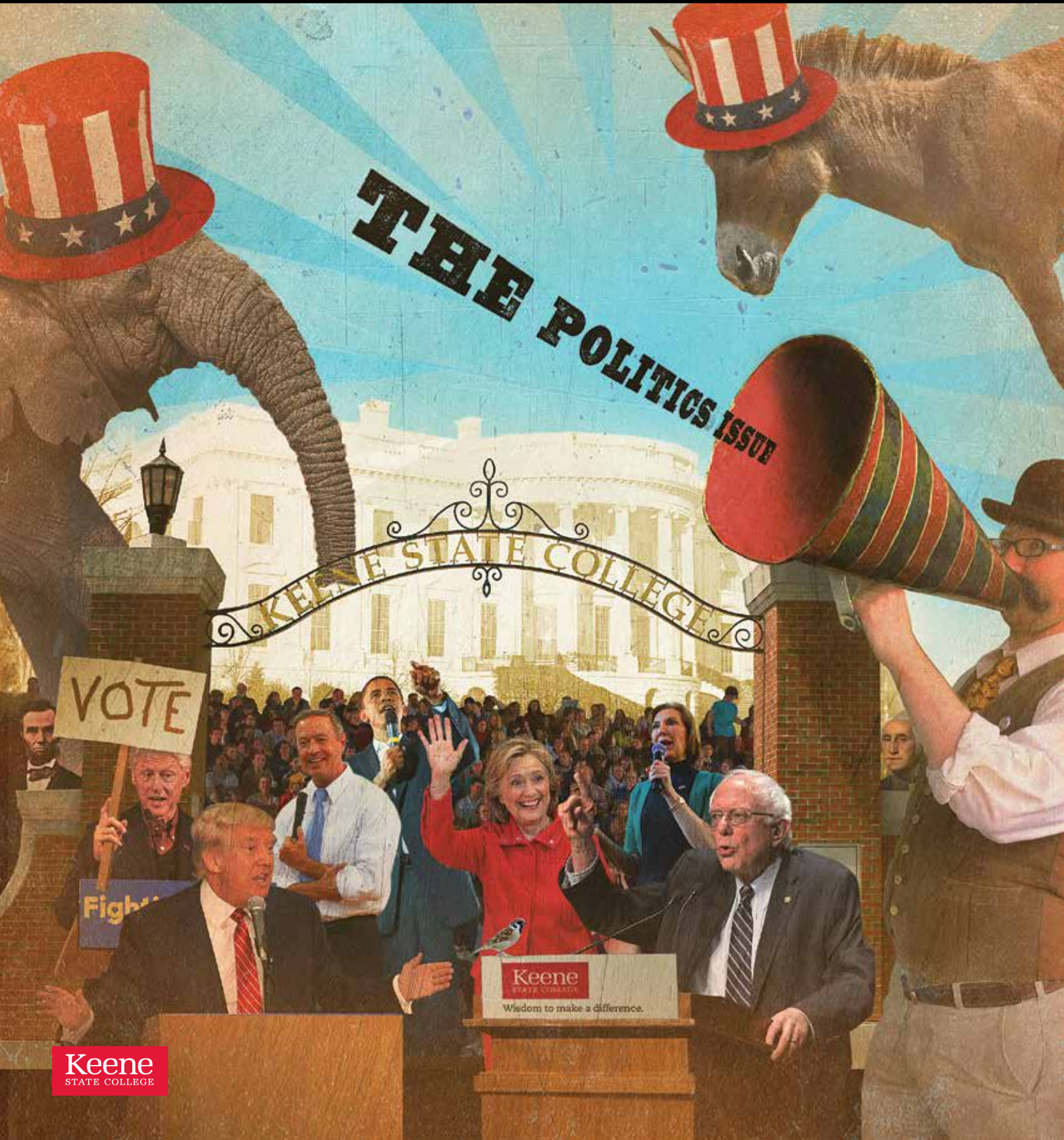


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THE POLITICS ISSUE

Every four years, a whirlwind of presidential politics sweeps through the state of New Hampshire, bringing with it candidates, political operatives, paid and volunteer workers, and journalists from major and not-so-major media outlets. Keene State College is always part of the excitement, with candidates coming to speak on campus and at nearby venues in town – offering plenty of opportunities for students to interact with the presidential hopefuls. The few months of time between the New Hampshire primary and the November general election provides a great opportunity to take a look at politics at all levels, from the presidential to the personal.

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It's All About Democracy

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

Our College motto, “Enter to Learn and Go Forth to Serve,” and our promise of “Wisdom to Make a Difference” provide a thoughtful window into this issue of *Keene State Today*. With more than 104,000 hours of community service annually, equating to approximately \$2.3 million in real contributions to our community, our students demonstrate their commitment to giving back for the betterment of the lives of others.



Regardless of their chosen major, by the time Keene State College students complete their undergraduate experience,

they develop critical thinking, creative inquiry, intercultural competence, civic engagement, and a commitment to well-being that will serve them as active citizens and lifelong learners.

This issue is all about politics. Yet, isn't it really about democracy, about government exercised by the people, about the belief that all people are socially equal? An effective democracy relies on the civic engagement of its people. I am proud of the long tradition of civic engagement among our alumni and the intentional integration of civic engagement into our aspirations for our students.

Much is at stake in the upcoming presidential election. Through our American Democracy Project we promote civic engagement and invite our students to view the issues from all sides as they hear from candidates and supporters from across the political spectrum. I think you will find this issue of *Keene State Today* an inviting lens into your alma mater's efforts to help our students become informed, learn, reflect, and discern the crucial issues that are at the heart of the election. Keene State's commitment to a culture of learning and service prepares our students to exercise their commitment to their communities through civic engagement.

On New Hampshire's

Professor Michael Welsh has taught in Keene State's Political Science Department for over a dozen years. He writes here about the impact of the New Hampshire presidential primary on students who have grown up in the Granite State.

IN MY CAREER I HAVE TAUGHT AMERICAN POLITICS TO STUDENTS

in various other places, from large public universities to small private colleges. Keene State students are different, and that difference has a lot to do with our first-in-the-nation primary.

You notice it your first time in the classroom, even when no election is under way: The current events discussion moves (and sometimes even starts!) itself. Policies are discussed as if they matter, and as if opinions about them make a differ-

Professor Michael Welsh in the classroom.



Life Behind the Scenes

What's it like to be part of a presidential primary campaign? “Pretty interesting,” says Allison Bedell '14, who was a paid staffer for the Jeb Bush campaign. “There are so many moving pieces. Especially in New Hampshire and the other early states, presidential primaries are an industry.”

Bedell, who majored in political science and journalism and minored in Spanish and Holocaust and genocide studies, has made a great start in a career as a political operative. By the time she graduated from Keene State two years ago, she'd already spent a summer interning on a campaign (Tim Pawlenty for President 2012), worked as a field representative for a New Hampshire State Senate candidate, and served as chair for the Keene State College Republicans and vice chair for the New Hampshire Federation of College Republicans.

A post-graduation stint as a regional field director for the New Hampshire Republican State Committee led to Bedell's next position, as campaign manager for Corey Stewart, a Republican running for re-election as chairman of the Prince William Board of County Supervisors in Virginia. Her work paid off – Stewart won the election in November.

