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THE SUSTAINABILITY ISSUE

Academics, energy use, climate change, natural resources, architecture and design, farming, health and wellness, population growth. Sustainability is a huge topic, one we're addressing on campus with a commitment to attain STARS Gold status from the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education. You'll learn more about what's happening on campus inside this issue, and you'll also find a myriad of stories focusing on how Keene State alumni and other members of the College community are working toward sustainability in their lives.

In the back of the magazine, you'll find the first two installments in the next chapter of the First-Person Project, which was introduced in the Winter 2015-16 issue. We'll be saving that space for more First-Person Project photo profiles, accompanied by oral histories that can be found at keene.edu/first-person.

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Making a Difference

Dr. Anne E. Huot,

President, Keene State College

As I read through the stories in this issue on sustainability, I was stuck by the many different ways that members of our community have found to contribute to this important effort. Whether it is a creative solution to one closely defined area of sustainability or the power of working together in groups to effect meaningful change, these stories speak to our individual and collective ability to make a difference, locally and globally.



I am also pleased to be able to share with you the continuing measures that the College is taking to demonstrate a leadership role in exploring, educating, and participating in projects that seek not only to preserve our resources, but to pursue new ways of thinking about the world that we live in and what it means to be a global citizen.

With the completion of our new 348-bed residence hall, we are continuing to demonstrate our commitment to integrating our learning environment with our physical environment, whether it is inside or outside of the classroom. Building on the tradition of the Technology, Design, and Safety building, the new Living Learning Commons is a model for innovative practice in building design and its relationship to optimal learning.

The concepts of sustainability are also easily applied to larger areas of our enterprise. One goal of our Strategic Plan addresses sustainability as it relates to building and securing our financial resources. We continue to seek creative solutions that acknowledge the changing landscape of higher education in relation to accessibility, demographics, and educational outcomes. And we look at opportunities to steward those resources in ways that most benefit our students.

To that end, as president of the College, I have chosen to expand my role in the stewardship of our resources at a moment in time where I see great opportunity. The Advancement Division, including our Constituent Relations and Marketing and Communications teams, will report directly to me. The opportunity that I see is around continuing to build the professional and dedicated team that we currently have, and to develop our program of outreach to the many individuals and groups that comprise the Keene State community.

The great success of our fundraising efforts of the past year and the First-Person Project are both strong indications of collaboration and communication that have the ability to drive us closer to our goal of a sustainable institution in all of its possible definitions.

Sustainability

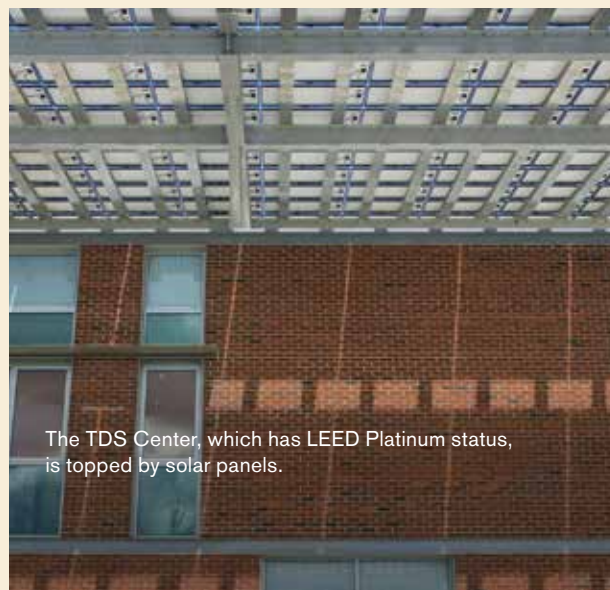
“SO MUCH OF SUSTAINABILITY

is about developing a relationship with your place – where you physically are,” says Cary Gaunt, who’s presiding over an ambitious sustainability effort at a place dear to College alumni and friends – the Keene State campus.

“When I say place, that encompasses the people, it encompasses the land, it encompasses the water, it encompasses all the non-human beings as well,” says Gaunt, who is beginning her second year as director of Campus Sustainability. It’s a big job with an ambitious goal: “moving Keene State College to become New Hampshire’s premier undergraduate institution for leading, educating, and demonstrating visionary sustainability.”

Luckily, Gaunt notes, the College is committed to sustainability at every level, from the student body to the president’s office. And considerable sustainability work has already been accomplished or is in progress. So a big part of her job is to get out the word about what Keene State already does in terms of responsible stewardship of the environment and the wellness of people and the rest of the living community on campus. “My office’s challenge is to celebrate what we’ve done, but then build on that,” she says.

A commitment to sustainability is written into the strategic plan developed by the campus community over the 2014-15 year. Keene State is a charter signatory to the Carbon Commitment, formerly called the American College and University President’s Climate Commitment, which compels the College, at the presidential level, to become carbon-neutral in this century. And the College has made a pledge to upgrade its status from silver



The TDS Center, which has LEED Platinum status, is topped by solar panels.

on Campus

to gold in STARS – the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education's Sustainability Tracking and Reporting System – by 2020.

"Sustainability at Keene State is the greatest story never told," says Gaunt, who holds a PhD in Environmental Studies from Antioch University New England. She's working on telling that story, but she's also focused on working with others to create policies and plans around what's been done and what's planned to ensure that the work continues into the future.

Here's a quick rundown of some of the major sustainability efforts under way at Keene State:

"Sustainability at Keene State is the greatest story never told."

STARS Gold. STARS tracks colleges' and universities' sustainability across four areas – academics, engagement, operations, and planning and administration – and takes into account academic classes and research, programs for students and staff, engagement with the community, buildings and grounds, greenhouse gas emissions, dining hall offerings, purchasing, recycling and composting, planning, investment, diversity, wellness, and more. Moving from silver to gold status will put Keene State at the forefront of higher education institutions in terms of sustainability.

Academics: The near-term goal is to identify, in the course catalog, classes that already include a sustainability piece and ways they can be put together into a larger focus, like an independent major. Longer-term, Gaunt would like to see an initiative that incorporates sustainability into every class, analogous to "writing across the curriculum" approaches. She'd also like to see a formal academic program in sustainability, which could be, for instance, a major, a minor, or a certificate program, as well as strategic partnerships with graduate schools in the area.

Energy: Keene State will take a huge step in reducing its greenhouse gas emissions this year, when almost 40 percent of the oil needed to run the boilers that heat campus buildings will be replaced by 100 percent used vegetable oil. The product, called LR 100 and produced by a Boston area company called Life Cycle Renewables, is made from vegetable oil and grease collected from large institutions, including hospitals, restaurants, and cruise ships, and filtered numerous times. Its price is competitive with fossil-fuel heating oil, but it has a very low carbon footprint. "It's a game changer," says Gaunt. If the first year goes well, the College will look into using LR 100 for most of its heating.

Architecture: With each building constructed in recent years, the College has raised the bar on sustainability features. The

Pondside 3 dorm, which opened in 2008, earned LEED Silver Certification, while the TDS Center, dedicated in 2012 with a goal of serving as a model for sustainability, earned LEED Platinum – the highest rating from the US Green Building Council. The Living Learning Commons or LLC, which opened in August, has sustainability features including geothermal energy and solar orientation, and aims not for a LEED ranking but to meet the Architecture 2030 Challenge, which is a commitment that the building will be entirely carbon neutral by 2030.


Recycling: Every campus recycles, notes Gaunt, but the ROCKS program – that's short for Recycling on Campus at Keene State – is in a special category because it is student-led and student-run. That means the program becomes a learning lab for its student workers.



The new Living Learning Commons takes advantage of the light from the sun.

Green Grounds: The College practices organic landscaping and grounds maintenance. All compost used is created on campus from the dining commons' kitchen waste. Every vehicle in the Keene State maintenance fleet is either electric or biodiesel.

Gaunt emphasizes that sustainability on campus is a collaborative effort – she doesn't dictate approaches to take, and she doesn't work alone. "I work with a small but mighty staff, with fantastic people and teams of goodwill across the campus, and am supported by an amazing advisory group – the President's Council for a Sustainable Future – that comprised representatives from across the campus community," she says.

 Learn more about sustainability at Keene State at keene.edu/mag.

Social Justice Gardening



“I’VE ALWAYS BEEN INTERESTED in farming,” says Andy Marion ’16. “It’s something I’ve done my whole life. And I really wanted to focus on the social justice aspects of food access and access to healthy food.”

An environmental studies major and women’s and gender studies minor who picked up a diploma in June, Marion paired farming and social justice in an environmental studies senior capstone project, “Creating a permaculture community garden to address food security in Keene, New Hampshire.”

Marion, who uses the gender-neutral pronouns “they” and “them,” formed a food justice activist collective made up of Keene State students. The collective, with the help of faculty advisor Denise Burchsted, met weekly to promote the project, develop a plan for a garden on campus, coordinate with the Keene Community Kitchen and the local food pantry, and identify a site in the city of Keene for a permaculture garden open to all.

“Permaculture takes a holistic approach, an ecosystem-wide approach to farming,” Marion says. “It basically mimics natural ecosystems to make food-producing ecosystems. You can produce massive amounts of food on a quarter of an acre with no pesticides, so there’s much less water use, and it’s just a really excellent way of farming. You can do it in urban settings really easily because you don’t need much space.”

Groups in Los Angeles have established permaculture gardens that are open to anyone who would like to come and harvest food. Marion would like to see

such a garden in Keene. The collective will continue to work on that, and in the meantime Marion has designed what’s called a food forest in the courtyard of Putnam Science Center. Seedlings grown in the science center’s rooftop greenhouse – a shag-bark hickory tree and fruiting bushes like blueberries and wild strawberry – will be planted in the courtyard.

“You basically mimic a forest ecosystem with all edible native plants,” they say. “I put together a whole plan of different plants and made a map of where everything’s going to go.”

Moving forward, Marion hopes the coalition will be able to focus on the social justice angle of the project: creating a garden that’s open to the entire community and offers a place where everyone can have an active part in growing food. They’re hoping to bring in a naturalist who leads wild plant walks to teach clients of the Keene Community Garden about edible plants found growing in the region.

“In Keene,” Marion says, “there’s autumn olive along the bike path. The berries are

trees do in a forest, with little watering or fertilizing. Permaculture gardens do need to be maintained for agricultural purposes. “You’re basically utilizing relationships between the plants and animals and



Andy Marion discussing the community garden project at an Environmental Studies poster session in May.

“You basically mimic a forest ecosystem with all edible native plants.”

edible and delicious and really healthy. There are apples; there are a lot of nut trees. Some shrubs and groundcover, like dandelion greens, are edible, too.”

The idea of permaculture, they note, is to create an ecosystem that produces food with little interaction from humans. Once it’s planted, it takes care of itself, the way

pollinators to create an ecosystem that can sustain itself,” they say. “Some of the ones that are really well planned can keep producing food for hundreds of years on their own.”

The community aspect of the project, they add, “is really focusing on creating sustainable human communities around food.” Their project combines “economic justice and social justice and food justice, making sure that people have access to food that is sustainably grown so we’re not relying on major agricultural systems that not only are not environmentally sustainable, but they’re not economically sustainable either.”

SUSTAINING THE GROUNDS -

and the Memories



Bud Winsor, assistant director of physical plant – grounds, leads a tree talk on campus. Photo by Lynn Roman '05

When Bud Winsor joined the staff at Keene State, the first thing he did was read *Strivings*, the 1984 history of the College. “There’s so much good information in there that’s been forgotten,” says Winsor, who oversees the campus grounds.

He learned, for instance, that the nine lilacs at the head of Fiske Quad were planted there to commemorate the lives of nine Keene State grads who lost their lives in service during World War II. The bushes weren’t marked at the time, and Winsor and Jeff Garland, who was then the College arborist, thought it was important that people knew why they were there. They got a grant through the Alumni Association to add markers. “Now they’ll be forever sacred,” Winsor says. “People will understand they need to remain in place.”

For Winsor and his crew, sustainability at Keene State means conserving history and intention in addition to ensuring that the trees and gardens are cared for in a way that’s environmentally sound. So when arborist Noah Washburn and gardener Joe Britton determined during spring break in March that the five Blue Spruce trees planted on Oya Hill – a much beloved spot on campus – were rapidly deteriorating and needed to be removed immediately for the safety of students and others, they were replaced with five Hoops Blue Spruce, a similar but improved species.

