter lives next door and three grandchildren live in Keene also. She plays bridge several times a week.

1947

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1951

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Secretary **Norma Walker** writes:
"I was pleased to receive a note from Glenna Yeaton Nutter. She reminded me I had made an error in the class notes when I said that Carlton was her brother – he is not her brother but is a relative of



Winnie Langtry '52 met Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter in Plains, GA.

her husband. Sorry about that, Glenna. She is doing well.

"Reunion 2014 brought **Glen Falkenham** and wife **Joy Johnson Falkenham '54** to campus. Joy's brother **Stanley Johnson** is a classmate of ours. It was nice to share the weekend with them. Glen carried our class sign in the parade and I was glad not to have to walk alone.

"A special thank you goes out to **Pat Parent O'Donnell** for seeing that **Barbara Boudreau Bissonnette '44** attended the Keene alumni luncheon held in Tampa in February. Pat is always there ready to help in any way she can and she loves to have alumni gatherings in her part of the state.

"**Bevalie Bonardi Bouchard** from Alaska spent some time in her hometown of Bethlehem this spring. Then she and sister **Patsie Bonardi '53** went to Buffalo to attend one of Bev's grandson's graduation.

"I would love to hear from other classmates so we can keep this column full of news."

1952

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president Dr. Anne Huot, a native of Manchester, NH. He says, 'One of her goals is to really make a difference, and it is important that we all have pride in our College and hope everyone gets involved in student activities as a lot of things have changed on campus. I hope that everyone continues to come to reunions to enjoy old friends and make new ones.'

"I had a nice phone conversation with **Norma Osgood**. She used to live in Sugar Hill, NH, and ran a very successful bed and breakfast for many years. She presently lives in an independent living complex near family in Shelton, CT. She was a teacher for 33 years, earned an MA and taught first and second grade, retiring in 1985.

"**Mary Moore Conroy** sent a nice email telling of her busy life and of taking care of her husband, Mick, who had bypass surgery and is doing well. She helps and visits friends and a brother who is recovering from surgery as well. She receives daily offers of help from church members. She feels very blessed. Mary even takes time to enjoy her music group and plays the violin for three nursing homes and at her church on Sundays. She also works with her Prayer Shawl Knitting Ministry. She sends love to all.

"We visited with **Murray 'Whitey' Ramsay**, who in spite of his long illness has still retained his sense of humor. His wife, **Margaret '56**, fell in the spring and hurt her hip, had surgery, and was coming along well.

"June 2014 was reunion – always an exciting and uplifting time seeing old friends and making new ones. This year there were seven from our class of '52. It was also an exceptional year, especially for **Winnie Langtry**, who was awarded the Sprague W. Drenan Award for volunteering her time at the College. It was no surprise to anyone who knows Winnie, as she is always doing something for someone. She has been a class secretary for years and is adamant about getting the news about ev

everyone she knows. In addition, she participates in events on campus all through the year. She attends many Golden Circle lunches and often brings friends who need rides along with her. Winnie also volunteers for many activities on and off campus. She lobbies for the College through mails and email. She is a true ambassador and very worthy of this award. Winnie, congratulations."

Irene Jones Dunbar is keeping busy these days in Ossipee and elsewhere. She taught for 30 years and then retired. With family connections in Prince Edward Island, she was able to purchase a lot and has a mobile home in Summerside. (**Winnie Langtry** recalls camping there years ago with Bob and their grandchildren.) She likes to go there each summer and enjoys being with family in the area. Her husband died earlier but they enjoyed traveling while he was alive. Irene and Winnie enjoyed visiting about their experiences in classes at Keene State because both were in the home economics program.

Anita Rawchuck Nestor returned from Puerto Vallarta to California.

Winnie Langtry writes: "This winter I had a wonderful time visiting friends who have retired to Plains, GA. I have always admired Jimmy Carter and Rosalynn. When I was in Philadelphia studying for my master's degree at Temple University, I attended one of Jimmy's town meetings and was able to meet and enjoy being with them several times the week I was in Plains. I even attended church and his Sunday School class. What a great job they are both doing for so many mission projects and Peace Keeping trips, and conferences all over the world at the age of 89 and 86. I am now reading the books they autographed for me. I thank God we have people like them still caring about so many others. I am now reading his new book, which tells of the abuse of women and girls worldwide, including our country."