Which meant Bedell was out of a job – but not for long. The Jeb Bush campaign picked her up and brought her back to her home state of New Hampshire to work as deployment director in the first-in-the-nation primary. Working out of the Manchester campaign office, she hired, trained, and oversaw the frontline staff – the people who canvassed neighborhoods, greeted voters at the polls, and the like.

Political Culture

ence. Most startlingly, from a professor's perspective, the inevitable moment when differences of opinion arise adds energy instead of embarrassment to the room. Students here have learned that they are entitled to an opinion and to not treat opposing opinions in others as a cause for offense. My colleagues in political science are now used to seeing close friendships develop between students in our major from opposite sides of the ideological spectrum. We also know that we need to stay on our toes to know what our students are likely to be ready to talk about. I have taught elsewhere. I have friends who teach elsewhere. I know that this behavior is not typical.

It is, I have come to think, a habit learned growing up in New Hampshire. Many of my students have been raised in households where political choices were considered serious business, and political discussions were an active and regular event. Their parents put up yard signs and stickered their car's bumper. The incessant and irritating barrage of commercials and polling calls was a reminder from an early age that their vote mattered and was being actively sought.

The median student voter in New Hampshire is a person with a wonk's knowledge of the array of candidates and a connoisseur's understanding of political rallies: The late season Hillary or Romney event in the Mabel Brown Room will be important and is likely to be replayed that night on TV, but it will be staged and carefully managed. The Dennis Kucinich or Ron Paul meeting in the Flag Room, on the other hand, will be a chance to ask a hard question and to watch a candidate provide a thoughtful response. Neither, by the way, is nearly as likely to happen for students at similar colleges in other states where primaries or caucuses come later.

Political analysts and commentators for years have made a reasonable case for permitting some other state or combination of states to start the primary process. Were we to switch or even rotate first primaries, however, one of the consequences would be the slow erosion of an active and generations-old political culture here in New Hampshire. It is a culture that infects even some students who have yet to vote, and makes teaching politics at Keene State uniquely challenging and rewarding.

– Michael Welsh

For professionals who work on campaigns, New Hampshire is the place to be during presidential primary season. “You meet people from all over,” Bedell says, “people with all kinds of experience in other states working on a variety of races.” In the New Hampshire primary, “the voters are engaged at a really different level. We have the quintessential New Hampshire stereotypes, like the town halls, and we have people who say, ‘Well, I've only met Jeb twice, so I want to see him one or two more times before I lock it in, but I'm leaning toward him.’ Where else does that happen? These people are actually very thoughtful and they are careful in deciding whom they're going to vote for, and they take it very seriously.”

After the New Hampshire primary, Bedell headed with the Bush staff to South Carolina, where cultural differences made for differences in campaigning. “The conversations that you have with voters are different,” she says. “In New Hampshire, voters wanted to hear about fiscal issues. In South Carolina, they wanted to know how pro-life Jeb is. And they wanted to know what he bases his decisions on in terms of his moral compass. Different states have different priorities. You have to address voters' questions and meet them where they are. The mechanics of day to day, that doesn't change. The operation is more or less the same.”

For Bedell, campaigning is where it's at. She has no interest in running for office herself, and doesn't see herself, at least for now, on the staff of an office-holder. “I like the behind-the-scenes parts best,” she says. And while Jeb Bush's withdrawal from the race in mid-February put her in the familiar position of looking for her next job, she managed to find one pretty quickly.

By mid-March she was settled in Philadelphia and working as state field director for US Senator Pat Toomey's re-election race.

“It may look like I'm holding a series of temporary jobs,” she says, “but this is truly what I wanted to be doing with my career. And I think the flexibility that I learned to have while I was at Keene, and the skillsets and also the encouragements and the really hands-on, very dynamic learning, all kind of set the stage for me to be able to do this, even though sometimes I don't know where my paycheck is coming from the next month.”



Allison Bedell '14, left, with an intern at the Jeb Bush campaign office in Manchester, New Hampshire. Courtesy photo



First in the Nation

In the months leading up to New Hampshire’s February 9 primary, presidential hopefuls Ben Carlson, Hillary Clinton, Bernie Sanders, Carly Fiorina, George Pataki, and Rick Perry came to campus for town hall meetings sponsored or co-sponsored by Keene State’s American Democracy Project (learn more about the ADP on page 22). Others, including Jeb Bush, Marco Rubio, John Kasich, and Donald Trump spoke at other venues in Keene.

In fact, the entire state of New Hampshire was teeming with candidates in the fall and early winter, and Keene State students took the opportunity to talk with them, hear them speak, and work on their behalf. Here are a few of their stories.

KATIE VAN VEEN

Sophomore Katie Van Veen finessed her way into a selfie – a self-portrait taken with a cell phone – with Hillary Clinton when the former secretary of state came to campus.

“At the end of her talk, she was shaking everyone’s hand,” Van Veen remembers. “I said, ‘She’s doing selfies, I have to get in there!’ and I just kind of wedged myself between people and was able to shake her hand and snap a really quick one.” Cooler yet, the story of her photo with Clinton landed in the *Boston Globe*, titled “Only the Aggressive Fan Gets the Selfie.”



Carly Fiorina greeting students in the Flag Room at the L. P. Young Student Center.

GISELLE ALEXANDRIA SNOW

Bernie Sanders volunteer Giselle Alexandria Snow, a junior, was asked by the Sanders campaign to introduce the candidate when he spoke at the Colonial Theatre in Keene a week before the primary. “It was scary at first, but everyone was very welcoming and extremely enthusiastic,” she said of presenting Sanders at the event. “There was a lot of energy in the room, so it ended up being really fun.”

Volunteering, she says, “is great. Everyone is always super friendly and we could have fun while being serious and getting things done. I mainly made phone calls, canvassed a little bit, and helped with events like debate-watch parties.” She and other volunteers also drove to Concord to greet Sanders when his plane landed in New Hampshire after the Iowa caucuses.

TANNER SEMMELROCK

Last October, during a special town hall meeting in Hollis, New Hampshire, broadcast by NBC on the *Today Show*, Holocaust and genocide studies major Tanner Semmelrock had a chance to ask Hillary Clinton a light-hearted question: “What’s your favorite book?”

“*The Brothers Karamazov*,” Clinton responded – because “it’s just an amazing story about faith.” When Semmelrock learned she was coming to speak on campus later that month, he bought a copy of the book and asked her to sign it.

“It was an amazing experience, because she remembered me from when I’d asked the question,” he says.

COLLEEN WILLIS

Colleen Willis traveled halfway across the country in an effort to put Martin O’Malley in the White House, gathering signatures to put him on the ballot in Vermont and Indiana. While working on the campaign, she got to see the more creative side of the presidential candidate.

“I actually went to a concert of his,” she says. “He plays guitar and has his own Celtic band. He sang a mix of Celtic and American patriotic songs that was really funny. He’s good at guitar, has a good singing voice and a good stage presence.”

ANNA WRIGHT

Junior Anna Wright spent the months leading up to the New Hampshire primary cold calling and knocking on doors to gain support for Hillary Clinton in the Keene area.

“It’s a good way to grow, branch out, and get out there,” she says, “and you learn a lot of good communication skills. As a political science major, I really wanted to get more experience out in the field.”