“When we were cutting them down and replacing them, I had to explain to a lot of people what we were doing and why we were replanting,” says Washburn. The “why” has to do with the man the hill was named for, Henry Oya, who tended to the landscaping at Keene State for 18 years. His successor planted

the trees in honor of Oya and his lasting contribution to the beauty of campus. “It’s not fitting” to replace the trees with something that didn’t reflect the intent of the Oya memorial, Washburn says.

There are plenty of other examples, including the time Winsor teamed up with former Sustainability Coordinator Mary Jensen to ensure that the clock face at the peak of Huntress Hall would not be eliminated during building renovations. When they discovered the clock had been given to the College by the Class of 1937, something few on campus remembered, they made sure it was restored rather than removed. “We thought, if the class gave that gift, it shouldn’t magically just disappear, and no one should say it has no value anymore,” Winsor says. “We need to keep it going.”

Trees and other features of the College grounds will likely outlast most of the people here on campus now, notes gardener Britton. “That’s one reason we sometimes get really protective about the trees,” he says. Chaining bikes or tying ropes to trees can damage them. And many on campus – about 50 – were planted in memory of alumni or students, often those who tragically died young. Plaques and the recently installed QR code tags impart information about individual trees to students and others to indicate the species and, in the case of memorial trees, about those they commemorate. “Now they’ll always be remembered here,” says Britton.

Coming to campus? Like trees? You can now get information on some 250 trees along Main Street and Appian Way. Here’s how to do it: Download a QR code reader onto your smart phone or tablet. Many are free. Look for a tree with a small metal tag hanging from it, open up the reader app, take a photo of the QR code on the tag, and the app will pull in information about the tree.



KSC GIVING

‘Doing Good by Doing Well’

What are donors to Keene State looking for? The chance to make a difference – in the lives of students and, through the work those students will go on to do as alumni, in the world. A growing group of donors and potential donors wants that and more. They want the money they contribute to the College’s endowed funds to be invested in companies that are socially and environmentally responsible.

“We’ve had donors say to us, ‘I would love to fund a scholarship or give to a scholarship fund, but I need to have it reflect my values,’” says Maryann Lindberg, Keene State’s former vice president for advancement and liaison to the Keene Endowment Association, Keene State’s affiliated foundation, which holds about \$7 million of the College’s endowed funds. “Now we can say to them, ‘We have an opportunity for you.’”

That opportunity came with the endowment association’s switch to a new financial management company, Cambridge Trust – which offers a portfolio option in sustainable and responsible investing. Lindberg, some Keene Endowment Association board members, and Director of Campus

“We know that quite a number of our alumni are interested in sustainable and responsible investing.”


Sustainability Cary Gaunt took a look. They were impressed with Cambridge’s approach to the portfolio, which combines healthy returns with a number of other factors when weighing companies for inclusion in the option. Are they good corporate citizens? Do they support the community? How do they treat their employees? Do they offer good pay and benefits? Are they financially well-managed? “It wasn’t just, What product do they produce, and is it OK by whatever standard someone comes up with?” says Lindberg. “What that said to me was that they are looking for a holistically healthy company that’s not only doing well but doing good.”

There are now three funds held by the Keene Endowment Association that are invested through the Cambridge sustainability portfolio: The Olive Frenette Jennison Award Endowment, which funds a scholarship for a student with an interest in environmental studies; the Unrestricted Gift Fund; and the Francis C. Oliver Campus Beautification Endowment. Donors who establish new endowments now have the option to have them invested with the sustainability portfolio.

The new option fits in nicely with the emphasis on sustainability in Keene State’s strategic plan, Lindberg notes. “Sustainability is not just recycling,” she says. Being a sustainable, responsible, environmentally sensitive campus includes looking at financial management and ensuring that the College’s social footprint measures up to its environmental footprint, among other factors, she says.

Now, Keene State graduates and friends who are deeply committed to the health of the planet and all of its inhabitants – human and otherwise – can feel good about giving to one of the three Keene Endowment Association funds in the sustainability portfolio, or establishing a new fund within that portfolio.

“We know that quite a number of our alumni are interested in sustainable and responsible investing,” says Lindberg, who spoke with *Keene State Today* before leaving the College in June to launch her own consulting firm. “People honestly want to contribute to something like this.”

 Learn more about the sustainability option and making a donation to Keene State at keene.edu/mag.



Wendell Pollock and Susan Fortier '86 of the Keene Endowment Association board staff the association’s table at Reunion in June.

adventures in LEARNING

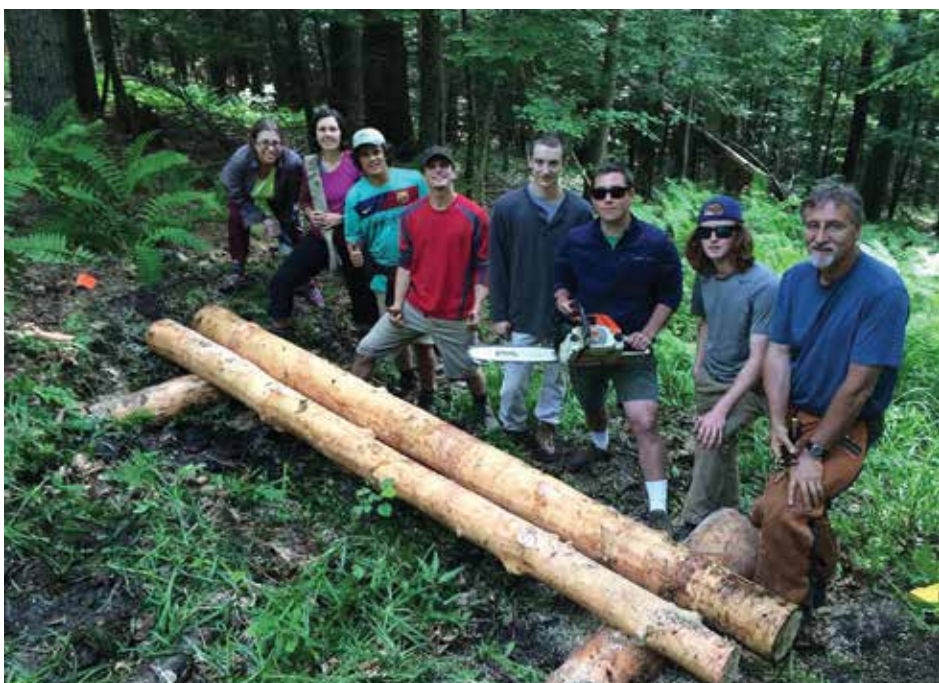
Hiking, whitewater rafting, mountain biking, and camping are always fun things to do during the summer. And getting four credits is an added bonus for students. That's exactly what Associate Professor Sandra Howard and Lecturer Karen Seaver thought when they collaborated to teach a summer course that tackles the issue of environmental sustainability through learning from the land. Newly offered by the Geography Department, Environmental Stewardship through Outdoor Recreation was designed to give students a firsthand experience on the effects our actions have on the environment.

"We want the students to get a feel for the outdoors and are leaving some of the opportunities to Mother Nature," says Seaver, who teaches in the Environmental Studies Department. She looked for the students to lead the way in terms of coming up with some solutions to sustainability issues. The idea was to have students in the class take on leadership roles in outdoor recreation activities to broaden their scope on what they can do as individuals in becoming more sustainable.

The class met in mid-June for an intensive session that included lectures, discussions, and day and overnight trips over the course of two consecutive long weekends. The schedule allowed for more freedom for different activities to take place.

The students learned about outdoor recreation from guest speakers including Ryan Owens, executive director of the Monadnock Conservancy, Bruce Lessels, president of the whitewater rafting company Zoar Outdoor, and Dave Moulton, director of mountain operations at Mount Snow Ski Resort. A visit to conservation land provided a backdrop for learning about sustainable trail building. Back on campus, a classroom discussion focused on the Clean Water Act.

The purpose of the course was not to change the students' point of view about environmental issues, but to expand their thinking. "A big part of this course is acknowledging our own biases," says Howard, who teaches in the Music Department and is also a Registered Maine Guide. "We all



Learning and doing in a summer environmental stewardship class. Courtesy photo

have a biased view of outdoor recreation and what 'being one with nature' means, but we must get rid of those biases if we want to make significant change in terms of preserving our resources," she notes.

"Culturally we are at a crossroads with the young generation in this selfie culture," Seaver says. "However, there has been a big shift toward understanding how we live within the ecosystem." Understanding that dynamic will help students make connections about which actions are needed to preserve the environment, she says.

Howard and Seaver hope to offer the summer course again in future years. The advantage of the timing is that students get to see the trails, rivers, and mountains during the season of peak recreational activity, they say. Both hope to challenge students with a combination of hands-on and lecture-style learning and at the same time have them enjoy being outdoors in the New England summer.

— Sandra Kayira '17



OFF THE

For Bill Elliott, living sustainably means living with limits. If he and his wife, Eileen, run out of drinking water, it's because he didn't hand-pump enough that morning from their well. If the lightbulbs flicker out, it's because the sun didn't provide enough energy to keep the batteries in his cellar charged. He doesn't have to wait a couple of months to get a bill from the power company to let him know he's run over on electricity usage – and he doesn't have to pay a bill.

"It wakes you up to the limited resources," says Elliott, who took early retirement in 1998 after serving as an assistant professor in Keene State's Mathematics Department for 10 years. "Most of the people doing solar now, they're filling their roofs with panels so they can go about living exactly the same way they've always lived. We can't solve our climate problems unless we change the way we live, and nobody talks about that. None of these politicians ever talk about limits, or about a no-growth kind of economic philosophy. Everybody thinks they should have more next year than they have this year. More electricity, more water, more air conditioning, more stuff – and the earth can't support it."

The Elliotts have been living off the grid since 1980, when they moved into a house they built on land they purchased in Hancock, New Hampshire. They'd always been interested in homesteading, but hadn't set out to do without electricity until they bought the 25 forested acres, which were affordable primarily because they were on an unmaintained dirt road two miles from the nearest power line.

They built the house using lumber from trees they cut on the property. They cleared land for a garden, where they grow about 50 percent of the food they eat – along with plenty of flowers. ("I have to feed the soul as well as the body," says Eileen.)

Now, in their early 70s, they're still living off the land and off the grid. It's a life that involves work that's physical but is also, as Bill notes, intellectually challenging. "Despite the fact that I talk about the water system and the composting system and the food and the electricity and the wood as separate things, we see them as all fitting together," he says. "We try to do things that make sense for more than one reason."

The Elliotts' water system has multiple sources. A dug well provides potable water. Bill spends ten minutes every morning pumping it into a holding tank. "Ten minutes a day in the quiet, taking care of your own water? This is not hard," he says. Rainwater collected from roofs is used for laundry and watering plants. A waterhole provides water for the garden. The composting toilet doesn't use water.

A wood-fired cast iron cook stove in the kitchen heats up water that's piped through it and into a hot water tank. The stove also heats the house and cooks meals. In the summer, Bill fires it up for about two hours each morning; that provides enough hot water for the day. A propane camping stove in the pantry can be put into service for cooking on hot afternoons and evenings.




Bill and Eileen Elliott outside their home in Hancock, New Hampshire.

GRID



The Elliots have had electricity since the early 1990s, when they installed solar panels on the roof to generate 200 watts—the amount needed to power two light bulbs. The charged batteries can power lamps in the area they're sitting in, charge a laptop computer, and run a small radio or portable DVD player. "We don't have appliances," says Bill. "No refrigerator, no toaster oven, no microwave, no Cuisinart." Instead, they have a root cellar, a hand-cranked washing machine, a treadle sewing machine, knives for processing food, and a wood cook stove for cooking it.

When they bought the land, Eileen says, they chose to forgo many of the trappings of contemporary living. "We decided that this is our life, not the other," she says. "We'll spend less money and live simple. We don't need to hook into the electric lines, and we don't need Internet. Cut down on stuff. Time is the most valuable resource we have in the world."

 Visit keene.edu/mag for more photos and Bill's advice to young people who seek to live sustainably.

Harris Center Interns: Serving and Conserving

With the United States losing about 4,000 acres of land to development each day and nearly 80 percent of Americans living in cities and suburbs, land conservation is a necessary way to make sure that we don't lose our connection with the environment.