1953

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Don Emmett writes: "After graduating from Keene State College I completed Naval Officer Candidate School in Newport, RI, followed by eight years of commissioned service. During my time at sea I was involved with assignments stretching from the extreme North Atlantic to the extreme South Atlantic with deep sea diving and operational assignments on a destroyer committed to the security of the United States and activities leading to the Cuban missile crisis. During the opening ceremonies of the St. Lawrence Seaway, my ship had the privilege of escorting the Queen of England and Prince Philip on their royal yacht from Chicago to Lake Superior. My shore assignments included attending the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, CA, and teaching the employment of special weapons in Norfolk, VA.

"After resigning my commission, I taught math, physics, and photography and served as a department head at Norfolk Christian High School for 33 years. I completed an MS at Old Dominion University, was a Shell Merit Fellow at Cornell University, and enjoyed 12 years of teaching freshman college math and statistics during the evenings at Golden Gate University on the local naval base. Recently I completed 10 years of teaching freshman math and statistics at Bryant & Stratton College in Virginia Beach.

"My wife, **Bette Baston Emmett '54**, taught English and journalism for 15 years in the high school classroom and for nine years of homeschooling a grandson. She enjoys reading and writing. We are both cancer survivors.

"Our daughter is director of accounting and budget at Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters in Norfolk. Our son is a professor of political economics at the James Madison College of the Michigan State University. Our family of six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren is rather spread out; however, we keep in touch through the marvels of modern technology!"

1954

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Lola (Tanner) Burns writes, "So great to see how well the Scholarship Fund is going!"

1955

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Robert Heon has compiled a book of poetry, *The Eccentric English Text*, now available on Amazon.

1958

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1959

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Dr. Lawrence Cole ran in the Clarence DeMar Marathon in Keene September 29, 2013 – and finished!

1960

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Carmen S. Nalbene of Titusville, NJ, celebrated her 81st birthday in July. She writes: "Thank you Keene State College and the New Hampshire fresh air."

Ryan Joy, **Bob "Lefty" Joy's** grandson, was named head coach of Plymouth State's women's soccer program. Joy won NHIAA

IN THE NEWS

Robert "Crow" Enderson '56 of Littleton, NH, has retired from over 50 years of dentistry. He was featured in the *New Hampshire Union Leader*.
👁 Read more online at keene.edu/mag.

Coach of the Year honors in 2013.

1961

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1963

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Robb Moore writes: "Hi everybody! I lived in San Francisco in the summer of love, grew my hair to two feet long, but always had a job and an apartment. Went on the peace marches, some with Joan Baez. Turned out that I was mostly gay, but I also had a son, Christian, and he is a great kid. No grandkids yet. Currently live in fantastic San Diego, and am now producing a film I made in San Francisco 40 years ago – of me and my then-partner."

Betty Gilman continues with news of classmates from their responses in the 50th reunion questionnaire. She writes: "I will continue to write about our classmates using the responses, but would love to hear directly from all classmates. If you need another copy of the questionnaire, please let me know. Thank you for the





Thank you, class of 1964!

A Classy Donation

At this year's annual Reunion Alumni Luncheon, members of the class of 1964 celebrating their 50th joined a growing number of 50th Reunion classes choosing to give back to their alma mater in a significant and meaningful way – through the creation of a student scholarship fund. With the average cost to attend Keene State College hovering around \$25,000, today's students face enormous financial hurdles and mountains of debt. Members of the class of 1964 hope that their new scholarship will help to lessen the burden for future Keene Staters.

continued support of the Class of 1963 Teacher Education Scholarship."

Margaret (Roehrig) Barrett writes that as a commuter student at Keene, she knew mostly other commuters and students in her elementary education classes. After teaching for five years, she used her talents working in a corporate treasury. She has a son and daughter-in-law who were graduates of KSC. **Christopher Barrett '93** and **Christen (Puglia) Barrett '93** are living in Austin, TX, so Margaret and her husband, Thomas, visit Texas. Her daughter and grandson live in Merrimack, closer to Margaret's home in Hudson.

John (Jack to all of us) Devine and his wife, **Janice (Hawkins)**, retired in 2009 from their roles as teacher and administrator. They

enjoy camping and the coast near Waldoboro. Janice gardens, quilts, and loves to read, while Jack enjoys woodworking and reading.