ALYSSA DEMARCO

May graduate Alyssa DeMarco met with many of the presidential hopefuls through her involvement with the American Democracy Project. Being a Holocaust and genocide studies major, she often asked candidates about their efforts to prevent atrocities in the world. An interaction with Hillary Clinton brought her a few minutes of fame.

She remembers: “When Hillary Clinton was here in October, I got to sit on the stage. I had talked to her beforehand about preventing atrocities, and she said, ‘I definitely want you to ask that question while I’m out there.’ And so I got to raise my hand while I was on stage and ask my question. I thought that was just really neat. It was on C-Span. I had my big C-SPAN debut!”



Hillary Clinton signing a copy of *The Brothers Karamazov* for Tanner Semmelrock.

ERIK LABIENIEC

Erik Labieniec, a sophomore political science/economics major, worked on the Bernie Sanders campaign. Labieniec says he got a good response from a “dorm-storming” – going to the dorms to get students to commit to voting, and then texting them a reminder on the day of the primary. “We tried to get as many people out to the polls as possible,” he says. “We had a few dorm doors slammed in our faces, but nothing too bad. I love working on the campaign.”

JOSH POLOSKI

Political science major and May graduate Joshua Poloski worked as a volunteer and an intern for the Clinton campaign. During his time working for Clinton’s camp, Poloski learned that what decides a campaign isn’t how much air-time a candidate gets, but the work put in by those who believe in the message.

“Campaigns aren’t decided by TV ads, by debates, by legislative aides and all that staff up at the top,” he says. “Campaigns are made by people like me. It’s the people on the ground, the people who are going door to door, who are calling and talking to people, who are finding out what’s important.”

JAMES SPINETI

Like many students, sophomore James Spinetti interacted with a number of candidates and campaigns. He had a chance to shake John Kasich’s hand at a town hall meeting and to ask him about his stand on refugees. He had his picture taken with Martin O’Malley. He made his way to Boston to join tens of thousands of people watching Bernie Sanders speak.



Bernie Sanders speaking at Redfern Arts Center.

“It took a long time to get in, and everyone was really excited,” he says of the Sanders event.

KATE CHARRON

“As a political junkie, I feel blessed to be in New Hampshire,” says Kate Charron, a May graduate who served as president of the Keene State Republicans and as communications director for the New Hampshire Federation of College Republicans. During primary season, the Keene State club worked to promote activism on campus and to provide forums on campaign issues.

“I have contacts with other college Republicans working all over the country, and they don’t get that kind of intimate connection or exposure to major candidates,” she says.

– Jacob Barrett ’17 and Stuart Kaufman

Find more photos of candidates on campus and a link to the *Boston Globe* story on Katie Van Veen at keene.edu/mag.

A View into the BIG TIME



Student Body President Bobby Graham '16 and Bernie Sanders.

WHAT DOES BEING PRESIDENT OF KEENE STATE COLLEGE'S STUDENT BODY GET YOU?

Not a \$400,000 salary, a stay in one of the world's most exclusive mansions, or flights on Air Force One. Those perks are reserved for the chief executive of the United States. But during a US presidential election year, being the top elected official among Keene State students does offer some one-of-a-kind benefits.

Just ask Bobby Graham '16.

An economics major who served as student body president for the last two years, Graham had the honor of introducing most of the presidential candidates who came to campus to speak in the weeks leading up to the New Hampshire primary. He had one-on-one conversations with many of the politicians, including Rick Perry, George Pataki, Carly Fiorina, Hillary Clinton, and Bernie Sanders. He was also able to closely examine the machine that is campaigning – and that could be useful in his future endeavors.

Not a bad gig for someone who hopes to run for public office himself one day. Graham aspires to get a PhD in public policy and one day become governor of New Hampshire.

"I am hoping to be where the politics meets the people, working

in communities as much as I can," Graham says, "pursuing jobs that let me learn about the state and help develop a new economy for millennial New Hampshirites."

"It's been a great experience," he continues. "For someone who spends a lot of time in the political arena and really wants to go into politics for a career, the ability to meet all of these different candidates has really been eye-opening for me in understanding how the gears work behind campaigns and politics."

Aside from being able to meet-and-greet the presidential hopefuls, Graham says that his fellow students' willingness to do the same was great to see and be a part of. As the primary elections grew closer, he noticed more and more student activism and engagement, noting an instance when Bernie Sanders headlined an event in the fall of 2014.

"No one really knew who he was, and all of 10 or 20 people were there. Twenty would be generous," Graham says. "He comes a year later and we sell out the theatre. One of the best things I've seen over the past year is just the degree to which students are getting involved and the amount of political zeal that there is on campus."

Graham was able to speak with most of the visiting candidates for a few minutes, and took the opportunity to ask each of

them questions about student debt. Every interaction was different, he says. On one occasion, he was able to have a more in-depth conversation. He spoke at length with Rick Perry, the governor of Texas.

"That was one of the cooler two hours of my life," Graham remembers. "We talked about everything from PTSD to Iraq and Afghanistan to what my dad does for work."

Graham stressed that being able to speak with candidates face-to-face is something that makes New Hampshire relatively unique, and that voters should take advantage of that to help them decide which candidate best represents them.

"Don't let them sell you who they want to be," he says. "As New Hampshire residents you have the opportunity to really figure out who they are."

For Graham, meeting and introducing so many presidential hopefuls helped him figure out a few things about himself.

"It was a great opportunity for someone like me, because I got to see the way politics works. I was able to figure out a lot of what I don't want to do by watching the campaigns, and I was also able to figure out exactly what I do want to do with my life. It's really been galvanizing for me."

– Jacob Barrett '17

SMALL CITY BIG MAYOR

When Chris Koch '94 tells the high school students in the leadership class he teaches that being a leader is about giving back, about empathizing, about rallying the community, he knows what he's talking about.

Koch, a vocational education major at Keene State, has been mayor of Bellevue, Idaho, since 2006. "Bellevue is a city of roughly 2,200 people," he says. "We have a public works staff, we have clerks, we have a police department, a fire department, a library, like every other town. The easiest way to describe my job is 'overseeing the day-to-day operations of the city.' I'm the boss of the bosses, but I still answer to my city council."

Koch, who grew up down the road from Keene in Peterborough, New Hampshire, followed a college friend, Matt Gorby '92, to Idaho after graduation to sample the ski bum life. He's still in Idaho, and still skiing, though he discovered early on that he needed a job to fund those expensive downhill runs. He was offered a teaching job in Shoshone, Idaho, but wanted to move closer to the mountains, where he worked a variety of non-teaching jobs for eight years. Nine years ago, he began substitute teaching at Wood River High School, and eventually worked his way into the full-time job he holds today, teaching the leadership class and serving as the school's technology rep.

Koch lives with his wife of 15 years, Kim, and their three dogs, Ollie, Aurora, and Huckleberry. He got his start in city government in 2001 as a planning and zoning commissioner, and then began serving as a city councilor. While he was president of the city council, the mayor resigned and Koch became mayor – and has since been re-elected to four two-year terms. The part-time position keeps him busy for as few as five and as many as 20 to 30 hours a week, depending on whether, for instance, it's budget season or there are job vacancies to fill.