For a number of years, Keene State's Environmental Studies Department has been feeding the Harris Center for Conservation Education's need for extra hands to manage its thousands of acres of conservation land in the Monadnock region and educate numerous audiences on the importance of conservation.

Each summer the Harris Center, based in Hancock, New Hampshire, takes on a number of interns from Keene State. They help contribute to the overall goals of the center, including protection and stewardship of protected lands in the Monadnock region, conservation research, and gathering data on the effects of humans on the region's natural resources.

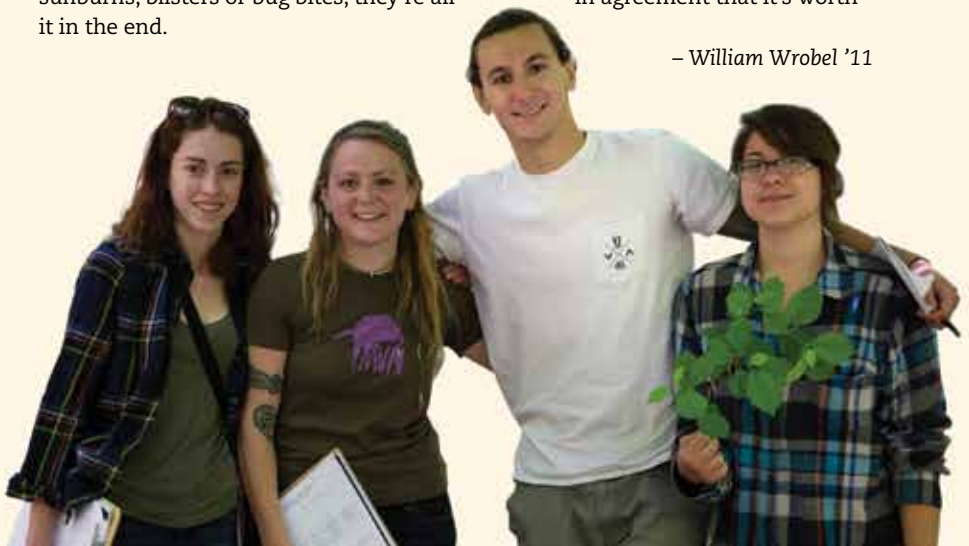
In 2016, four students from Keene State set out to add their expertise and to add to their knowledge base while interning at the Harris Center. Working with Lecturer Jill Weiss and the Harris Center's Director of Science Brett Thelen, the interns took to the field to help assess the environmental impact that a year's time made.

"They're with us for seven weeks and they're doing a whole range of ecological data collection as well as management projects and helping with educational activities," said Thelen. "They're out here surveying and pulling invasive species off of one of our protected properties. They're also collecting data on road mortality – or road kill – on a road that is bordered on both sides by our protected land to see if wildlife is able to get across the road safely. They're doing forest inventory on another property of ours to really detail what species we have growing. It's really designed to be an exercise that gives them experience in all the different areas of conservation and education."

While the interns are rewarded with both pay and experience, the Harris Center also receives extra help in managing its 21,000 acres of conservation land in the region. Managing the conservation land provides assurance that the land's air, soil, water, and wildlife remain protected.

On any given day during their internship, you can find the Keene State students toiling under the hot sun or among waves of insects in order to help preserve the natural resources of the Monadnock region. No matter the number of sunburns, blisters or bug bites, they're all in agreement that it's worth it in the end.

– William Wrobel '11



IN THE REGION

When Jeanny Aldrich '12 and her husband, Richard, returned to their family farm in Chesterfield, New Hampshire, in 2007, they left the hustle and bustle of Southern California's San Fernando Valley to cultivate a new lifestyle and a sustainable farm.

They brought new life to the 1780 Farm, 35 acres nestled along the Connecticut River that were first farmed in 1780. "Richard and I don't look at it as just being owners of this farm, but stewards of the land," says Aldrich. "From the get-go we started really thinking about sustainability and what it means."

Highly influenced by Michael Pollan's book *The Omnivore's Dilemma*, the Aldriches saw their plan to raise a few vegetables and animals gradually grow into a business that now includes a farm stand and a small CSA (Community Supported Agriculture).

Already a Cordon Bleu chef with a passion for food, Aldrich decided she was ready for the next course, enrolling at Keene State to earn a degree in nutrition. "In order to be well-rounded, I needed knowledge of the science behind the food," she reasons.

She calls her time at Keene State "an incredible journey" that enabled her to put what she learned back into the soil, ensuring the food she grows provides the maximum potential of nutrients. With the help of community members like Tracie Look from Tracie's Community Farm in Fitzwilliam and Michael Reardon and Brittany Dooling, who were brought in to handle the everyday operation of the farm, the 1780 farm took root and flourished.

The 1780 Farmers implemented numerous sustainable farming strategies, with the goal of building the soil and maintaining its fertility. They began rotating an assortment of animals on their pastures; the livestock, with the help of nature, enrich the soil


with nitrogen and provide additional compost for farming. Goats Lupen, Laurel, and Luna make sure nothing goes to waste. The farmers also use no chemical pesticides. Row cover that allows water and sunlight to filter through provides a physical barrier between plants and pests, the growing environment is modified to reduce the prevalence of unwanted pests, and clay placed around vegetable plants helps keep insects from eating the leaves.

Through their education initiative, the Aldriches share what they've learned about sustainable farming with the community by inviting school groups to the farm for day visits and hosting and mentoring college-aged aspiring farmers for extended stays. "I knew it would never be a humongous farm, but I felt it would be a phenomenal tool for teaching and unifying a community," Aldrich says.

On the first Sunday of each month during the growing season she invites community members to the farm to partake in the bounty, cooking and serving a meal made from farm-grown produce and meats.

As much as they enjoy growing and producing food, Jeanny and Richard are also looking at the big picture. They've brought in young farmers to ensure the sustainability of the land itself as a farm. "We started to look at this in long term potential and what we could do to secure this farm for our legacy so it continues in this community," says Aldrich. "Right from the onset we decided that this farm would eventually go into a trust and it would be not anything but a farm."

— Stuart Kaufman

 [Link to the 1780 Farm's website at keene.edu/mag.](http://keene.edu/mag)

a farm and a legacy

Jeanny Aldrich '12 has a passion for food, farming, and sustainability.



Greening the Economy

An innovative economic development effort aspires to become for green building what Silicon Valley is for the computer industry

You know the old saying, “When life gives you lemons, make lemonade”? Well, that’s exactly what Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation and its affiliated Southeast Vermont Economic Development Strategy did when they realized that the Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant would be decommissioned, taking over 600 high-paying jobs with it. How can the region maintain a robust local economy after the loss of one of its major employers?

Southeast Vermont Economic Development Strategy took a close look at the area and created a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy to identify specific industries that can help grow the local economy. “We focused on the green building and services industry,” explains Kristin Mehalick ’11, the organization’s project manager. “The area already has strong green-building assets, and we realized that they offer a lot of potential for business growth.”

The two organizations applied for grants from the Federal Economic Development Agency and the State of Vermont. The federal agency encouraged the local organizations to expand their focus beyond southeastern Vermont and develop a tri-state initiative that included southeastern Vermont, southwestern New Hampshire, and northwestern Massachusetts.

“Our team identified a unique cluster of green building assets across the region that includes recognized national leaders in research, product development, manufacturing, and design and construction of high-performance buildings and communities,” Mehalick says. “We created the Green Economy Innovation Hub to unite these assets and build a hub of sustainability and resilience that will serve as a model for other rural communities nationally and internationally.”

The Green Economy Innovation Hub initiative intends to spur growth in all related industries, rather than just focusing on a single aspect, by incorporating four segments:

- An Education and Training Consortium (combining the educational resources of Keene State, Antioch University New England, the School for International Training, and Greenfield Community College)
- Products, services, and manufacturing
- International markets
- Financing, insurance, and real estate (establishing the tools for financing, insuring, and buying green buildings and technology)

Keene State will play a critical role in two of these four segments – the Education and Training Consortium and the Products & Services subgroup (building primarily on the resources of the College’s Technology, Design, and Safety Center and Sustainable Product Design and Innovation program).

“If we’re serious about wanting to develop education and training resources to support the green economy for the 21st century and beyond, we need to develop education and training resources that will build the necessary skill sets,” notes Cary Gaunt, Keene State’s director of Campus Sustainability and one of the Green Economy Innovation Hub’s team leaders. “We’re looking at creating a consortium of educational resources that will develop a skilled labor force at all levels – from people who are able to do timber-frame construction and install photovoltaic panels, for example, to the researchers, entrepreneurs, and leaders who will create the green businesses and lead the industry.”

Keene State and the other institutions of higher education have agreed to work together to form a consortium that will share curricula and develop policy documents that will allow the institutions to transfer credits and develop degree and certification programs and better position the GEIH to go after grants and other sources of funding.

Gaunt feels that Keene State’s buildings, grounds, operations, technology programs (e.g., SPDI, architecture, environmental studies, geology), and commitment to sustainable practices position the College to play a powerful role in the Green Economy Innovation Hub effort. “We have a very impressive portfolio of sustainability features and buildings on our campus already,” she says, adding that the TDS Center, the new Living Learning Commons (a

We focused on the green building and services industry.

state-of-the-art green residence hall/learning space), and the grounds crews’ efforts with composting on campus “are just a few examples of our impressive commitment to sustainability.”

Not only can students come to Keene State to receive a comprehensive education in sustainable product design, architecture, and environmental issues, business leaders from around the world can learn how to design and build for a low-carbon future by visiting our LEED-certified buildings and studying our campus-wide efforts to conserve energy and resources.

– Mark E. Reynolds


Tiny House, **Big Life**

“PEOPLE OFTEN FILL THE VOID WITH THINGS,” SAYS SARA VOORHIS ’13. “THE IDEA OF A TINY HOUSE IS TO FILL THE VOID WITH EXPERIENCES.”

Voorhis, a biology major/anthropology minor at Keene State, should have plenty of experiences in her future. She’s building a 272-square-foot tiny house in Dublin, New Hampshire, but will be taking it on the road when it’s finished. The daughter of a contractor, Voorhis is handy with tools. She designed the house and drew up the plans, and is doing the bulk of the construction herself.

A tiny house is a great fit for her. She works as a contract archaeologist ensuring that cultural resources – early burial grounds, for instance – are not damaged when the ground is dug up to install pipelines, powerlines, and such. She’s also a writer of fantasy and science fiction whose fourth novel under the pen name V. S. Holmes is due out in November.

Her job keeps her traveling on a regular basis, and she plans to spend a few months each winter in the Southwest when there’s no digging happening up north. With the tiny house, she’ll be able to set down roots but also keep moving – and live in a way that’s environmentally, as well as economically, sustainable.

 Find more photos of Sara’s tiny house in progress, and her recommended tiny house resources, at keene.edu/mag.

Sara Voorhis with her future home. Photos by Jane Eklund



BUILDING RESILIENCY

We have an enormous “built environment,” says Mike Helmer ’13. Every city has thousands of buildings, comprising millions of square feet of floor space. Most of us wake up in buildings, go to work in buildings, shop and dine and recreate in buildings. “They take a huge toll on energy needs,” he says, noting that about 40 percent of the country’s energy supply goes toward keeping buildings running, including heating them in winter and cooling them in summer.

That positions architecture to play a key role in moving toward clean, renewable fuel, says Helmer, who worked for the Boston firm Architerra before beginning graduate studies this fall. “Architecture has a profound effect on everyone’s environment,” he says.

As an architecture major at Keene State, Helmer had a chance to see first-hand how the design and construction of a building can contribute to its sustainability: the Technology, Design, and Safety Center was under construction during his student days here. The TDS Center has LEED Platinum certification, the highest designation for sustainable buildings granted by the US Green Building Council.

And it was designed by Architerra.

“My professors introduced some of the students to the architects, and we hit it off,” Helmer remembers. That led to a summer internship with the company and then a three-year stint as an intern architect.

Architerra was incorporated specifically to design sustainable buildings, which includes creating structures that use the least amount of energy possible, that will have lengthy lifespans, that incorporate recycled materials whenever possible, and that create healthy environments for people.

Helmer has been involved with one recently completed project – a new science center for Mt. Wachusett Community College in Gardner, Massachusetts – since the planning stages. “I started at Architerra when it was just a sketch on a piece of paper,” he says. “It’s been really exciting to see it develop and come to life.”