Marion (Whittier) Lake and her husband, **Albert Lake '64**, recall receiving a mug given to Marion on November 11, 1962, at a MERP dance. Al was her date when they won a contest and she still has the mug! Marion writes that **Dr. Ann Peters** was her advisor and mentor in the world of mathematics for a woman. Today, after retiring from elementary education, she and her husband enjoy their family, volunteering, and traveling the United States.

Leon Frechette writes: "When you're having fun, the time just flies by." Leon, who played basketball for KTC, holds special memories of meeting his late wife

on campus. He retired from Pembroke Academy as an industrial arts teacher and now does a little part-time work at SNHU in Manchester. He also likes to travel, go to casinos, and follow the New England sports teams.

1964

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Shirley La France Spencer was looking forward to reunion. She wrote in February, "Many happenings have occurred in 50 years! **Leo Spencer** and I married one week after he graduated in 1963.

We celebrated our 50th anniversary in 2013. I taught for 28 years in grades three to six in Hopkinton, Dover, and North Carolina. We had four children: Damon, Bonnie, Shannon, and Tamara. Damon was killed by a drunk driver two days before his high school graduation in 1982. Needless to say, that was devastating. We have four grandchildren to make our lives adventurous. We have done considerable traveling over the years to Europe, Belize, the Bahamas, New Zealand, and China. We started a camping business in 1973 in Chocorua and continue to operate it as a family endeavor. We are very actively involved in family, business, and spending time at our cottage in the Bahamas. I am looking forward to retiring from our camping resort and enjoying it as a guest to read, write, bike, learn some new



things, and to exploring the US in our motorhome."

1965

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1966

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1968

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Mike Clemons writes: "Jane and I will celebrate our 48th anniversary in October. We now winter in Sarasota, FL. **Ted '68** and **Sue Chatfield Miller '69** live in our complex. **George Manekas '69** and his wife, Maureen, also live there. **Ken Wood '69** and his wife, Marylin, live nearby, as does **Louie Brooks** and his wife, Joann. We were all members of Kappa Delta Phi so we enjoy reminiscing about the 'glory days.' I would love to hear from all KSC grads and especially Kappa brothers in the area."

Jan Temple Metoxen talked to several people at the 46th reunion in June. She writes: "Sort of scary that our 50th is rapidly approaching! I had lunch with **Martha Ferris Marsette** and caught up. She and Bruce are doing well as are the kids and grandkids."

"Because I am on the Alumni Board and reunion committee, reunion is always jam-packed with

running around making sure things go smoothly, but every year is a good time. This year the weather was absolutely perfect after two years of rain. I had the chance to talk awhile with **Kathy Herold Woods** and find out about her two daughters and grandkids. I spoke with **Bob Baines**, **Bob Coll**, **Hank Basil**, and **Patty Long**. **Al Hodsdon** and I spent a long time catching up. I'm sure there were others, too. If you have never come to a reunion, I urge you to think about attending next year.

"My daughter Jessa is expecting in October so baby number three is joining our family. She lives in Salem, MA, only two hours away. I drive to New Jersey once a month to visit Jason and his family, including Matthew, 3, and Maya, 1. I tutor three days a week and enjoy working with kids. I am driving for Meals on Wheels and still have my business running errands for the elderly. I like being busy but enjoy spending summers at our lake.

"Our class is always sadly lacking in class news. Now that most of us are retired, we are doing so many interesting things. Please email me news. I'd also like to know if you think we (not just me) should plan on putting together a book for our 50th. Let's get some excitement going! Four more years!"

1969

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Barbara Hamilton heard from **Craig Collemer**: "Believe it or not, this is the first time I have submitted an update for class notes

since graduation in 1969. Better late than never!

"Following graduation from KSC, I received a Master of Divinity from Crozer Seminary in Rochester, NY, and a Doctor of Ministry from Andover Newton Theological School in Newton Centre, MA. During my 40 years of active ministry, I served two churches in Rhode Island; First Baptist Church in Nashua, NH; First Baptist Church in Beverly, MA; and as executive director of the Ministerial Leadership Commission of the American Baptist Churches USA.

"I retired from full-time ministry in 2011 and am currently pastoral associate for education at Brooksby Village retirement community in Peabody, MA, and concierge/narrator on the Salem to Boston high-speed ferry. This summer my husband, Gary LaParl, and I will live full time in Sarasota, FL."

1970

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1974

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Class Secretary **Jane Cappuccio Stauffer** writes, "More questionnaires have been coming in, thanks, and it is not too late."