"The most difficult thing," he says, "and this is probably the case for any elected official, especially at the local level, is trying to balance a budget of X amount of dollars and having



your constituents all want something. You've really got to start weighing out what's important and what's not, what's fiscally responsible, what's not, and really make those tough decisions on how to get everything done on limited funds. The recession hit us pretty hard. We were starting to boom there, and the recession kicked us in the pants for a little while. I think we're starting to come out of it, but it was hard. The water bills keep going up, and yet people are losing their jobs. At the end of the day, people want to make sure the toilets flush and the lights stay on."



Chris Koch '94 at work for the city of Bellevue. Below left: Koch trying out a Harley. Courtesy photos

But it's not all tough decisions. Three years ago, Koch's status as an area celebrity landed him a slot in Battle of the Blades, a kind of *Dancing with the Stars* done on ice. Local notables were paired up with world-class figure skaters, who trained them for a couple of months before the pairs performed routines for an audience of 5,000 people. Koch and his partner performed what he calls "The Wayne's World version of 'Bohemian Rhapsody.'" It wasn't pretty at all, he says ("I'm 6-foot-5, 260 pounds, and I'm not a good figure skater"), but it raised a considerable sum for local charities. He also gets invited to participate in many activities at Bellevue Elementary School, which are always highlights of his week.

He adds, "I had a blast doing Battle of the Blades. It's like something I try to teach my students: You need to live outside your comfort zone. If you stay within your comfort zone, you're going to lead a boring life. Try new things, try different things. You never know what you're going to find that you'll really like."

The thing Koch has found that he really likes? Making a difference in his community. He loves giving back to as many causes as possible, he says. "I try to lead by example. I don't draw any true party lines. I think common sense and good judgment will get you a lot farther than trying to play the politics game."

 Link to a video of Chris Koch's skating performance at keene.edu/mag.



The Vega family marching in the Holyoke St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Photo by Elaine Wood

Standing Up for his City in the Massachusetts State House

A transfer from community college brought Aaron Vega '96 to Keene State. A degree in film studies brought him to Ken Burns's Florentine Films in neighboring Walpole and later to New York City to work for HBO, PBS, and other studios. But it was a return to his hometown of Holyoke, Massachusetts – with perhaps some help from his second major, psychology – that brought out the politician in him.

"My dad was very involved in local politics, and was a community organizer in Holyoke. So politics was always kitchen table talk at dinner. It was always something on the periphery, but not something I thought I'd be involved in," he remembers. That changed when he moved back to Holyoke in 2002 after 15 years as a film editor – and discovered the city was facing the same issues that it had when he was growing up there. "It's an old mill town, it

had a high teen pregnancy rate, immigrants and migrants had come here, and it wasn't moving forward."

"You have to know a little bit about everything."

As part of a group of 30-something artists and

business owners (he and his wife, Debra, own a yoga studio), Vega started a grassroots organization to make Holyoke a better place to live. In 2009, he ran for City Council and won; two years later he was elected to a second term. He was one of the city's first Latino at-large councilors.

"There was a big shift in Holyoke," he says. "While I was on the City Council, we elected the youngest mayor in Massachusetts, openly gay, and it changed the game plan." Vega's next step? "Our state rep had held the job for 12 years, and he'd been unopposed for 10, so in 2012, I ran against him – and I won!" Now in his second term representing Holyoke and running for a third, he cites college affordability, economic development, and youth and family services as his priorities.

Unlike in New Hampshire, in Massachusetts being a state legislator is a full-time, salaried position. Vega, a Democrat, plans to limit his service as a state representative to 10 years, should his constituents see fit to elect him to another three terms. He notes that half his time is spent legislating – reading bills and understanding the issues – and half is spent on constituent services. "That's the rewarding part," he says. People call his district office when they have nowhere else to turn, says Vega, when they need help finding housing, paying for food, accessing unemployment benefits or tuition assistance. "We can help them, and that's the part of the job that helps your community."

Through legislation, too, he notes, "we're doing things that are going to better people's lives. The unfortunate thing about being in politics now is that some people have a negative view of politicians. When you actually talk to people and tell them how politics affects their lives almost every day, they have a different appreciation."

He makes a point of being visible in the city – along with his wife and family (he has two daughters in their early 20s, and a two-year-old son). "People see us on a daily basis. I'm at events. We're at restaurants. We grocery shop in town. We use social media to show people who we are. It's helpful. People in general want to know their elected officials."

What's his job like, day to day? It's a lot like attending a liberal arts college, Vega says. "You have to know a little bit about everything. Any given day, we're talking about education policies, we're talking about energy, we're talking about building laws and the judicial system. It's like being back in school and going from one class to the next on totally different topics. You have to really rely on people who are experts, and do your homework. I've learned quickly in politics, there are three or four sides to every issue. You have to figure out who your good classmates are and who are the people you can work with – elected officials but also people who are experts in a field."

In other words, he says, "it's a lot of collaboration."

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Making a Difference

IT'S NOT SURPRISING

that education is one of Molly Kelly's key interests. The 1983 graduate and five-term New Hampshire state senator cites her Keene State education – and the encouragement she received here to go on to law school – as pivotal in her life.

"I came here as a single parent with three young children," she says. "I knew I needed to complete a bachelor's degree, as an education was necessary not only for myself but for my children as well." She arrived with an associate's degree in mental health and added to that an individualized major that incorporated history and philosophy. It was a good blend for the work she does now at the State House in Concord and in New Hampshire's 10th District, which includes Keene and 14 surrounding towns.

"History gives you the past, and philosophy gives you the context to ask the meaningful question and move forward," she says. "It has often been my experience in the Senate that we begin a debate with answers before we have the opportunity to ask the appropriate question. For instance, I believe that it might be wise to first ask a question such as 'What is just?' before a Senate vote on a legislative solution that will affect our economy, education, healthcare, and the quality of our lives."

Kelly, a Democrat, has served on the Senate Education Committee since first being elected; she chaired the committee when her party was in the majority. She also sits on the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, the Public and Municipal Committee, and the Capital Budget Committee.

The manageable size of the 24-member State Senate, especially as compared to the 400-member New Hampshire House of Representatives, means members work closely together, notes Kelly. Certain types of legislation cross over party lines, she adds. As an example, she cites the Benefit Corporation Act, which establishes a new form of for-profit corporation. Like traditional corporations, benefit corporations focus on making a profit for shareholders, but also have an additional fiduciary duty, one that must have a positive social and environmental impact on the community. "We were able to pass this bipartisan legislation," she says,

"because we could work across party lines based on long-term relationships among both parties."

It's a win-win kind of bill, she adds, in that benefit corporations bring value to the community, attract college graduate talent and capital investors, and ultimately provide many economic opportunities in a healthy community.

Kelly got an early start in politics. "My parents were involved in politics such as the Civil Rights movement in Indiana, and they passed along to me and my many siblings that sense of responsibility to your community," she says. "I believe that I walked with my father in more civil rights marches than I ever did with my friends."

That led to involvement in the presidential primaries after moving to New Hampshire. "It was easy to get involved," she remembers. "We have so many opportunities to become active in campaigns here in our New Hampshire communities. We all want to make a difference somehow in this big world of ours.

So we look for that place where we think we can do our best. The political forum has been the place that works for me."