The new science center houses labs and faculty offices, and it fits in well with the campus, which generates very little energy from fossil fuels. Instead, two wind turbines, solar panels, and a heating plant that burns sustainably sourced wood chips provide heat, cooling, and electricity. The science center makes the most of those via a high-performance “envelope” – the parts of the structure’s outer shell that keep the inside dry and at the appropriate temperature.

“Architecture has a profound effect on everyone’s environment.”

Among other Architerra projects that Helmer is particularly excited about are the new Boston Public Market, an indoor year-round farmers’ market for local sustainably sourced food, and the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife Field Headquarters in Westborough.

“Sustainability” has been a hot word in architecture for a while, says Helmer. The term “resiliency” has recently been coming into play as well in relation to coastal cities. A majority of the world’s major cities are built along water, and with climate change bringing rising tides and rising sea levels,

buildings need to be prepared to withstand flooding. European countries, especially Germany, are far ahead of us on this, Helmer adds, creating buildings with a “floodable ground level.” “This is really something we have to think about in the United States, too,” he says.

Helmer’s passion for sustainability and sustainable architecture was stoked at Keene State, and he’s now on the West Coast pursuing a master’s degree at the University of Oregon in Eugene – which has been cited as the top US graduate school for sustainable design education. It’s the next step toward earning his architect’s license.



Mike Helmer outside the Mt. Wachusett Community College Science Center. Courtesy photo

“I think it’s really important that we keep providing these buildings,” he says, “places for people that are sustainable in terms of energy and health.”

Keene State videographer and photographer William Wrobel '11 went to the Grand Canyon in May through a College Alternative Break service project. He writes about his experiences here.



Photo by Jessica Gagne Cloutier

There lay the dilemma: With an additional one million visitors annually, how can the park service preserve this resource without denying access to it? Where is the line that divides sustainability from freedom?

With the price of fuel down, national parks across the country are seeing a major spike in visitors – up to 20 percent more in some cases. At the Grand Canyon, these increases aren't just statistics. The overcrowding is palpable throughout the park, from the overstuffed buses to the long lines to the sea of people you have to wade through to take in the view.

What's to be done when the goal is to allow every person access to every resource without changing the resource itself?

Lying in my tent at night and listening to coyotes howl, I pondered the situation. Could a rise in visitors sustainably continue? How exactly could the park service turn away visitors at the gate in order to preserve the resource?

Truthfully, I didn't have time to formulate an answer because I was having my own internal struggle. I had never felt so at peace in a place, but at the same time I felt a growing guilt knowing that I was adding to the strain on the park by just being present.

Climbing to Hermit's Rest on the second-to-last day of our trip, I realized that my desire to experience the Grand Canyon would always supersede my desire to preserve it. The only way to justify that would be to offset my impact in Grand Canyon National Park through my own personal sustainability efforts. In theory, that's a simple goal. In practice, it's a lofty aspiration.

A GRAND CANYON DILEMMA: Accessibility vs. Sustainability

Grand Canyon National Park is an invaluable resource, a natural wonder, and, currently, a place of immense struggle.

A group of ten students, alumni, and staff headed to the Southwest to spend a week camping and experiencing one of America's most beautiful national parks while gathering sociological data on the park's visitors to help the National Park Service better understand how to ease the strain on Grand Canyon National Park.

From the day we arrived, the mission of the park service was emphasized: "To preserve unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the National Park System for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations."

Our group spent a week directing traffic, informing and leading visitors, and debriefing with park administrators in order to give an objective view of the situation.

What we found was a constant struggle between a paradoxical set of goals that places the National Park Service in an extremely tight situation. Will the Grand Canyon hold the same wonder if there are signs in ten different languages lining the path to the rim? How many extra park maps will end up in the landfill if many more are printed in a multitude of languages? Will the \$166 million pipeline restoration project to bring water from the North Rim to the South Rim Park be insufficient in a few years?

At the end of the week, we turned in our observational data on the number of visitors who required assistance and problem areas of the park for both English-speaking and foreign visitors, along with our ideas on how to better embrace sustainability at the park.

We left with the pride of knowing that we made Grand Canyon National Park a place that six million or so people a year could more easily experience. And I left with a determination to walk lightly on the earth – not just in national parks, but everywhere.

– William Wrobel '11



The Keene State crew at the Grand Canyon.

Emily Francis '14 had a chance to see reindeer up close when she visited the Large Animal Research Station at the University of Alaska Fairbanks recently while attending the Arctic Science Summit. But she already knew a lot about the animals – she'd been organizing and analyzing data about wild reindeer herds in Siberia as part of her graduate program at the University of Northern Iowa.

"The Arctic is so extreme, and I really like the terrestrial animals there," says Francis, a geography major/environmental studies minor at Keene State who earned a master's in geography in May. "There are 650,000 to 700,000 of these big animals roaming around in northern Russia – it's the largest herd of reindeer in the world."

Francis's project, "Analyzing Winter Activities of Wild Taimyr Reindeer Using Argos Satellite Collars," had her sorting through data collected from animals wearing collars that sent information via satellite on their winter activities, including migration patterns.

There's much more to be learned from the information gleaned, but Francis has already presented on her findings at a number of conferences. As she writes in her abstract, "The results will be utilized to better understand the site selection for migration, eating and resting and give clues to understanding the activities and survival of the Taimyr Reindeer Herd during the harsh Siberian winter."

The sustainability of the animals is much more complicated than simply looking at whether the herd has dwindled in response to climate change, she notes. In 1950, only about 200,000 reindeer remained, but wildlife management in the

Soviet Union had the numbers up to 1 million by the year 2000. The count has now dropped by 300,000 or so. "There are so many factors to the herd's population history in the past hundred years," Francis says.

Because they intermix freely with domestic reindeer, which provide a livelihood for many people in the Siberian Arctic, the health of the wild reindeer herds also correlates to the health of the people, she notes. "The people who live there really depend upon the basic resources, and their lifestyle, the way they've

lived for generations and generations, is an essential part of our human history," says Francis, who attended

a conference in the region. She's presented her work at conferences in St. Petersburg and Moscow, Russia, at the Arctic Science Summit in Alaska, at two American Association of Geographers Conferences, and at a regional conference in Wisconsin.

She attributes much of her success in the field to her work with Associate Professor Chris Brehme and other faculty in the Geography Department at Keene State. A project that she undertook at the College prepared her for graduate-level research, and the Geographic Information System certification that she earned at Keene State qualified her to handle the technical aspects of data collection and analysis.

She's currently working in Maine as a directorate resource fellow with the US Fish and Wildlife Service, and plans to begin working toward a PhD in geography after taking a year or two off. She hopes to continue to do arctic research. "I've really just grown to love the field, and it's really interdisciplinary," she says. "As a geographer, you're always working with people in other fields. Everything is interconnected."

Following the Herd



Emily Francis with caribou in Alaska.
Courtesy photo

A 'Driving' Force for Cleaner Air

One particularly effective outreach event held by Virginia Clean Cities annually brings together some 50 owners of state-of-the-art Tesla electric cars with legislators. The car owners drive the lawmakers around the track at the Richmond International Raceway, giving them the chance to check out the high-tech carbon-neutral vehicles and ask questions about gasoline-free driving.

The lawmakers, says Tyler K. C. Rines '12, a member of Virginia Clean Cities' board of directors, find the event inspiring and educational – it's their chance to glimpse into the future of transportation.

"The Rally at the Raceway is our flagship event where we feature alternative fuel vehicles of all types," says Rines. "We also use the event to deliver our State of the Alternative Fuel Industry Address and present the Governor's Green Fleet Awards." The awards recognize achievements in greenhouse gas reduction, petroleum reduction, and leadership in advancing alternative fuel vehicles.

A sociology major at Keene State, Rines leads the corporate and foundation relations efforts at Montpelier, the historic home of James and Dolley Madison. Courses with Leigh Corrette, Chuck Weed, and Mike Welsh instilled him with "a deep passion for environmental justice and sustainability," he says. He was also strongly influenced by an experience traveling to Washington, DC, with fellow students during his first year to participate in one of the first Power Shift summits. The group from Keene State was part of a

12,000-strong student coalition lobbying Congress about the importance of acting to mitigate climate change.

"When we got home, the movement was mocked by pundits because, as we descended on the capital, the East Coast was hit with a record snowstorm. This both infuriated and energized me. I was angry because opportunistic climate change deniers were spreading misinformation, but I was hopeful because it gave more meaning to the cause and demonstrated a clear need for more education," Rines remembers. "Ours is the generation that is charged with building a more just, clean, and sustainable future. Working with Virginia Clean Cities is one way for me to give back and make a difference." Rines was asked to join the board after serving as an intern during his graduate studies.

Part of a network of Clean Cities coalitions that was born out of the Energy Policy Act of 1992, Virginia Clean Cities focuses on renewable energy in the transportation sector. "We're Virginia's leading public-private partnership that is promoting the advancement and deployment of alternative fuel vehicles," says Rines, "be that fully electric, hybrid, biodiesel, hydrogen, propane, or compressed natural gas. We take an all-of-the-above approach."

Virginia Clean Cities maximizes its impact by focusing on large fleets like those maintained by police departments, public transit systems, large corporations, and universities. Since its

establishment, Virginia Clean Cities has championed the adoption of green public policies, built over 600 clean fuel stations, and put thousands of alternative fuel vehicles on the road. The organization's efforts continue to have an effect: in 2015 VCC displaced 20 million gallons of petroleum and prevented 120,000 tons of greenhouse gases from being discharged into the atmosphere.



Rally at the Raceway.

"That means cleaner air, improved public health, and more green collar jobs," says Rines, who acknowledges there's a long road ahead to make significant changes. "Those numbers sound big, but they're drops in the bucket. As a nation, we need to start thinking really hard about how we're going to change and move forward." Clean Cities coalitions are on the front lines of the fight against climate change, implementing solutions in their area of expertise – the transportation sector, he says.

Rines's suggestion for people who want to do their part to cut back on gasoline use and clean up the air? There are Clean Cities coalitions in every state, he notes. "Support them. Volunteer and get involved."

Visit keene.edu/mag for links to websites for Virginia Clean Cities, Granite State Clean Cities, and the federal Clean Cities programs.



Tyler Rines '12. Courtesy photos

Niko Niko Radish: A Teaching Collaboration

You can't care about environmental sustainability until you care about other people – you'll need to work with them to protect the health of the planet. "That's a big piece that I have come to understand," says teacher Cindy McIntosh Gibbs '95. Gibbs was selected for a coveted spot in the 2016 Fulbright Japan-US Teacher Exchange for Education for Sustainable Development due in part to the "compassion and empathy piece" of the sustainability unit she teaches to her fourth-graders.

An English major at Keene State who later earned a master's in education, Gibbs has been teaching for 11 years in the Indian River County School District in Florida.

She and a colleague developed a STEM program in which students interview a classmate they don't know very well to "find out who they are deep inside," Gibbs says. The students are then tasked with creating and making, by recycling stuff they bring in from home, a product for their new friend – something the friend "didn't even know they needed," she adds.

That project, along with other sustainability education programs she's been part of, helped her land a spot in the Fulbright Teacher Exchange. Through the program, 10 Japanese teachers who work with kindergartners through high schoolers came to the United States in April. They spent time in Washington, DC, and then in San Francisco, where Gibbs and the nine other US participants joined them to share ideas on teaching students about sustainability.

Then, in June, the US teachers spent two weeks in Japan, visiting schools in Tokyo and then traveling to Rausu, a remote seaside village where they enjoyed home stays with local families and a whale watch, and took part in the Education for Sustainable Development classes at the junior high school.

Back in Tokyo, they were reunited with the Japanese teachers. All the teachers, Japanese and American, spent a day talking with each other to find like interests. "Part of the program was that we had to go out to the bar that night," Gibbs remembers. "They wanted us to go socialize, figuring that we would get to know each other more. It's that compassion/empathy piece. Sometimes when you have sake in your belly, you do a better job sharing your deepest thoughts. It was wonderful."

Then, having shared their deepest thoughts, they teamed up in small groups to collaborate on a project for the current school year. Gibbs found her counterparts in two Japanese teachers, one from Kyoto and one from Miyagi. All three will be leading their students in Niko Niko Radish, which translates to Happy Happy Radish, the program they devised. The students will be germinating radish seeds and growing seedlings in recycled water bottles. "It's the perfect microgarden," Gibbs says. "The idea is to show kids that with a dollar's worth of radish seeds and one plastic bottle from the recycle bin, plus minimal amounts of peat from the store, you can grow food."