At 90, **Jane Allen** figures she is probably the oldest member of the class of 1974. She and her husband, Warren, live in Spofford, NH. They started following the KSC basketball team at the time of her graduation, and Warren became the official scorer for many years. "The games are always exciting; more alumni should attend." She has a fond memory of "the Home Ec girls begging me to wear jeans."

Cynthia Young Atkins writes from Rensselaer Falls, NY. She works as director of dining conference services at St. Lawrence University. She also serves as treasurer for the Raquette Valley Habitat for Humanity after having served as president. This year she traveled to Salem, NC, for the Habitat Collegiate Challenge Spring Break. Her hobbies are golf, kayaking, reading, and home improvements.

Suzanne Lindsay Jarvis lives in Newport, NH, where she and her husband, Michael, have owned a sewing machine repair business for the last 25 years. They have a





Delta Phi Epsilon observed its 30th anniversary as a sorority at KSC the weekend of March 29. Seventy-five alumni and 30 students were on hand to celebrate.

17-year-old grandson and a two-year old grandson – “one is learning to drive; the other is learning to walk.” She has been watching the younger one five days a week: “what fun!”

Marje Muller Pucciarelli lives in Norwalk, CT, with her husband, Joseph. She retired in 2012 from the middle school in Stamford, CT. Marje is active in Alpha Delta Kappa, a woman's education sorority. “Other than that I am living a life of leisure.” She and her husband ski in Killington, VT, where they own a condo. They also bicycle and dance, and in the summer enjoy being out on Long Island Sound in their Nordic Tug. Last November they celebrated their 30th anniversary with a cruise to Central and South America. She would love to hear from any of the Home Ec ladies.

Lawrence Robinson lives with his wife, **Jo Ann (Davis) Robinson '72**, in Marlborough, NH. He has retired from being a maintenance engineer at Teleflex Medical, and has stepped down after 15 years of being a town selectman. He stays involved as chairman of town

and regional committees. “I am currently enjoying working in my woodshop, doing antique restoration, photography, and traveling with my wife and family.” He and Jo Ann recently celebrated 40 years of marriage in Paris under the Eiffel Tower. They have two daughters and a grandson. Lawrence, a member of Phi Mu Delta, would like to hear from anyone who worked at the radio station WKSC, was on the soccer team, or was in the Industrial Education Department from 1970-73.

David Graves and his wife, Mary, still live in Becket, MA, and he continues beekeeping, making honey along with jam and maple syrup. He sells them at the farmers' market in Union Square in New York City. They now have three grandchildren.

Christine Offermann Maugeri and her husband, Terry Anthony, are in Wading River, NY, but are building a home near Mt. Monadnock. She wrote that 2014 is her year to retire from teaching special education. Her hobbies include reading and writing fiction, along with traveling. She has five

grandchildren. Christine has fond memories of Huntress Hall: “**Karen Peterson** was our RA, and fantastic.” She remembers walking to Dunkin' Donuts, biking with her roommate Linda, and visiting Boston with girlfriends. She still sees **Linda Steele Young** and received Christmas cards from **Maureen Cote Hall** and **Nancy Wiggan**.

Anne LeChance Dumont and her husband, Clark, live in Las Vegas. She is retired after 33 years of teaching in New Hampshire and Nevada, but is still volunteering at a local school. She is active in the Community Sunshine Club for retirees, and helps to drive seniors to doctor's appointments. Ann and Clark celebrated their 35th anniversary this year by taking a Mediterranean cruise. She has two sons and a grandson.

Richard Hamilton and his wife, Marie, live in St. Charles, IL. He is the first vice president of Global Customer Solutions at Prologis. Richard is a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon. His hobbies are boating, reading, and travel.

Donald Lovejoy lives in his hometown of South Royalton, VT, and has worked at Welch's Tru Value Hardware for 35 years. He holds the office of secretary in the Rising Sun Masons Lodge.

Tina Cahill Swett lives with her husband, Jeffrey, in Goffstown, NH. She retires this year from Northeast Utilities. Tina is an avid downhill skier and power walker. In July 2013 she had a reunion in West Dover, VT, at Mount Snow with **Karin Stenberg Layton**, **Laurie Meyer Daily**, **Sherry Briscoe Strickland**, **Cindy Godin**, **Robin Weiss-Wimer**, **Wendy Lehmann Paterson**, **Ann Robitaille**, **Janet Chamberlain Ernest**, **Nancy Frost Conant**, and **Jean Stone Noble**. “We get together every summer and have for many years.”