After earning a law degree at Franklin Pierce Law Center – now the University of New Hampshire School of Law – Kelly followed parallel careers, working in higher education, in nonprofits, and in finance, while pursuing politics. She began her involvement in Cheshire County politics as co-director of Michael Dukakis's 1988 presidential campaign, she worked on Paul McEachern's gubernatorial campaign under campaign manager Jeanne Shaheen, and she later worked for Shaheen's gubernatorial and US Senate campaigns. As governor, Shaheen appointed Kelly to chair the state Commission on the Status of Women.

Ten years ago, Kelly knew it was time for her to step up. She ran for the State Senate. "After supporting other elected officials, I found my own voice," she says. "It's truly an honor and a privilege to serve the people of my community."

Kelly's family has grown since her days at Keene State. She and her husband, Art, head up a family of 16, with four adult children, three in-laws, and seven grandchildren. "The impact that education had on my life and those of my children has been immeasurable. So education is the core for me, the core of what's important," she says.

20 Years on Capitol Hill

“Why Kansas?”

That was the question United States Congressman Pat Roberts, who represented Kansas, put to Lisa Gagnon '85, a New Hampshire native and DC transplant who was interviewing for a job with him back in 1993.

“You know, I’ve never been there, but every state I’ve ever been to has many fine qualities and interesting things about it,” Gagnon told him. “Your choice is to hire me, because I know Washington and I’ll learn Kansas, or you can hire someone from Kansas who has to learn Washington.”

She got the job. “I’ve always been on the blunt side, and apparently that was appreciated,” she says.

By then, Gagnon, a journalism and public affairs major, had been working on Capitol Hill for six years, first for a media outlet called the Senate Republican Conference and then as deputy press secretary for John Seymour, a Republican senator from California. Seymour’s defeat by Dianne Feinstein occasioned the interview with Roberts, and it led to 21 years of working for the Republican legislator from Kansas, first as his press secretary during his last four years in the US House of Representatives and then as his administrative director after he was elected to the US Senate.

The administrative director position, from which she retired in 2013, was

“very much like running a household – except with a lot more people, and a lot more bills to pay,” Gagnon says. She was responsible for the maintenance of the office, decorating new office spaces and coordinating renovations, keeping supplies stocked and equipment running, acting as a personal assistant to the senator (“I was not embarrassed to get him a cup of coffee,” she notes), organizing office parties (“not paid for at government expense,” she adds), and overseeing the budget. “We never ran out of money, and that’s a big deal in Congress,” she says. “I often called myself the ‘cheap Yankee.’ I’m always looking for the best bargain.”

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The years working on Capitol Hill were memorable ones for Gagnon. She remembers meeting celebrities including Jimmy Stewart, Sonny Bono, and Barry Manilow. She remembers setting up offices in borrowed space after Senator Roberts’s staff was displaced for three months when anthrax was discovered in the Hart Senate Office Building in 2001.

Gagnon first moved to Washington in 1987, shortly after her wedding. Her husband, Dave Thibault, a UNH grad, had landed a job with then-Congressman Judd Gregg of New Hampshire. After Dave died in July, 2007, the Roberts office



Lisa Gagnon '85. Courtesy photo

was closed for the morning so the entire staff could attend the funeral. Her last few years working in DC, Gagnon was a single mother to their three teenagers, all adopted from Russia. Sitting at a retirement party she’d organized for a coworker three years ago, she realized she was ready to step down herself.

These days, Gagnon puts her organizational skills to work for a variety of clients. Her business, I Can Help!, handles personal shopping, all kinds of organization, home staging, decorating, and running errands – pretty much whatever needs to be done. She shares a Maryland house with her new partner, Robert Kenney, a computer programmer

who does work for the US Treasury Department.

“I’m glad I did it,” she says of her work as a Congressional staffer. “I felt I really did my part. We did a lot of good things for the people of Kansas.” And while she doesn’t miss the daily commute in to Washington, DC, she understands that she was part of something extraordinary.

“The US Capitol is a fascinating building to work in and around,” she says. “I knew, walking through those hallways, that I was working in a pretty darn special place.”

At the Helm of the Home Office

Seth Klaiman '93 likes to joke that he is responsible for Barack Obama becoming president. Back in 2003, he’d just wrapped up a job working for United States Senator Jack Reed’s re-election campaign, and he was offered a chance to meet with Gary Chico, who was running for a US Senate seat in Illinois and was in need of a campaign manager.

Klaiman declined. “I said, I’m not leaving Rhode Island. Rhode Island is home, and to be home is more important than any job.”

But if he had moved out to Chicago to manage Chico’s campaign, Klaiman jokes, then Chico, of course, would have prevailed in the election. Instead, his opponent, a young up-and-comer by the name of Barack Obama, won the primary and then the Senate seat – and would go on to win the presidency.

While Klaiman knows he can’t really claim credit for the Obama presidency, he has played a part in many successful political campaigns. At Keene State, he notes, he did not take any political science classes – but he did serve as student body president and chair of the Student Assembly. He graduated with a BA in psychology, a BS in occupational safety, and an associate’s degree in chemical dependency.

After college, an internship with a judge led him to abandon his plans for law school. Instead, he jumped into a couple more internships, one with a US congressman and one with Rhode Island’s lieutenant governor. That work launched him into a career that alternated between fundraising for nonprofits and working on state and national election campaigns for Democratic politicians. For four years, he did both, through his own consulting firm.

Klaiman closed down the firm three years ago when US Congressman Jim Langevin, whose re-election campaign he’d managed, asked him to join his staff and run his district office in Warwick. “As district director, I’m essentially the chief of staff for the congressman’s Rhode Island office,” he says.

It’s an interesting and varied job, he says, citing a day in December when he attended an event with former President Bill Clinton, who was in town campaigning for his wife. “I was talking to the former president of the United States, and then that afternoon, I was talking to a constituent about his Medicare issue. Frankly, the constituent issue is more important to me than talking to the former president,” he says. “The constituent was relying on me and my boss, Congressman Langevin, to help resolve the issue.”

In fact, helping constituents is a key piece of the work that goes on at the district office, and people call daily with problems. “My

boss says that we are often the call of last resort. We can help them get their veterans’ or Medicare benefits or deal with an immigration issue. We help fund fire trucks for cities and towns. It sounds corny and clichéd, but we really make a difference in the lives of individual people. That’s the crux of what we do here. The congressman’s Washington, DC, office deals with legislation.”

As district director, Klaiman’s job includes standing in for Langevin when he’s in Washington. “By no means am I the congressman, but I have to represent him a lot,” he says. “So in a lot of ways I help fulfill the role.” He keeps up with policy issues in a general way, and if he’s asked a question he can’t answer, he calls on the people with the answers in the DC office.