Gibbs's students will plant some of the seedlings in the school garden and bring some home. They'll be in touch via the Internet with the Japanese students, making entries in shared diaries and photo albums. They will also make bookmarks and paper decorated with thinly sliced, dried radishes and mail them to the Japanese classrooms.



Cindy Gibbs '95 in a Japanese classroom.

What else will they be exchanging? Radish recipes, of course! While in the States, radishes are most frequently found in salads, they play a much bigger role in Japanese cooking. The plan is to put together a bilingual cookbook with recipes from the children's families.

Gibbs and her students are just embarking on the project, but the Fulbright exchange has already had a huge impact on her.

"It was a life-altering experience that has made me relook at how I plan for teaching, how I teach, how I parent my own two daughters, and how I exist as a citizen of the Earth," she wrote in an essay after her return from Japan.

 Read Cindy Gibbs's first-person account at keene.edu/mag.



The Japanese coast.
Courtesy photos

WHAT CAN **1** HOUSEHOLD DO?

Hope O'Shaughnessy '86 works in editorial and sales for Green Energy Times, a Vermont-based newspaper covering renewable

energy that is distributed throughout New England and in parts of New York. She recently sat down with Nancy Rae Mallery, the newspaper's publisher and editor, to discuss how individuals can improve their sustainability practices in their daily lives. She writes about those suggestions here.



Hope O'Shaughnessy '86

Nancy Rae Mallery decided to publish a bi-monthly newspaper focused on clean energy as a direct result of actions she'd taken to become more energy independent. Her own solar home in Vermont became a living classroom, indicating how much people wanted to learn about renewable energy. And individual people play an important role: "I think this is where the real change happens. If we each took responsibility for the carbon footprint each of us is personally responsible for – well, together, it would indeed make the difference."

What can we do as individuals? Here are some of Mallery's suggestions:

Be aware of your energy use. Do you leave the refrigerator door open while you empty your grocery bags? Do you leave the water running while brushing your teeth? Leave lights on when you leave the room? Run the dishwasher or washing machine when it's half full? Take multiple car trips that could be combined into one? Paying attention to these habits – and changing them – will pay off for the planet.

Go a step further than just switching to LED fluorescent light bulbs. Think about placing lights strategically to light targeted areas rather than an entire room. Plug electronics like computers into power strips, then turn off the power strips when you're done using the electronics to completely shut them down.

Consider ways to cut down on fossil-fuel use in your everyday activities. Walk or ride a bike instead of driving if your destination is nearby. Hang your laundry on the line or on drying racks rather than use a dryer. When it's time to replace your washer, opt for a front-loader to save energy.

Install on-demand hot water units so you heat only what's about to be used.

Think about timing. Don't bake a pie today and cookies tomorrow when you can bake them all at once. While they're cooling, open the oven door to take advantage of the heat. If it's a hot day, put off using the oven and the stove if possible, or consider a solar oven that keeps the heat outside. If you can vegetables or fruit from your garden, do it in the evening when it's cooler.


Collect rainwater in a barrel to water your garden. Cut back on lawn-mowing and lawn-watering by replacing grass with native ground cover. Or try an electric or robotic lawn mower. Compost leaves, garden clippings, and vegetable waste.

Stop the waste. Reuse, buy in bulk, and recycle. Don't buy items with packaging that can't be recycled.

If you've made a good start toward cutting back on your carbon footprint and you want to do more, the next step may be to set a goal to stop using fossil fuels completely, and to reduce consumption until you reach that goal. Renewable energy, Mallery notes, "does work – financially and for the future of our planet."

– Hope O'Shaughnessy '86



 Link to the Green Energy Times website at keene.edu/mag.

Cary Gaunt, Keene State's director of Campus Sustainability, has focused her academic and professional lens on supporting the cultivation of sustainable and thriving people and places. She writes here about moving past despair and anger about the world's challenges and toward creative change for a life-sustaining future.

And yet it is true that, as Margaret Mead said, a "small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world" – or at least the places we influence.

Sustainability is not about others doing the work; it's about each of us responding to the question, "How shall I/we live in a manner that enables all of us – human, nonhuman, and future generations – to thrive?"

We can choose to move forward using the challenges confronting us as opportunities for innovative action. Take on sustainability as a grounded passion,

consequences of disposable plastic water bottles, they launched a Ban the Bottle campaign on campus.

That's a great example of a group of individuals considering their own practices from a sustainability perspective, making a change, and then extending that change into their places of influence. Have a concern? See a problem?

Don't pass the buck. Evaluate the situation,



Cary Gaunt

Reaching for "Great Promise"

"WE STAND AT A CRITICAL MOMENT in Earth's history, a time when humanity must choose its future. As the world becomes increasingly interdependent and fragile, the future at once holds great peril and great promise."

Thus begins the Earth Charter, a guiding document for the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education. At a time when the stakes are so high for our communities, our regions, and the earth as a whole, it's critical to remember that we do have choices; that we can reach for the great promise rather than slide into the great peril.

While it is easy to fall into despair and anger at the immensity of our planetary problems, sustainability leaders transform their frustration into what ecophilosopher Joanna Macy calls "active hope" – a practice and process that weaves passion, vision, and creativity into inspired actions.

To do this often involves a necessary evolution from despair to empowerment and from blame to responsibility. Often, people feel too overwhelmed to act, or they start from an angry perspective when taking on the work of sustainability. *We need to stop these bad people, these bad corporations, these bad countries that are polluting the environment.* That despair and anger is understandable, especially when it seems that individual changes can make only a small dent in reversing the damage that's already been done.

marrying roll-up-the-sleeves, get-things-done practicality with creativity, vision, and beauty. Perhaps most important is becoming mindful of the impacts of our choices and taking steps to really care about the places we inhabit. We can recognize that the situation is dire but that we each have a capacity – in our homes, in whatever work we do, in groups we join – to make that creative change. We each have a role to play: artists, wellness practitioners, teachers, businesspeople, homemakers, and trades people are as valuable as scientists, engineers, politicians, planners, and policy makers.

The sustainability movement these days places more emphasis on creating a better world than on stopping the destruction – though of course that's critical. But how do we create a better world? That's a question that gets people jazzed. That's active hope. To offer a Keene State example, our Sustainability Office engages regularly with students, and many of them say that they just get depressed by the shape of the world they've inherited. But when they hear about some of the innovative solutions emerging to combat climate problems and promote sustainability, they get excited – because there's hope.

For the Eco-Reps, student sustainability peer educators, hope translated into creative action. When they identified concern over the environmental

then seek and identify actions to foster more just and sustainable solutions. Pay

attention to the global environmental footprint of your choices, or seek to restore your place on the earth so birds and bees can flourish. These are just a few of the many steps we can all take.

GO FOR GOLD: Keene State alumni and friends are invited to lend their ideas, time, and talents as the College moves toward earning STARS Gold certification. Keep an eye on the Sustainability Office's web pages or contact Cary Gaunt at cary.gaunt@keene.edu.

And remember: no one can do this alone. Trying to change course and chart a new way is difficult without others to support the journey. Successful sustainability change efforts are supported by networks and communities coming together, whether mentoring environments, green purchasing collectives, or clubs and groups working toward a common goal.

We care about our friends and families, and environmental sustainability asks us to extend that ethic of care to our earth and the living community of this planet, especially in our local places but with an eye on ever widening circles of awareness and action.

– Cary Gaunt

FACULTY & STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Becky Dunn



Craig Sylvern



Kathleen Williams



Karrie Kalich



Paul Vincent



Kim Schmidl-Gagne



Penny Miceli

Janet Albarado and Penny Miceli, Sponsored Projects & Research
Published an article, "The Impact of Research at Predominantly Undergraduate Institutions/The Impact of PUIs on Research," in *National Council of University Research Administrators Magazine*.

Marie Christine Duggan, Economics
Published "With and Without an Empire: Financing for California Missions Before and After 1810" in the *Pacific Historical Review*, and presented at the Iberian Society for the History of Economic Thought in Valencia, Spain.

Sharon Fantl, Redfern Arts Center
Received \$6,000 from the New England Foundation for the Arts to support the performance *Made in China* in March 2017.

Dr. Roland L. Higgins, East Asian History and Global Studies
Participated in the 2016 National Endow-

Department of Health & Human Services to provide physical activity consultation and to implement a statewide physical activity project focused on licensed child care programs and public schools.

Jose Lezcano, Music
Performed in Havana, Cuba, during the *Identidades* International Guitar Festival in February.

Shannon Mayers, Redfern Arts Center
Received a \$4,000 planning grant from the New England Foundation for the Arts to support a performance of *Star of the Sea*.

Penny Miceli, Sponsored Projects & Research
Appointed as a Reviewer for the National Council of University Research Administrators Peer Review Program.

Elizabeth Nieckoski, Information Technology
Presented at national user's conference eLive in Denver on "Student Planning, gotta love it."

Brian Quigley, Counseling Center
Presented at the annual Conference of Northeast College Counseling Center Directors at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine, and at the annual conference of the Association for University Counseling Center Directors in Salt Lake City, UT.

Kim Schmidl-Gagne, Program Coordinator; Cathy Turrentine, Institutional Research; and Jan Youga, English
Presented at a New England Association of Schools and Colleges Interim Report Workshop for colleges and universities preparing to write five-year interim reports.

Leaf Seligman, English
Presented a TEDx talk, "How Stories Help Us Choose Connection," in November.

William Stroup, English
Published an essay, "First Child in the Woods: 'Nature-Deficit Disorder' and the Future of Romantic Childhood," in the volume *Romantic Sustainability: Endurance and the Natural World, 1780-1830*.

Craig Sylvern, Music
Was guest artist at the 2016 Florida State University SaxoFest.

Kate Tirabassi, English
Co-coordinated the National Archives of Composition and Rhetoric's workshop "Archives as Sites for Community Collaborations, Classroom Explorations, and Activism" at the Conference on College Composition and Communication.

Paul Vincent, Holocaust and Genocide Studies
Spoke on "A Brief History of American Immigration Policy" at Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland.

Kathleen Williams, Marketing and Communications
Presented her constructions of photography and writing at Keene Art Walk, at the Cape Ann Museum summer program in Gloucester, Massachusetts, and at the Jaffrey Civic Center.

Loren Launen, Biology

Awarded the 2016 Alumni Association Distinguished Teacher of the Year Award for her commitment to student success and the field of biology. A faculty member since 2005, Launen is an environmental microbiologist. She was nominated by numerous students, alumni, and colleagues for the honor. One colleague wrote: "Loren has worked diligently to develop a successful and thriving research program and actively recruits students with different academic backgrounds to work with her." A student wrote: "Dr. Launen has a passion for biology that is absolutely contagious."



ment for the Humanities Summer Institute for College and University Teachers on the subject of "Modern Mongolia: Heritage and Tradition Amid Changing Realities."


Sandra Howard, Music
Presented at the 2016 National Association for Music Education Conference in Atlanta and served as a guest clinician at the Providence College Choral Invitational Festival.

Karrie Kalich, Professional and Graduate Studies, and Becky Dunn, Health Science
Received a \$29,000 grant from the US

Matthew Odell, Music
Gave a recital in Paris for the European American Music Alliance at the Schola Cantorum in July. He also received a grant from the Marion and Jasper Whiting Foundation to conduct research on the music of Olivier Messiaen, Pierre Boulez, and Michael Tippett in France and England.

Laura Premack, History
Published an essay, "Trump and Cruz Battle for Evangelical Hearts," in the *Boston Review* in January.

1934

Doris McQuade Rebidue died June 27 at 103. A longtime teacher who retired as an elementary principal in Milford, NH, Doris was featured in a recent edition of the Cabinet Press.  Link to the story at keene.edu/mag.

1939

Ruth Maker Worrad lives in Newport, NH. Ruth was a home economics student at Keene so was asked to share a handicraft for a display at the college. She was unable to do so, but offered good wishes for putting the display together.

1941

Barbara Jeffery Stimson
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Sadly, no one from the class of 1941 was able to attend the 75th reunion. **Barbara Jeffrey Stimson** would have liked to come, but couldn't make the long drive from Bath, NH. Some of her poetry is part of a display at the Alumni Center.