Nancy Frost Conant lives with her husband, “Bird,” in Greenfield, MA, and retired from middle school teaching in 2013. She and Bird have three adult sons. Her hobbies include golf and swimming. She has many memorable experiences from her KSC days that include friendships with students and teachers. She especially remembers the freshman orientation staff experience and her trip to England for student teaching.

Marie Driscoll Frash and her husband, Robert, live in Palm City, FL. Her favorite hobby is riding her Harley. In the last year she has visited the Panama Canal, Scandinavia, and St. Petersburg, Russia, and cruised on the Columbia and Snack Rivers in Oregon and Washington.

Jane Cappuccio Stauffer has been retired since 2008, and



keeps busy with volunteer work (like keeping up the class notes!). She writes: "My husband, Rich, still works, but we travel when we can. We took cruises to Canada and Bermuda last year, are planning one to Alaska this year."

Toni Barrett writes: "Well everyone, I was able to retire early! Moved from Florida back to Keene to be closer to family. Would love to hear from you!"

Candy Kelly Lussier lives in Vermont. She and her husband run a dairy farm. She keeps in touch with **Sue Scram Sokul**.

Kathleen Graham Lombardi of Concord, NH, is a reading teacher in Epsom Central School. She volunteers with the Concord Contemporary Club. She has two new granddaughters. Kathy is a member of Delta Zeta sorority.

Judy Gabryszewski Haley and her husband, Denis, live in Milford, CT, where she recently retired after 34 years as tax collector. Judy visited Disney World, Hilton Head, NC, and the New England states this year. Her hobbies include needlework, knitting, cooking, and working the polls on Election Day.

Judy Hessler Blood and her husband, Dancer, live in Freeville, NY. She is finishing up her 40th year of teaching, and is currently teaching fourth grade in Ithaca, NY. Her husband is the women's softball coach at Cornell University. "When he decides to retire we plan to live in Maine."

Suzanne Dupont Martin and her husband, Paul, live in Manchester, NH. Before she retired she worked as a law librarian. She stays involved volunteering for political candidates. She has fond memories of the third floor of Huntress Hall and "the Huntress Honeys."

Trudee Bacon Rice has been retired from teaching since 2010. She received a master's in educational leadership from KSC in 2000. Trudee and her husband, Christopher, live in Claremont, NH, where she volunteers in her community. Her hobbies include

theatre, yoga, and bird watching, and she would enjoy hearing from anyone who also enjoys bird watching. She likes to spend time at the beach in York, ME, with her daughter Paige and her three grandchildren. She would like to hear from Kathy Shea St. Germain.

Bruce Stronach lives in Tokyo, and is currently dean of Temple University, Japan Campus. His daughter Mariko is a hospital administrator in Manhattan. His daughter Eriko is an assistant language teacher in the Japan Exchange and Teaching Program on the island of Shikoku, Japan. Bruce writes of "the huge appreciation I have for the great education I got at KSC, especially in the History Dept., and for the way that KSC allowed me to mature as an adult."

Lorraine Duclos Arbore has had a long career teaching in places ranging from Australia to California to New Jersey. She has plans to retire soon from Londonderry, NH, Middle School. She has two children, a grandson, and three stepchildren. She and her husband, Michael, love to travel. Her memories of KSC were of a time of social change and turmoil. "The world seemed to be changing overnight, and being youthful at that time was liberating and seemed to come with a license to challenge."

1975

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Susan Allaire Trudel writes: "Blink and your life passes by." She is in her 30th year in the Bedford, NH, school district and was selected 2013 NH Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher of the Year. She is proud of her children, **Doug** (Keene/UNH), who's finishing his master's in teaching at Emmanuel College in Boston, and **Aimee** (Stonehill), who's finishing a zoology internship in New Orleans.



Paul DeCarolis '79 poses with his grandchildren, all Keene State grads. From left: **Andrew '11**, **Paul**, **Alex '14**, and **Amy '12 M'13**.

Margo Karamanoogian heard from **Johnny Hasay**, who wrote: "I recently read your class notes about meeting **Bob Fredette**, **Wayne Quiet**, and **Kenny** in the KSC magazine. Please pass on my best to them as I do miss those days we all shared together. Vito was always a great human being. Only people I keep in touch with from KSC these days are **Jimmy Donahue**, **Paul DeCarolis**, and **Michel Plitt Wirth**. I'm still a magisterial district judge. Married late in life, two kids learning to drive, and with almost 27 years of service hope to retire in a few years. I dream of taking a ride to Keene with **Roman Mrowsinski** and griping about how things have changed."