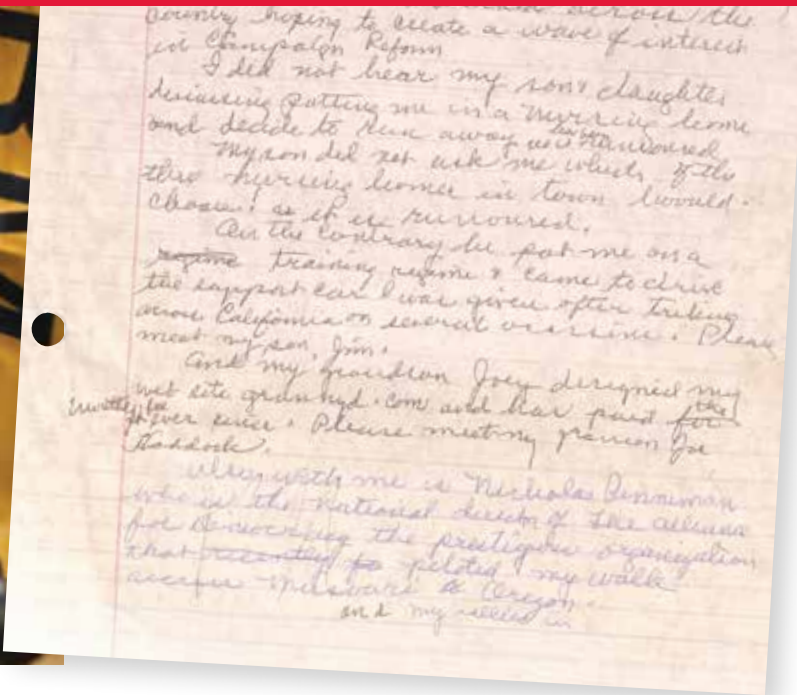
“As my Jewish grandmother used to say, ‘I know nothing about everything and everything about nothing,’” he jokes.



Seth Klaiman '93, right, with Congressman Jim Langevin. Courtesy photo

Does Klaiman have his own political aspirations? Not at the moment, he says. “We’ll see what the future holds, but right now I’m happy being the person behind the scenes.” In his case, that’s the person who ensures that the people of Rhode Island’s 2nd Congressional District get the assistance they need.

“I enjoy this work very much,” he says. “It’s hard. Government is a big bureaucracy. Sometimes I want something done yesterday and I’m not going to get it done until next month. That’s frustrating. But at the end of the day, when you can help somebody, there’s no describing the feeling you get when you make that phone call and say, ‘Mrs. Jones, we’ve got good news.’”



WALK ON

In 1999, Doris Haddock donned a straw hat and picked up a walking stick, beginning a trek across the United States to draw attention to her fight for campaign finance reform. Over the course of 14 months, she walked from Pasadena, California, to Washington, DC, traveling more than 3,200 miles on foot and spreading the message that, as she once put it, “we must declare our independence from the corrupting bonds of big money in our election campaigns.”

She did, in fact, draw considerable attention to her cause – 2,200 people were on hand to greet her when she arrived at the US Capitol – perhaps because she made good use of one of her most notable assets – she was 88 years old when she set out, and 90 when she reached the District of Columbia. At 94 “Granny D,” as she was known, waged an unsuccessful bid for US Senate, losing to incumbent Judd Gregg of New Hampshire. Haddock, who lived just down the road from Keene State in Dublin, New Hampshire, died in 2010 at the age of 100. Those who want a glimpse into her life and political activism can find her documents, photographs, and memorabilia here on campus. They are part of the Mason Library Archives’ New Hampshire Social Justice Collection.

Here’s an excerpt from an undated speech that she delivered to a group of young people. The original typescript is on hand in the archives:

Do you want to change the world, to make it more fun, more fair, more full of love and prosperity? We all have dreams, but some of us do something about them. I want, as an older member of your country, to take this moment to invite you to take an important role in reshaping the world. There is a way for you to do it, and voting is the first step, but only the first step. . . .



Portrait of “Granny D.”

If you have the soul of an artist, let the world be your canvas, and make the world better for your brief presence here. If you have the soul of an engineer, don’t be satisfied to be a tooth on the gears of the great social machine. Take time to stand apart from the machinery to see if it might be improved. And then give some leadership to that improvement.

I challenge you to step up to do what you know must be done in our world. If I, at my age and infirmity, can express myself and move things along an inch or two, imagine what a roomful like this can do in the world. And will do in the world.

Don’t let anyone stop you. Don’t let the gray routines of the world hypnotize you away from the truth of the matter that it is your world, that this is a great adventure we are on, and that we have heroic parts to play in this theater of the soul. . . .

As Americans, we are blessed with the tools of action that our democracy provides. I know you want to have a meaningful life. I know you feel the hero inside of your heart. I am here to tell you that all of it is real, and that you can and should open your heart to the world and take action in it, letting no one steal your life from you, letting no one deprive you of a life of great meaning and great action.

– Jacob Barrett ’17

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“MY DEFINITION OF ACTIVISM,”

says Katelyn Adams ’10, “is advocating for the equality of all people. I do this by educating and empowering individuals to find their own voice, and working collaboratively with them to bring about social change.”

Advocating for Girls

Adams works for Girls Inc. of Greater Lowell, a Lowell, Massachusetts, nonprofit agency with a mission of empowering all girls to be strong, smart, and bold through innovative, intentional, and educational programs for girls ages five to 18. “At Girls Inc.,” she says, “we really try to foster independence in our members. We give them the tools they need to be successful, and we’re constantly empowering them to advocate for themselves.”

Advocacy isn’t about being a voice for the voiceless, she says; that’s a concept that takes away people’s dignity and personal power. Instead, she says, advocacy is “inspiring individuals to find their own voice to become agents of change.”

Adams began volunteering at Girls Inc. through a service learning program at Middlesex Community College, from which she earned an associate’s degree in liberal arts and sciences. She transferred to Keene State, where she earned two majors: one in elementary education and one, an individualized major in the Women’s and Gender Studies Department, in feminist anthropology. The latter was inspired by her part-time and volunteer work at Girls Inc., she notes. “The city of Lowell is incredibly diverse with so many rich cultures. We have a large refugee population, and I became very eager to learn about these cultures and how women are treated in those communities.”



Keene State’s Women’s and Gender Studies Department has an activist focus and, like the community college Adams attended, offers service learning opportunities. Through the two schools, Adams had many community volunteer placements, including in schools and at women’s shelters. “It wasn’t until volunteering at Girls Inc. that I figured out this is the cause and the work I want to be doing,” she says.

In its afterschool, vacation week, and summer program offerings, Girls Inc. of Greater Lowell provides academic assistance, programming on prevention of adolescent pregnancy and substance abuse, self-defense, leadership, financial literacy, media literacy, and more. The classes are targeted to the girls’ needs and goals. There is also a strong emphasis on encouraging girls to pursue math and science – fields in which women are not highly represented and that provide opportunities for lucrative careers.

“At Girls Inc. we don’t talk about politics or religion,” says Adams, who has been program coordinator at the agency since her Keene State graduation, “but I feel that everything that we’re doing here is tackling political issues in a much softer way – and all of our programs target those issues.” Girls Inc. leadership programs provide the girls with skills to be activists and advocates for themselves and their communities, she adds. For instance, through a program called Photo Voice, the girls took pictures of problems they see in the city. One subject of the photos was the dance floor at Lowell High School. “It was falling apart, and the dancers were getting hurt,” Adams says. “The girls took pictures and wrote about their experience and brought it to City Hall. As a result they received a brand-new dance floor.”

Adams, who received Middlesex Community College’s 2013 Distinguished Alumni award and who returns to Keene State to talk with women’s and gender studies classes, will be taking the next step in her own education soon. She was recently granted a Community Engagement Fellowship at Merrimack College in Andover, Massachusetts, and will be leaving Girls Inc. to enter the intensive year-long master’s program. As part of the program, she’ll be working in the service learning program at North Shore Community College. That opportunity may take her to new work in higher education, or to new challenges in youth work. “I’m excited about that new journey coming up,” she says.