Norma Wright Walker '51 delivered a geranium and a colorful owl to **Frances Day Bolles** at a local nursing home in honor of her 75th anniversary of graduation. She was delighted to be remembered and to hear all the details of the alumni reunion.

1942

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1943

Caroline Nichols Pregent
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Caroline Nichols Pregent writes: "Due to an email glitch, the Class Notes for the spring issue of *Keene State Today* didn't reach their destination, so they are below.

"**Barbara Adams** wrote that she enjoys living with her friends. **Barbara Brown Charbonneau**, who lives with her granddaughter and family in Tennessee, wrote that she enjoys the times when her family stops to see her on their drive from New Hampshire to Florida.

"On November 5, 2015, the Golden Circle luncheon was held at

the Executive Court in Manchester. It was our first time there. Rod Miller, associate vice president for constituent relations at Keene State, joined us at our table.

"I'm sorry to report that **Polly Lorandean Croteau** died in April. She was a patient at a Keene nursing home for a short period. Polly, a children's literature specialist, was a member of the Keene State faculty for 18 years.

"I had an interesting conversation with **Louise Whitten Perkins**. Her family gave her a 95th birthday party.

"I have also talked to **Phyllis Buxton Bodwell**, who lives near Louise in Concord, NH. We are all going to the Golden Circle luncheon at the Makris Restaurant in Concord. We have been friends

20, 30, 150 FOR THE GOLDEN CIRCLE

Not one, not two, but three anniversaries! Reunion this year featured a triple milestone for the Golden Circle Society, made up of Keene State alumni who graduated 50 or more years ago. In June, alumni celebrated the 30th anniversary of the society as well as the 20th anniversary of the Golden Circle luncheons that are held throughout New Hampshire each summer and fall – and the 150th luncheon itself was held in Zorn Dining Commons during reunion weekend.

Norma Walker '51, the coordinator of the Golden Circle Society, recently reminisced about the society's founding. "The Golden Circle started in 1986 with Marion Wood, who graduated in 1926." Wood wanted an opportunity for older alumni from classes that were not celebrating a five- or 10-year milestone to get together at reunions. This led to Walker reaching out to other alumni to start an outreach program. "The purpose of the Golden Circle is to reconnect people," Walker says.

Walker got involved when she served on the alumni board in the early '90s. She noticed that there were several alumni living at Havenwood Heritage Heights, a retirement community in Concord, New Hampshire. She coordinated a punch-and-cookie get-together for those Golden Circle alumni. After that meeting the society began holding luncheons



each summer. Walker looks forward to coordinating the meals, saying that it keeps her going. "I have not missed any of the luncheons and I feel it right around my tummy," she jokes.

She volunteers her time to coordinate the Golden Circle Society and the luncheons because she loves being part of the college community. Being a member of the society has a special meaning to her, too, and she hopes she can continue her work reconnecting old classmates and friends. "I hope the circle continues. It's important to the college as well as the alumni to have an opportunity to reconnect, even if it's only for a short time," she says.

– Sandra Kayira '17

for a long time. Louise, Phyllis's husband, Ralph, and I all graduated from Goffstown High School.

"The weekend of June 10, the Alumni Association held the annual reunion. Events kicked off with the Welcome Back Social Friday night. Saturday's Parade of Classes was held indoors due to rain. Lunch and an ice cream social followed. On Sunday we gathered in the Zorn Dining Commons for brunch and greeted our friends for the last time this season. A small number of volunteers for the Alumni Association gathered on Fiske Quad. We were thanked for our services during the year. Our leader, **Norma Wright Walker '51**, was presented a colorful hanging plant for her excellent leadership.

"I enjoyed hearing from classmates **Barbara Adams, Helen Crocker Burnett, Louise Perkins, Phyllis Bodwell, and Christine Sweeney** this year. Please keep in contact and everyone have a pleasant fall."

1944

Priscilla "Robin" Chick Sargent volunteered to help with a special project this past spring called Classmates Calling Classmates. She attempted to contact each and every one of her classmates and received news from several.

1946

Two graduates represented the Class of 1946 at their 70th reunion. One was **Geneva Howe French**, who came from Newport, NH, with her daughter. The other was faithful Keene State volunteer **Brigida "Breeze" Saladino Mosley**. Each received a corsage from the Golden Circle. Letters were

received from other classmates who lived too far away to travel to Keene or couldn't come for health reasons.

1947

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Ruth Washburn writes: "Our classmate **Margaret Larkin Feldblum** died in March in Concord, NH. I remember her as being on the quiet side, but a great friend once you got to know her.

"**Anne Melker Deasy** lives in Mansfield, MA, near one of her three sons and his wife. She has six grandchildren. She keeps busy, just moving more slowly.

"**Mary Hermsdorf Marden** lives in Goffstown, NH. She has two daughters and one son, who lives at Rye Beach. She loves to visit him and spend time on the beach! Lucky you, Mary!

"**Mary Fisk Thickstun** lives in Gaithersburg, MD. She has twin daughters and a son who live far away, and a lovely niece nearby who takes care of her needs as she does not get around very well. She misses old friends like **Betty Purington Straw**. Mary is also pleased that there is always a group ready to play bridge where she lives.

"**Betty Straw** lives in Weare, NH, where she has many activities that keep her 'busier than a one-armed paper hanger with the hives.' Does that ring a bell with one of you out there? She enjoys having family members visit, and still has a routine of yoga and exercising.

She's active in the local historical society and has a garden. I think she has an Eveready battery tucked away in her.

"**Eulalie 'Toutie' Fellows Cogswell** is still living in her home in Nashua, with her two daughters and son within easy driving distance. One daughter was a nurse and one is a retired speech therapist. Her son has an apartment in Boston and a place on Cape Cod. Toutie has five great-grandchildren.

"**Anna Byczkowski Armstrong** lives in Manchester. She enjoys going out once a month for lunch or for a visit with a friend. She does her own housework and puts in her garden.

"**Beatrice 'Bea' Young Towne** has three sons, the oldest of whom is a Keene State graduate. She has eight grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. She gets audio books from the library in Plymouth, NH, where she lives. Swimming and gardening keep her mobile. She also hosts family Christmas and Easter dinners.

"**Isabelle Emond Alix** loves the retirement center in Manchester, NH, where she lives, as it provides many activities that keep her busy. She has two daughters, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

"**Juanita Parsons Nolan** and her daughter live in Warner, NH; her son is within easy driving distance. She has a grandson who lives in Oklahoma. Although she uses a cane, she is active and enjoys her home and family in the town where she grew up. Lucky you, Nita.

"**Shirley Rolston Martell** lives in Portland, ME, where she took care of her husband, who had a debilitating illness, for many years. When she returned to teaching, she worked with adults learning English as a second language. She has now retired, but continues to do volunteer work at the school and in a soup kitchen. She also knits with a group making prayer shawls. Every summer she spends a week at her church camp. She has five children, eight grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren. One son lives with Shirley and is a great help.

"**Rilla Putnam Martin** has lived in a Gardner, MA, rehabilitation and nursing center since having a fall last November, breaking her arm. She had been struggling with dementia for several years and testing showed that she also had a very uncommon, but serious, blood disease, which made it necessary to place her in the nursing center. Anyone who would like to send a note or a card to Rilla via her daughter should contact Ruth Washburn for the address."

Ruth Washburn writes of her own activities: "I have been back living in East Longmeadow for three and a half years, just five minutes from my two daughters, who live together here, two blocks from church and the center of town, and walking distance to the doctor, dentist, stores, bakery, etc. I have it made as I enjoy walking! Life is very busy for me here at Brownstone Gardens, an independent retirement living area with eight two-story buildings. My daughters, Donna and Diana, and I share a garden plot here. I am on the Social Committee and



am busy in other daily activities. I'm also busy at church functions, and do volunteer work with folks homebound or in nursing homes. I am blessed to be very active, walking many places and even running between the buildings here as the doctor tells me to stay active or I will lose the ability to do so.

"Shirley and I plan on attending our Class of 1947 70th anniversary of graduating from Keene Teachers College. As of now, we plan on going up early Saturday morning for the festivities during the day and staying overnight on campus so we are able to take in the evening activities and be there for the president's Sunday brunch and all the goodbyes!

"Many have voiced the wish of being able to attend, but will have to wait to see how they are in another year. One may always plan and then cancel if necessary, so think positive and try, try, try!

"Please get in touch with me by email, snail mail, or telephone to receive Rilla's mailing address. Rilla's daughter says cards would be received joyously!"

1948

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Mary Osborne Kolodziej died

February 25, 2016. She had lived with her husband at a personal care facility near her daughters in Paoli, PA, since 2013. She died peacefully after a struggle with Alzheimer's.

1950

The staff at the Alumni Office thank **Maurice "Moe" Bowler** for helping with the Classmates Calling Classmates project early this spring.

A note arrived from **Priscilla Holmes Roberts** saying that due to health reasons she was still in Florida and would miss the Golden Circle luncheon celebration during Reunion weekend.

1951

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Norma Walker writes: "Seven classmates celebrated our 65th reunion, where we renewed friendships and shared memories and family news. I joined **Barbara Sullivan Brooks, Pauline Bullard Brown, Dorothy Zekos MacPherson** (from Maryland), **Marylin Wilcox** (from Florida), **Elaine Schmidt Chesley**, and **Ruth Lake Lavine** (from Maine). I hadn't seen Ruth since we graduated.

"I received calls and letters from the following alumni who couldn't make it: my college roommate **Rita Hayes Evans, Irene McAlister Wilkins, Ruby La Pointe Brannen, Joan Greeley Simpson, Anne Kingston Loebel**, and **Pat Parent O'Donnell**. Pat's grandson

has accepted a position with the basketball team at Kansas State University – talk about a proud grandmother!

"I had a surprise phone call from **Ralph Dwire**. I had asked his wife, **Helen Corey Dwire '49**, for handcrafted items for a display at the Alumni Center. Ralph said he had some wooden items I could borrow. I met them at Kimball's in Jaffrey and he showed me the two magnificent bowls he had made. Ralph treated me to lunch and my favorite grapenut ice cream.

"**Pat O'Donnell** called with an interesting story. She had chatted with a couple in a reception room at a doctor's office and learned they both are KSC alumni – **Lisa Williams '91** and **Chris Locke '93**.

"A special thank you to **Marta Bassett Sargent, Elaine Chesley, Dot MacPherson**, and **Polly Brown** for taking part in the Classmates Calling Classmates project this past spring. It was a success! If you'd like to take part, please let me know.

1952

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Wilhelmina "Miny" Reed died December 25, 2012. Her niece

wrote to say that she had a short period of declining health, had stopped driving only a couple of years earlier, and continued to take care of various animals on her farm up until the last three months of her life. "She had the same love of life and generous spirit in her last months as she always had," wrote her niece, **Carol Keyes**.

From **Winnie Langtry**: "I had a great time at the June alumni reunion; it was wonderful seeing the posters of the people honored in the winter First-Person Project magazine issue.

"We are putting a call out to all of our remaining classmates to encourage them to attend our 65th reunion next year.

"For this year's reunion, **Norma Wright Walker '51** did a wonderful job working with helpers from the Keene area to make owl decorations for the tables on Saturday. We celebrated the 150th Golden Circle luncheon that day, and the owls were absolutely delightful. Thanks to **Norma**, the Alumni Board, and the Alumni Office staff for such a nice event.

"Six from our class came for the Saturday festivities: class secretaries **Claire Waterhouse Simensen, Irene DiMeco Parent**, and I, along with **Bruce Parent, Don Carle**, and **Charlie Mitchell**. Even with the rain showers, we still marched as a class in the hall and across the walkway to the dining commons for the luncheon.

"If you are a member of our class, please make every effort to come next year. I believe that the date is set for June 2, 2017. Put it on your calendar! I will be happy to go and



get someone who needs a ride and to get them home as well.

"On Sunday, **Julia Booras '52** and **Mary Booras '55** came to the buffet. We really enjoyed visiting and all the wonderful pastries were an added enjoyment.

"Have I enticed you to come to the next reunion? I sure hope so. Age is not an excuse; our age is only a number. Hope to see you there next year."