1976

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Katherine Lovering Shanks '79
M'83 writes: "I am planning to retire soon from a rewarding career in education. I have worked in the field since I graduated in 1979 and have greatly appreciated all that KSC offered to secure my start."

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Randall Gates writes: "Time, in its March 31, 2014 issue, noted the death of comedian David Brenner. How many KSC alumni can remember that David Brenner was the Social Activities Council's pick to headline Spring Weekend in 1982? As president of SAC at the time I remember designing a survey asking students what they would like to see for entertainment on our two biggest festival weekends. Concerts had been the norm so we decided to try a high-profile comedian as something new. Some of us went to the Dillant-Hopkins Airport and picked up Mr. Brenner. The show was a huge hit. Mr. Brenner's opening line set the fun tone for the evening: 'So, my manager said I have a gig in Keene, NH, and I said to him, 'Where the hell is Keene, NH?'" Mr. Brenner proved SAC's mission of finding and paying for high-quality entertainment and giving the students their money's worth for their social activities fee. Good memories."



Melissa Orestis '86 and Andrew Robertson '87 celebrated their 25th anniversary. Andrew owns the Robertson Agency. Melissa is a cytotechnologist at the Hospital in Concord, NH. They have two kids: Rachel, a junior at Westminster College in Salt Lake City, and Frazer, a junior in high school.

1984

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1986

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Michael Trabucco writes: "Hi, everyone! I hope everyone's having a good year so far. As **Tori Berube** pointed out on Facebook, this year, Saturday, May 10, was exactly 28 years to the day that we graduated from KSC. Amazing. So I was thinking, maybe in addition to updates on what we're doing these days, we use these class notes to share a favorite Keene State memory. I know for me, among the gazillion memories I have of the place, I loved (and yet am still a little embarrassed about) playing Michael Jackson in the USA for Africa Airband. It was so much fun being up there with the likes of **Leslie (Burger)**



Kellyann Sullivan '86 hosted a little bash on her boat the first weekend in June. **Sue (Anderson) Fortier, Linda Pritchard, Joyce (Manegio) Sternberg, and Monica Wissman** (all '86) were her guests.

The Envelope, Please

The winners of the 2014 Alumni Awards are:

Tina Ulee '99, Alumni Inspiration Award
Winnie Langtry '52, Sprague W. Drenan Award
Scott Gladstone '92 and Neil Ryan '92, Alumni Achievement Award
Kay Maclean H'04, Outstanding Service Award

Learn more online at keene.edu/mag.

Ringuette, Jan (Vivian) Kielec, Paula (Monahan) Bedard. Anyone else have a memory they want to share? Also, I want to thank the folks that sent in updates and stuff for these class notes. As I said on our Facebook page (Keene State College Class of 1986), let's be known as the FUN class that always has something to say!"

From **Carol Kelley-Elwell**: "My inseparable roommate and BFF **Tracy Chamberlin** and I are getting together this summer for the first time in 10 years. She will be coming to see me on my ranch in the wine country of Santa Barbara, CA, and meeting my eight-year-old daughter Audrey for the first time. She is Dr. Robinson now, a psychologist for the state of Connecticut. She has two beautiful children, Abby and Cooper. I went back to work full time five years ago and am doing public relations for an agency based in Santa Monica. We will relish our fond memories at KSC and will be toasting our fellow classmates from the West Coast."

Monique (Nahin) Couillard is

shouting out to her former roommate **Monique (Cusson) Lavertu**, "who deserted me on Facebook. Looking for **Ellen Shea Mendel-son** and **Melita Speidel Joiner** – I'm on Facebook, girls! Find me! My daughter Courtney just completed her freshman year at Barnard College in New York City. I'm living in Dover, NH, with my husband of 20-plus years, Dana Couillard, and am working at UNH."

Sue (Anderson) and Steve Fortier's son, Sean, graduated from Keene State in May. Their daughter will graduate in 2015. Steve has been on the KSC Parents Association Board for a year and a half, and is now its president.