It’s a journey that will provide her with more chances to empower people to bring about change.

Katelyn Adams ’10 with some of the Girls Inc. girls. Courtesy photo

BALANCING SAFETY & ACCOUNTABILITY

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big challenge for the federal government, says William Bendix, who studies Congress, legislative deliberations, civil liberties, and homeland security policy, is that it's necessary to have secret policy, but secret policy is contrary to an open democratic society.

For the past decade, Bendix, an assistant professor of political science at Keene State, has been tracking Congress's activities in response to September 11, looking at extremely complex legislation like the Patriot Act and the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Amendments Act. "The concern that drives this research is, Just how competent is Congress in this area?" he says.

The country needs to have security strategies that are not publicly known, but we also need to have public accountability. "How can we have the kind of accountability that is fundamental to a democratic society and at the same time have these secret policies in place that allow us to

have effective security?" he asks.

Bendix's research highlights the fact that there's currently no mechanism in place for such accountability. While Congress passes laws relative to national security, including provisions allowing for surveillance of US residents, the Justice Department and other legal offices in the Executive Branch of government write interpretations of those laws that define the way intelligence agencies implement the laws – and those interpretations are classified, or secret.

"The classified interpretation is not known to anybody except Executive Branch officials and a handful of members of Congress," says Bendix, "and that's extremely problematic, because a handful of members of Congress aren't in a position to effectively check the president, especially on something that's secret."

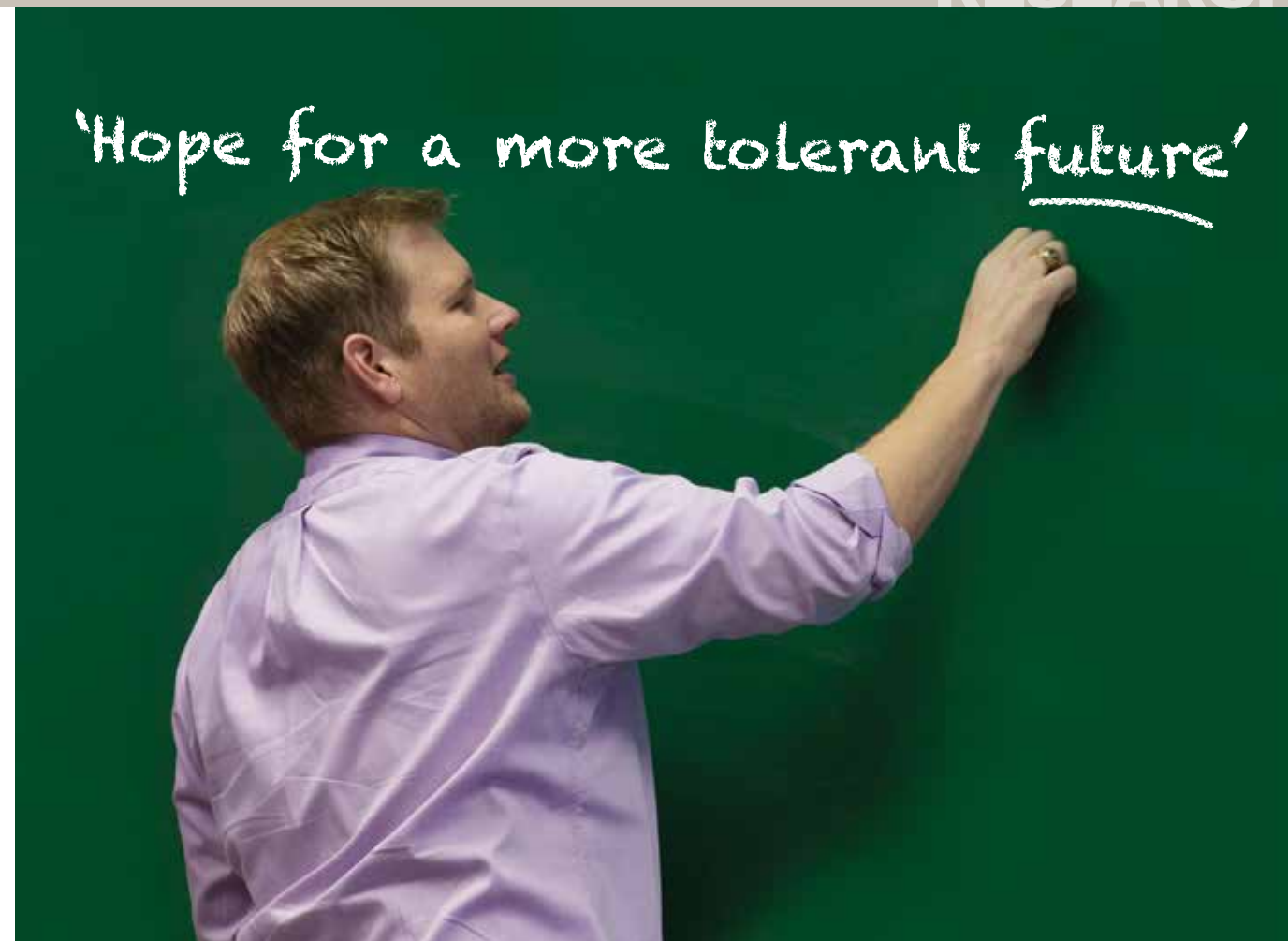
In other words, there's no path for Congress or a group of legislators to object to a classified interpretation, to say, for instance, This was not our intent in creating this legislation.

Bendix cites an example: Under the George W. Bush administration, coercive

interrogation methods like waterboarding, which met the standard for torture, were approved for use on prisoners. The president, by law, is required to inform Congress of any actions taken by the Executive Branch. And the Bush Administration did brief Congress on the enhanced interrogation techniques – but only the chairs and the ranking members of the House and Senate Intelligence Committees.

"What can four members do in response to a classified briefing concerning a secret program that they cannot reveal to the public or their colleagues?" asks Bendix, who hopes the book he is writing with Professor Paul Quirk of the University of British Columbia will offer methods to enhance Congress's oversight of national security programs.

"There are institutional fixes that can be made that wouldn't necessarily blow up the clandestine programs or the necessary secrets involved in maintaining security programs, but that would at least bring some level of accountability to both the Executive and Legislative branches," he says. "If members on both sides know that they have to officially register their position on a clandestine program, then maybe they'll take it more seriously."



Philip Barker in the classroom.

What's the effect of immigration on religious nationalism? It's a topic that Philip Barker, assistant professor of political science at Keene State, has been researching since he was a grad student. "I'm interested in the extent to which religion is tied to national identity, primarily in Europe," he says.

Barker's 2014 book, *Religious Nationalism in Modern Europe: If God Be for Us*, takes a historic look at Europe as a primarily secular continent, with a few exceptions, including Ireland, Poland, and Greece, where religion is a strong part of national culture. Those places, he notes, were all, at one time, threatened by some "religious other" – and shaped their identities in response to that.

Now, with migration becoming a huge issue in Europe, he's studying what happens when there's an influx of migrants, who are primarily Muslim, into historically homogeneous regions. He speculated that migration and the refugee crisis would bring with it a resurgence of religious nationalism, the kind that can set up an "us-against-them" division between natives and recent arrivals. To test that theory, he's been looking at a collection of broad-based surveys conducted annually in Europe to see how questions about religiousness correlate with those about nationalism – and found that someone who is more

religious is likely to be more patriotic, and vice versa. But has that connection between patriotism and religion increased as more people from outside of Europe have settled in European countries?