1953

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1954

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June Hayman writes: "It's heart-breaking when we hear the news of the passing of one of our classmates. On Feb. 24, 2016, **Joy Johnson Falkenham** died at the age of 83 from complications of Alzheimer's disease. In Salem, NH, she served for 20 years as director of the Title 1 reading program and was active in the community and her church. Our condolences to her husband, **Glen Falkenham '51**, and their family. Note from June: I miss her a lot; she was my bridesmaid when I married and a friend since we entered college. I'm sure she's organizing heaven now.

"Waiting to hear news from the rest of the class. Our 65th reunion is creeping up. Stay well and be there."

1956

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1957

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Cynthia Randall Faust writes:

"I recently received a note from **Barbara Brackett**, who wrote: 'To those who remembered us by sending cards and notes, praying for us, giving gifts to our Scholarship Fund and coming to Bill's services, our family says, "Thanks so much."' **Bill Brackett** died January 19, 2016.

"Not much news from the Class of '57. I hope you all had a great summer and if you did something exciting, we would love to hear from you.

"Our 60th reunion will be in 2017. Now is the time to make plans to come. I know it isn't easy traveling anymore – costs are high and lines are long – but it would really be worthwhile to spend some time with old friends. So keep watching for the exact date and I hope to see you there.

"Keene State also puts out an emailed newsletter for alumni, which is quite interesting. It features articles about alumni, students, and faculty. To sign up for it, fill out the form at www.keene.edu/alumni/newsline.

"**Lois Manor Davis, Janice Marvel Grant, Mary Lou Stevens LaCoste, June Drowne McNally, Joyce Gove, and Cynthia Randall Faust** still meet in Concord each fall for lunch. Our group is getting smaller but we enjoy getting together and catching up. Anyone else doing that with former classmates?

"Looking forward to hearing from you and seeing you in 2017."

1958

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1959

Many thanks to **Carol Gatcomb Riel** for her service as class secretary. She's stepping down – any takers for the job? Email classnotes@keene.edu.

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1961

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From **Dorothy Bean Simpson**: "A big thank you to the Class of 1961 Reunion Committee, along with **Norma Walker '51** and the Alumni Office for a very successful 55th reunion. Being together, sharing stories, catching up on our latest adventures and touring the beautiful campus made for a fantastic weekend. Everything was first class! It made us all very proud of our alma mater.

"The Class of 1961 committee members attending were: **Priscilla Canney Dutile, Nancy Andrews Fessenden, Barbara Petelle Moore, Robert Saulnier, Elizabeth Bennett Schofield, Dorothy Bean Simpson, Marilyn Woodward Twombly, and Ronald Wyman**. We were honored to have **Norma Walker '51** and **Ken Goebel** of the Advancement Division attending our Saturday night class dinner. Those who came from farthest away were **Nancy Kidder Howe** from Florida and **Ray Clarke** and his wife, **Pat**, from Maryland.

"**George 'Butch' Joseph** writes that he now has five great-grandchildren – one from each granddaughter. So far, they've arrived boy, girl, boy, girl, boy, so he's planning on the next being a girl.

"**Dianne Fiske Maki** writes that she and her husband of 56 years, **Richard**, spend six months of the year in **Englewood, FL**, near their son and the other six months in **Jaffrey, NH**, near their daughter. 'We have the best of both worlds,' she says.

"**Diane** sent me the obituary for **Nancy Willard Rogowsky**, who died June 25, 2015. She grew up in Keene and lived there for many years before moving to **Roanoke, VA**, in 2003.

"**Jeanne Lachance Erickson** sent her regrets for the June reunion

– she was attending a bon voyage party for her daughter, who was embarking on a two-year sailing journey."

1962

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Marilee Hackler Rouillard writes: "My husband, **David**, and I are excited to join the Hillside Village Retirement Community, in the planning stages in Keene. It seems similar to our college days but with our own apartments, many perks, and lifetime health-care. We will sell our B&B here in Keene and relax with no homeowner responsibilities! It would be great if other alums are there too."

Bill Doolan writes: "I have discovered that as a lot of classmates begin to approach middle age (yeah, right!) we have gotten the travel bug. We thought it would be nice to share this with the rest of our classmates and other alumni.

"Last fall **Madeline Despres** and **Allan '63 Saulnier** came to Colorado to visit their grandson, who was working in Evergreen. We were able to spend a great day together and got to see some of the Colorado sights.

"In March I went to Scotland to watch my granddaughter compete

in the World Irish Dance Championships in Glasgow. I took a tour before the competition.

"Carol Mosher Kobelski and her husband, Gerald, took a trip to Poland, where they had a great time.

"I met **Rene and Janet Goddette Clarke** in Denver, and we had a very enjoyable dinner. They were just starting a trip to Colorado and Utah. I am looking forward to hearing more about their trip when they get back to New York.

"**Michael Plaisted** came east to attend reunion 2016 and then visit with family in New England.

"**Elaine Matricaria Brandon** flew to Rome and then took a Mediterranean cruise to ports in Italy, France, and Spain. She does not plan to stay in Connecticut for long, as she will be going to the Berkshires and then planning a trip to California."

1965

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1968

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Jan Temple Metoxen writes: "I received an email from Frani Worthen Sinder. Frani visits Alaska twice a year to see her sons, who both live there with their families; she included some gorgeous photos. She mentioned how much she and her husband enjoyed coming to reunion last year, but unfortunately they have other plans this year. She says she will definitely be there for the 50th!

"**Barbara Burnham Martel** wrote that she and her husband, Gil, live in Florida, where they love the warm weather. She retired three years ago from her job as a registered nurse in a neonatal intensive care unit. She now spends time on home projects, crafts, reading, and attending concerts. She has three sons and six grandchildren.

"I heard from **Dorothy Riley**, who is still living in Idaho. She has no phone or computer and updates me by good old fashioned mail. She visited campus a few years ago and enjoyed all the changes and the art center especially. Dorothy has worked with gardening and selling at farmers' markets. She has been studying the West through courses, literature, and art, and is fascinated by the history of the area. She has decided to live by shoveling less snow and enjoying life more. Her letter ended with this quote: 'The road goes



On hand at the 1971 reunion luncheon are, back row, **Linda Jewel Labaire, Jackie Price Rzasa, Bernice Burnham, Kiki Smith Branley, Louise Martineau Gustafson, Suzanne Thibeault Uncles**; front row, **Nancy Piotrowski Hanagan, Maureen Sheehan Hall**.

on forever and the party never ends.' Good thought as we all turn 70!

"Dorothy sent me the first idea I've received for our 50th reunion gift to the College. She suggested a large metal map of the US with a raised star in any state that a member of our class lived in in 1968. This would be an exterior map, perhaps on Appian Way, with any leftover monies raised put into a scholarship fund.

"Keep the ideas coming; 2018 is approaching fast!

"A small update on myself: I can't believe I retired 11 years ago. I am still volunteering for Meals on Wheels and running my business, Like a Daughter, servicing the elderly. I am very involved with my high school class and co-chaired a committee for our 50th reunion. We are now having a huge party celebrating turning 70. I spend my free time working on a huge wool appliqué quilt, gardening, reading, and trying to deal with my aging body. I miss being on the Keene State alumni board, but still try to stay involved with the College when I can. Both kids are doing well and have healthy, happy little ones. Matthew is 5 and a budding gymnast; Maya is 3 and very active; Jessa's little one James is 20 months and a cute little terror! I spend as much time as I can in Salem, MA, and Summit, NJ, visiting them.

"Please send more news and ideas for our class gift. I imagine a decision has to be made by the end of 2017 if we want to have our class gift finalized for June 2018."

1969

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1970

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1971

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Maureen Hall writes: "Classmates, our 45th reunion was a fine affair. Thank you to the Alumni Office for putting together such a great three-day event. Our 50th reunion will be in 2021, and I hope to see many of you there. I have a group of class volunteers to help me contact you when the time gets closer. Please think of all the great times you had and then contact a former roommate, fraternity brother, or classmate you would love to see. Touring Keene State will make you remember the old campus and appreciate its updated and beautiful feel.



The Class of 1966 was welcomed into the Golden Circle Society at reunion in June. See you at the Golden Circle luncheons, folks!

"Eight of us made the trip for the 45th: **Linda Jewell Labaire, Jackie Price Rzasa, Bernice Burnham, Kiki Smith Branley, Louise Martineau Gustafson, Suzanne Thibeault Uncles, Nancy Piotrowski Hanagan, and Maureen Sheehan Hall.**

"Jewell lives in East Brookfield, MA, and is happily retired from 35 years of teaching. Jackie retired last year after teaching reading in Bedford, NH, for 23 years. Bernie, who lives in Long Lake, NY, retired from Long Lake Central School after 34 years teaching PE and health. Kiki lives in Chester, NH, with her husband, Kevin.

"Louie has retired after 30 years with the Weare (NH) schools. She lives in Dunbarton, NH, and is grandmother to triplets. Suzanne lives in Chester, NH. She has two sons: Zack, 31, and Josh, 25. Maureen has been retired for many years after teaching special education. She loves to gather with her friends and enjoys her retirement community in Hooksett, NH. She and her husband, Colin, have two children. Daughter Sarah lives in Henniker with her husband and three children, and son Doug lives in San Diego."

1972

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1973

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Jon Otterson and his wife, Laura, sent a Christmas letter with updates on family activities. They live in Dover, NH, where Jon works at Northeast Credit Union. He also volunteers with the Wentworth-Douglass Hospital Annual Fund, and helps out with Laura's many volunteer activities.

1974

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1975

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Eileen writes: "Reconnecting with classmates was one of the goals Dianne and I had when taking on the role of class secretaries. A Keene State alum from the class of '77 recognized one of our classmates from our reunion class photo that appeared in the last issue and contacted me, and I was able to reconnect them. Please let us know if you would like to get in touch with someone from our class.

"On a personal note, I have just retired after 41 years in the classroom – 22 years in special ed, starting at Rhinebeck Country School and Wappingers Falls Central Schools (both in New York) and the last 30 years in Massachusetts at the Hubbardston Center School. I started there in special ed and then switched to kindergarten, and most recently taught first grade for eight years.

"Let us know if you have retired, what you did before retirement, and what your retirement plans are for the future! Keep in touch."

1976

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Phil Bellingham writes: "Well, the 40th reunion was a good time, as usual. **Elizabeth Barrett-Aikele** and **Stephen Merrill** showed up for the occasion. The Reunion Committee did an outstanding job, as always, to encourage us to have a fun, memorable time. They go all out for those that attend the reunion weekend. So, '76ers, hope you all are keeping that 1976 Keene State spirit alive and well."

1977

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Allison Ashley-Bergstrom and her husband, David, have moved from California to Gilford, NH.

David has retired and Allison is working remotely from home for Willdan, an Anaheim, CA, engineering firm, where she is a project accountant. She writes: "We are glad to be 'back at the lake' and reconnecting with our friends in the area."

1981

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Deborah Sanders-Dame '82 competed in the National Masters Luge at Lake Placid and took a silver medal. She had a reunion with her fellow 1978 National Luge Team members, who traveled to Europe that year to compete in international luge competitions.



At reunion, several mid '80s grads made a grueling "hike" up Oya Hill – most of them wearing their commemorative "What Happens On Oya Hill, Stays On Oya Hill" T-shirts. From left are **Scott Farnsworth '87**, **Michael Trabucco '86**, **Scott Kuhnly '88**, **Steve Fortier '86**, **Patricia Warach '86**, **Rick Forgeron '88**, **Sue Fortier '86**, and **Sally Stamos '85**.

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Michael Trabucco writes: "Well, everyone, our 30th reunion has come and gone. Sad that lots of people who expressed interest couldn't make it for one reason or another. (Some of my friends even

lied to me! Geesh! You know who you are. ...) Those of us who were there, as always, truly enjoyed each other's company. It's always so great to spend – and share – time on campus without a thought of studying, writing a paper, or taking an exam! Several classmates were around for only an evening or an afternoon, and it was still a thrill to see them. Special shout-outs to **Leslie Burger Ringuette** (and her husband, Paul, who's so involved in Keene State you would swear he went there), **Sue and Steve Fortier**, and **Patricia Warach**, who undoubtedly share my sentiments for our alma mater. It was also especially wonderful to spend time with **Deb MacPhee Brown** and **Bob Lofquist**. We were RAs at Fiske Hall together sophomore year, and it was so much fun going into Fiske, checking out the rooms, hating some of the changes, and bringing up too many names to mention. We're hoping to plan a mini reunion, so **Dean Winter '85**, **Paul Kenefick '85**, **Cheryl Superson Temple '85**, and **Joy Testa Cutting '85** – check your emails and Facebook messages!