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1989

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Chris Pangalos '86 writes: "Just got back from beautiful Cabo San Lucas! Spent a week there at the Hilton Los Cabos Golf & Beach Resort with my wife, Natalie, on a trip sponsored by my company, Merck, for top performers. Rode horseback through the desert hills and along the beach, went swimming with dolphins, visited the oldest Catholic Church in Cabo (a Spanish mission from about 1730), ate, drank, danced, and more. Had a great time!"

1990

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Shawn Courtemanche writes: "I have been working for almost 23 years at Kendal at Hanover retirement community, where I am facilities operations supervisor. I have two wonderful kids, Emily and Christopher, who play high school sports. If not at work, I'm running to watch a game or coach myself. Hello to all my old roommates and friends, including **Scot Foster**, **Ed**, **Kim**, **Emily**, **Marie**, **Marcel**, **Susan**, **Becky**, and **Steve**. To so many others, hello. I would also like to say hello to my sister **Nicki**. I couldn't have done it without you! I am hoping this email might spark interest in the classmates of 1990 to reach out and say hello."

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IN THE NEWS

Marshall Davenson '91 has received the 2013 Teacher of the Year award from the Cheshire County Conservation District. A science teacher at Keene High School, Davenson emphasizes place-based learning and makes use of community partners to enhance his students' learning experiences.

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Andrea (Sturtevant) Hatch '02 married **Scott Hatch** at Lake Pearl Luciano's in Wrentham, MA, on July 27, 2013. They live in Nashua, NH. Pictured are **Sharon Madanat**, **Leslie Hall**, **Melissa (Goulet) MacDonald '02**, **Andrea**, **Scott**, **Pamela Aulis '02**, **Marybeth Neun '03**, **Rakhee Patel**, and **Melissa (Smith) Marchant '03**.

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Ben Swope is associate

IN THE NEWS

Tim Tourville '96 received the 2014 Dissertation Award from the National Athletic Trainers' Association Research and Education Foundation. Tourville is research assistant professor of orthopedics and rehabilitation at the University of Vermont College of Medicine. Read more online at keene.edu/mag.



Chris Reynolds '10 and **Jackie Vehlies '10** got engaged April 5 by Brickyard Pond. Chris writes: "Jackie and I met in Pondsides 1 our freshman year (2006), started dating a few weeks into school, and have been together ever since. For the proposal I asked Chock Full O' Notes to be part of a flash mob serenade of our song, 'Faithfully' by Journey. And they did so graciously and amazingly."

👁 Link to their online video at keene.edu/mag.

lighting designer for *The Realistic Joneses* on Broadway.

Kyra (MacIntyre) Butts and her husband, Michael, welcomed their second daughter in April 2014.

2000

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IN THE NEWS

Sarah (Howard) Worley '01 earned the Connecticut Science Teachers Association's Excellence in Elementary School Science Teaching Award.

👁 Read more online at keene.edu/mag.

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2004

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John Freyer has been appointed to the Ridgefield, CT, Arts Council.

2005

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Ashley Plumb '10 and **Travon Little**, former KSC basketball player, celebrate a win for the Danbury, CT, high school basketball team, which Travon coaches.

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2009

Amanda Ruest and 2nd Lt. **Cody Bisnett '10** are engaged.

Patrick Hardy has been named director of new member sales on

the national team at the National Association of Manufacturers.

2010

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Meghan McGlone got engaged to **James (Jamie) Reynolds** on October 26, 2013, in York Beach, ME. They are planning a July 2015 wedding.

2011

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Molly Brewer was in her second year teaching Spanish at Medomak Middle School in Waldoboro, ME, last spring when she was honored with the Promising Practitioner Award from the New England League of Middle Schools.

2012

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Danielle Johnson graduated from Old Dominion University in May 2014 with a Master of Science in Educational Leadership. She is now working at Bridgewater State University as a resident director.



In April 2014, the fifth annual KSC Spanish reunion (open to graduating seniors, faculty, and all Spanish alumni) was held at Margarita's in Keene. This year's group included **Dr. Barbara Ware**, **Rodrigo Rosa '07**, **Corey Henderson '07**, **Kristen Haskell '07**, **Lindsay Gonzalez Reilly '06**, **Maricarmen Pérez-Perogil**, and **Dr. Rafael Ponce-Cordero** (and **Patty Forman '06**, not pictured).