"**Robert Andrew '87** and **Melissa Orestis Robertson** would like to share a shout-out to their son,



A large gathering of Keene State grads, in particular members of the Alpha Pi Tau fraternity, turned out for the Epping, NH, funeral of **William Albert (Billy Bob) Deshaies '88**, who died April 25, 2016. **Scott Belanger '88** wrote: "Bill grew up in Epping and served in the US Army Reserve while attending Keene State. With a genuine smile, effortless dry wit and a passion for sports, he became a quick friend of many. Soon after his passing, the calls went out and on May 7, 2016, dear friends, family, and fraternity brothers gathered to honor and celebrate the life of 'Billy Bob.' As the crowd began gathering, it reminded us of standing in the Staff Room at the old Alpha House as friends and brothers returned in ones and twos after classes. Several of us had not seen each other for nearly 25 years, but with a quick handshake and a slap on the back we realized that we were just grown up versions of those same kids at Keene. A special thanks from the Alpha Brothers goes to **Tim Malone '86** and **Bob Garrity '88** for the great times and genuine friendship they shared with Billy Bob." Pictured are, from left, front row, **Mike Flanagan '89**, **Scott Belanger**, **Alan Burbank '89**, **Mihkel Ojamaa '88**; second row, **Mark Gardner '87**, **Jim Tatko '88**, **Bill Murphy**, **Steve Hill '89**, **Keith Clark '90**, **Mike Byrne '88**, **Langley Proctor '85**, **Kevin Mawn '85**, **Fred Berren '94**, **Kevin Lasella '90**; back row, **Jim Parsons '90**, **Jim Shauck**, **Dave Stack '84**, **Nate Clinard '92**, **Ed Sapienza '90**, **Jim Caulfield '85**, **Tom Cook '87**.

Frazier James Robertson, who will be attending Keene State this fall and carrying on the family tradition! Good luck to the class of 2020!

Dave Burland writes, "Dan Barth and I are working on a podcast called 'I Know All This,' which is currently available on iTunes and Soundcloud. We finished Season 1 earlier this year and are planning to begin Season 2 in August. The show is advertised as 'two old college friends sorting out life via the gritty details.' We do talk about old college stories quite a bit."

Listen in, and support your fellow alum!  Link to the podcast from keene.edu/mag.

1987

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Laura Conlan LaBounty writes: "I have recently completed a Doctor of Arts degree at Franklin Pierce University. My dissertation is titled "Authentic Leadership and the Unionization of Troy Mills, Inc."



Four Keene State grads were on hand at the June graduation at Bacon Academy, the public high school in Colchester, NH. From left are **Jeff Mathieu '83**, Colchester Public Schools superintendent; **Amy Biron Begue '88**, assistant principal; **Lauren Schnitman '14**, social studies teacher; **Thom Frickman '97**, social studies teacher.

I taught as an adjunct at Keene State for 20 years in both the Computer Science and Management departments and currently am employed as the CFO at Community Action, a large nonprofit in Greenfield, MA. My husband Tony, daughter, Bianca, and I live in East Swanzey, NH. For fun, I travel the country showing my homebred champion Collies."

1988

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Jeffrey LaValley writes: "I have accepted a new position as community relations and fund development manager for Community VNA (Visiting Nurse Agency). I started my new duties on March 21, and additionally relocated from western Massachusetts (Westfield/Springfield) to Attleboro, MA. My new responsibilities include overseeing all aspects of community relations and fund raising strategies.

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1992

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A group of alumni friends got together for their annual spring "KSC Girls" reunion gathering held at the home of **Susan Newsom '89**. On hand were, front row from left, **Kerry McDewitt '91**, **Susan Newsom**; back, **Tina (Forman) Ramsey '88**, **Maribeth (Marsico) Gesler '89**, **Diana (Dorval) Meyer '89**, **Chris (D'Andrea) Sticca '89**, **Julie (Weinzierl) Strong '89**, **Jennifer (Shaw) Johnston '89**.

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1995

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Cara Staus writes: "Class of 1995, send in your news; we would love to hear what everyone is doing."

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Robert K. Wollner '96 married Deborah West October 14, 2015, at Shipwreck Beach on the island of Kauai in Hawaii. Rob is a lieutenant with the Belmont Fire Department and an instructor at the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy. Deb is a nurse with Sunrise Senior Living. Rob and Deb live in Boston.

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Nicole Hastings writes: "After a long and winding road these past 16 years, having graduated with a degree in art, working many different jobs that had nothing at all to do with ceramics, being told that ceramics would be a good hobby to have later in life when I am retired, I moved to Spain in 2015 and now make my living as a ceramic artist. I make ceramic sculpture and pottery and I teach ceramics in Madrid. I've already participated in one exhibition, I have another happening now, and third coming up in June."

2000

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2002

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2003

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Kimberley Brown Fasano '03 and Brian Fasano welcomed a daughter, Elizabeth Adelle Fasano, on January 24, 2016.

Carrie Cieslewski Tynan '03 and Matthew Tynan welcomed a son, Jeffrey John-Thomas Tynan, on February 16, 2016.

2004

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Kassie (Tenney) Hoidahl '13 married **Adam Hoidahl**, a former Keene State student, October 3, 2015, in Londonderry, NH. Kassie writes: "We made such amazing friends during our time at Keene State that most of our wedding party was made up of alums! From left are **Matt McCue '13**, **Ethan DePuey '13**, **Ali Hammell '13**, **Caitlin Fecteau '13**, **Luke Neverisky '13**, Kassie and Adam, **Kristen Rankin '13**, **Seneca (Brian) Eldredge '13**, and **Grant Savastano**, former Keene State student.

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2011

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2014

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Jordan Chase completed a master's in music composition at the Longy School of Music of Bard College (Cambridge, MA) and will be attending the Peabody

Conservatory of Music (Baltimore, MD) for his doctoral degree.

Haley McConville is studying for a master's in college student personnel at the University of Rhode Island and will be a graduate assistant hall director while getting her degree.

Emily Reed has been teaching at Harwich Elementary School since December 2014. She has worked in both the autism program and in kindergarten. Emily is excited to be the class secretary for the class of 2014 and can be emailed with any updates at emilyreed2014@gmail.com.

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Doris McQuade Rebidue '34
June 27, 2016

Barbara Alexander Myers '35
June 4, 2016

Laura Erickson Evans '38
August 29, 2015

Dorothy Grace Maskwa '38
November 12, 2013

Doris Delaware Piper '38
May 1, 2016

Angela Lampesis Johns '39
October 18, 2015

Dorothy C. Oster Nelson '39
February 4, 2012

Elizabeth Doe Jaderborg '40
March 18, 2016

Virginia Rollins Flint '41
December 29, 2014

Arlene Starkey Rich '41
March 26, 2016

Helen Underwood Hays '42
May 8, 2011

Vesta Fenderson Kennedy '45
March 11, 2016

Ida Parsons Valla '45
May 15, 2016

Arthur T. Coogan Jr. '49
January 5, 2015

Flora Calef Hammond '49
April 18, 2016

Mary Osborne Kolodziej '49
February 25, 2016

Richard P. Tremblay '50
March 27, 2016

Ann Tuttle Currier '51
July 14, 2016

Andrew F. Gigliotti '51
December 6, 2014

Richard LeClair '51
February 25, 2013

Wilhelmina B. Reed '52
December 25, 2012

Nancy Whitmore Bremudes '55
November 30, 2015

Alfreda Crosby Gallo '55
January 3, 2016

John H. Skeffington '56
October 17, 2015

William S. Broderick '61
March 6, 2016

George Darling '61
August 2, 2008

Eugenia Loughney '62
January 29, 2015

Margaret Roehrig Barrett '63
May 15, 2016

Ronald Fitzgerald '65
March 15, 2016

Roderick D. Twiss '65
April 25, 2016

Robert Coughlin '66
December 23, 2004

Betsy Warren Finnan '66
August 9, 2013

Thomas Makela '66
April 1, 2016

Edward M. Mulcahy '66
May 10, 2013

Gary Giovannangeli '67
April 12, 2016

Charles James Grant '67
July 26, 2016

Kathryn Gillett Wulff LeClair '68
June 19, 2016

Carol Luebbert '69
July 24, 2016

Sister Dorothea Murphy '69
July 3, 2016

Louis "Skip" Watkins '71
February 15, 2013

J. Philip Boucher '72
March 27, 2016

Cynthia Hall Dearden '73
April 7, 2016

Thomas J. McGee '76
March 24, 2016

Eric T. Bates '77
May 30, 2016

William A. Deshaies '88
April 25, 2016

Lynda Michaels '90
May 26, 2014

William A. Grant Jr. '91
March 13, 2016

Mary Setchell-Pardue '91
May 6, 2016

Thomas K. Casement '92
March 23, 2016

Lynda Varney '92
May 30, 2016

Neil Ben-Kerem '05
May 15, 2016

Sherry Smythe Green '06
May 5, 2016

Michael A. Keatine '06
March 24, 2015

David Mark Mariano '08
April 29, 2016

** Deaths reported as of July 29, 2016*

A Passion for Sharing Knowledge

David Leinster, a history professor at Keene State from 1966 until 1998, died August 3, 2016. While on the College faculty, he received the Alumni Association Distinguished Teacher award and also the New Hampshire Professor of the Year award. **Ernest Hebert '69** penned this tribute:

David Leinster was important to me in a very particular way that I could never have discussed with him. In my formative years as a writer I was driven by ambition to publish a book. I did a lot of reading, but it was reading toward aiding my career. Later, when I was teaching at Dartmouth College, I became aware of the dark side of academia on an Ivy League campus. My colleagues were as self-centered as I was. Enter David. He was as smart and as well-read (more so, actually) than the faculty people at Dartmouth that I encountered, but his passion was not in serving his own career but in sharing his knowledge with others. He was and will always remain my model for the ideal reader for my own books. He brought not just erudition but deep emotion to his reading that inspires me to this day to write as well as I can. Thanks, Dave, you'll always be in my heart as well as my head.

— Ernest Hebert '69



Moving Forward with The First-Person Project

The First-Person Project, launched in the Winter 2015-16 issue of *Keene State Today* and simultaneously on the College website (www.keene.edu/first-person), provides a very personal perspective of life after Keene State, with a particular focus on careers. Through the project, alumni tell their stories in their own words via oral histories that appear online, accompanied by photo portraits by *Keene State Today* photographer William Wrobel '11.

We celebrated the project's launch with a First-Person Project reception and exhibit during Reunion weekend in June, with several of the featured alumni in attendance. Large formats of the photographs are now hanging

in Centennial Hall and other areas of the Alumni Center.

Moving forward, we will add a few alumni to the First-Person Project in each issue of *Keene State Today*, starting with this one. Their oral histories will be uploaded to the First-Person Project web pages.

Where does a Keene State College education take alumni? As you'll see from the First-Person Project, a degree from Keene State opens up a wide variety of possibilities. Check in with a graduate a few – or many – years after graduating, and you'll be sure to hear a very compelling story.

And if you haven't yet done so, check out www.keene.edu/first-person.



The First-Person Project photo exhibit was a key feature of the June Alumni Reunion.



FIRST-PERSON PROJECT

Mick Carlon '82

Centerville, MA

English teacher, Barnstable Intermediate School
Author of three novels featuring jazz greats

Major: English

"I get letters quite often from readers. They all end the same way: After reading your book, I'm now listening to jazz, or Louis Armstrong or Duke Ellington or Count Basie in particular. And that's music to my ears, because that's why I wrote the books."

 Read Mick's oral history at keene.edu/first-person.

FIRST-PERSON PROJECT

Jennifer Sattler Murphy '94


Southampton, MA

Detective, Criminal Investigation Bureau,
Holyoke Police Department

Major: Management

Associate's Degree: Chemical Dependency

"Every day for me is a different day. I'll be honest; that's a huge draw for me. And really, I like dealing with people and all the different kinds of people, and I think they all should be treated fairly, even the ones accused. They have rights. I absolutely believe in that."

 Read Jennifer's oral history at keene.edu/first-person.

www.keene.edu/first-person

The Keene State Alumni Association welcomes our newest members: the class of 2016. keene.edu/alumni