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Barbara C. Pittendreigh '38
March 10, 2014

Blanche B. Smith '38
April 24, 2014

Richard J. Dundas '39
May 10, 2014

Ruth Johnson '40
November 20, 2012

D. Marion Thorell '40
March 23, 2014

Lillian M. Putnam '41
April 5, 2014

John L. Freese '42
March 3, 2014

Maurice Trudeau '43
March 10, 2014

Constance Donaghey '45
May 14, 2014

Mary E. Pelletier '45
March 31, 2014

Allyn L. Gates '46
March 7, 2014

Jeanne B. Giguere '46
December 4, 2013

David W. Field '52
March 10, 2014

Jean McCusker '52
April 22, 2014

Margaret E. Guilmette '56
April 27, 2014

Joan Beam '57
March 7, 2014

Richard W. Robinson '57
April 30, 2014

James N. Marrion M'58 M'67
February 2, 2014

George L. Whitham '58
June 17, 2014

Charles E. Joslin '59
March 9, 2014

**Ernest L. Levesque Jr. '59
M'71**
December 14, 2011

Richard H. Bealieu '63
December 17, 2010

Diane R. Henry '64
January 28, 2013

R. Bruce Hale '66
April 16, 2014

Dawn Mallory '70
March 28, 2014

Theodore W. Garland M'74
March 13, 2014

In Memoriam

Timothy C. Salce '74
March 14, 2014

Jeanne A. Croteau '75 M'78
March 17, 2014

Denise M. Holmes '76
April 12, 2014

Betty M. Lindhe '80
March 5, 2014

Keith C. Page '81
March 7, 2014

Timothy B. Beach '86 M'92
March 20, 2014

Christian E. Imperato '88
April 17, 2014

Frank R. Tully '02
May 15, 2014

Nathan L. Demond '09
April 19, 2014

Vincent R. Carey '12
March 8, 2014

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Keene State College graduates are changing the world – in ways big and small. You are raising accomplished children, participating in civic life and worthy volunteer opportunities, excelling at your professions, and deepening your understanding of others, yourselves, and the world around you through meaningful interactions and experiences. You are artists, scientists, teachers, businesspeople, thinkers, scholars, humanitarians. You approach life with generosity, intellect, and a sense of adventure. As Keene State grads, you're part of something that's really special.

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- "The more I reflect on it, the more I realize how world-class my education was," says Antarctic project manager Curt LaBombard '97, featured on page 3 of this issue.
- "My experience at KSC between 1988 and 1991 surely opened doors for me," says international businessman and entrepreneur Fabrice Watremet '91, featured on page 9.

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Best wishes as you follow the path you set at KSC and venture out into the world.

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– Graduation Speaker Andy Robinson,
Keene State Vice President
for Student Affairs, 2008-2014



Newsline

Want to know more about your classmates and what's happening on campus? Check out Newsline (keene.edu/alumni/newsline), our news blog aimed at alumni and parents. We post news as it comes in, but make sure you're on the list for the monthly email wrap up. It's a handy way to keep abreast of the best from Keene State. Done something outstanding? Know another Keene State grad who's done something newsworthy? Let us know! Email mreynolds@keene.edu.

UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS, FALL AND WINTER 2014-15

More information to come! Have suggestions on a meeting spot or want to volunteer to help host one of the events in your area? Please let us know at alumni@keene.edu or 800-572-1909!

OCTOBER

- Oct. 16 Reception for Alumni of the School of Arts and Humanities and the Seacoast Area – Portsmouth, NH
6 p.m., the Banks Gallery
RSVP: 603-358-2300
- Oct. 18 KSC Owl's Roost: Pumpkin Festival Open House for alumni and parents – Keene State College
11 a.m. -5 p.m., Centennial Hall, Alumni Center

NOVEMBER

- Nov. 1 KSC ASSE/SOHAS Student and Alumni Networking Event – TDS Center, Keene State College
Contact: Patty Farmer '92
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- Nov. 4 KSC Owl Gathering – Boston
Location TBD
Contact: Bethany Morin '12
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- Nov. 11 KSC Owl Gathering – San Diego, CA
5:30-7:30 p.m., Searsucker, 611 Fifth Avenue
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- Nov. 14 KSC Owl Gathering – San Francisco, CA
Location TBD
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DECEMBER

- Dec. 3 Holiday Jazz Concert Alumni Reception – Keene State College
Thorne-Sagendorph Art Gallery

FEBRUARY

- Feb. 7 Winter Game Day – Keene State College

MARCH

- March 16-20 TBD Red Sox Spring Training Outing, Florida

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