Barker found that the numbers of immigrants coming in to a country aren't part of the equation, but the immigrants' origins are. "If the immigrants, even if it's not a big group, are mostly non-European, the country starts to think of itself in religious terms," he says. "In some ways, that's discouraging if you are hopeful for a welcoming, open world. But what's encouraging is that as diversity increases, that sort of religious nationalism decreases."

In other words, over time, as more and more immigrants arrive and the population becomes more diverse, the people become more accepting and more open about what it means to be, for instance, Swedish or German. "If you want to cling to your traditional notions of whatever it means to be American or French or whatever, then in the long run, tolerance leads to tolerance. Diversity in letting immigrants in leads to a more normalized view of things. My take on it is that you have this rough patch, but there's hope," says Barker. "There's hope for a more tolerant future, I think, even if in the short term it's ugly."

William Bendix with a student.

Politics and Music with a *Twang*

In the case of the rural South, does culture shape politics, or does politics shape culture? A 2016 Keene State graduate spent the last year and a half analyzing country music songs to look at that and other questions. Why country music?

“Country music is a reflection of southern culture,” says Jay Whittemore, a political science major who was gearing up for graduation when he talked about his research this spring. “It’s really the best indicator we have of that.”

Whittemore is looking at ways lyrics have changed in the half century since the Civil Rights Movement occasioned a major shift in politics in the South, with many white, conservative Democrats migrating to the Republican Party. Since then, the formerly Democratic stronghold has become a Republican stronghold.

“I started out with an interest in how the Republican Party is able to balance conflicting interests within its coalitions,” he says, using as an example the business elite and religious conservatives. “On the issue of stem cell research, business elites love it because they can gain a profit from it and it’s got a high-tech connection. But religious conservatives are opposed to it. So my interest is in why Southern rural people switched to the Republican Party – why that process began, and why rural people abandoned their economic principles.”

Two of Whittemore’s political science professors, Michael Welsh and William Bendix, have been working on a project that tracks the content of country music as an indicator of southern and rural culture. Whittemore picked up on another strand of that research,

analyzing the language in country songs to see how it correlates with the political shift. He’s doing it by charting the top 40 songs of each year from the 1950s to today.

“What I found in the earlier songs is that there is no unified message, no unified consensus. There’s a broad array of messages being told in the songs. But as I progressed through the 1980s and especially in the mid to late ’80s, I noticed a few things. Messages became more unified, there were fewer messages that went against the norm, and mentions of country living and rural lifestyle being superior to other lifestyles increased dramatically,” he says.

“I also found a shift in how the lyrics view poverty. In the early songs, poverty is used like ‘I’m just a hobo riding on a train, and I have no one to answer to, and I can breathe, and I’m a free man.’ That’s actual poverty, homelessness. But we

increasingly see that the concept of poverty is being closely detached from actual wealth.”

That led Whittemore to an overarching theory: that the Republican Party deliberately began ignoring economic issues and instead focused on cultural and social issues. “We see that in country music, poverty’s now associated with owning a pickup truck, and going hunting and fishing with your dad, cultural activities like that. I thought that was a really interesting finding. You would expect this to be occurring through the entire history of country music, but ’50s and ’60s country music is not at all what you would expect. There weren’t a lot of political messages. It was all love songs, pretty much.”

He noted that in 1980s country music, negative and neutral mentions of country life disappeared and positive mentions began to increase: from 17.5 percent in 1980 to 50 percent in 2009. “That seems to correlate to Republican self-identification in the South,” he says – but cautions that an upward trend in both doesn’t necessarily mean that one caused the other.

Whittemore, who is applying for jobs in research or policy in New York City, was still analyzing his findings mid-spring, and was looking forward to presenting a paper on his research at the New England Political Science Association in April. A northerner whose taste in music runs in other directions, he’s done a bit of listening to country songs in addition to studying their lyrics. “Sometimes when I find a song that really baffles me, I listen to it,” he says. “Before, I hated country music, but through this whole process, I kind of gained a weird appreciation for it.”

Jay Whittemore ’16



Tanner Semmelrock '16 and Charlotte Meyers '16 at the Capitol.

Courtesy photo

Lobbying for Peace

DURING THEIR FINAL SEMESTER

at Keene State, Tanner Semmelrock '16 and Charlotte Meyers '16 took what they learned during their time as Holocaust and genocide studies majors and brought it to Capitol Hill to influence legislation.

The two went on their own to American University in Washington, DC, to attend the Lemkin Summit to End Genocide and Mass Atrocities, an annual conference for students and community leaders. While there, they spent time firing off questions to expert panelists and heard the US Ambassador to the United Nations speak on an array of crises, including those in Sudan and South Sudan. They also received training on how to combat genocide in the real world, as well as policy and advocacy training to prepare them for their final day in the District of Columbia.

On that day, Semmelrock and Meyers took to Capitol Hill with three other summit participants to lobby for three pending bills, the Atrocities Prevention Act of 2016, the Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act, and the Global Anti-Poaching Act. They spoke with staff members for several members of Congress from New England, including five from Connecticut’s Congressional delegation and Senator Jeanne Shaheen and Representative Annie Kuster, both of New Hampshire.

While they were initially nervous meeting with the legislative aides, they say, they were soon starting to feel like pros.

“I think for the first meeting or two we were definitely on edge,” Semmelrock says.

Semmelrock and Meyers both note that having the ability to speak face to face with the people who are representing them in Congress and tell them what they feel is important was a powerful tool in getting their message across.

“Obviously having that connection of being able to say ‘we’re your constituents’ was really nice,” Meyers says.

That connection may have had an influence on the success of their efforts. They were able to get the support of a number of the representatives they spoke with. The Atrocities Prevention Act of 2016, for instance, calls for the authorization of an Atrocities Prevention Board, which would provide a government approach to preventing atrocities and promoting peace.

“Now it’s passing through the Senate pretty successfully, and we had a hand in that,” Meyers says, referring to the group who lobbied with them.

“It was inspiring to meet with other dedicated individuals who are just as passionate about genocide prevention as we are,” Semmelrock adds.

Passionate enough to lobby for real change.

“I think it just shows how much power one citizen has,” says Semmelrock, “and that you can bring about change by working at it.”

– Jacob Barrett '17

ELECTRICITY FOR AFRICA

Recently, President Obama signed the Electrify Africa Act into law. The legislation will supply reliable electricity to the people of Sub-Saharan Africa. A recent Keene State grad, political science major Katie Conlon '14, was instrumental in lobbying for the act, which directs the president to establish a multi-year plan to help countries in Sub-Saharan Africa implement national power strategies and develop an appropriate mix of power solutions – including renewable energy – to provide access to reliable, affordable, and sustainable power in order to reduce poverty and drive economic growth. The legislation promotes private-sector investments at no additional cost to taxpayers.

As a Vermont-based political affairs intern for the Borgen Project, a national campaign that works with US leaders to improve their response to the global poverty crisis, Conlon focused her efforts on getting the Electrify Africa Act passed. “I sent countless emails and made many phone calls to my three representatives (Senator Bernie Sanders, Senator Patrick Leahy, and Representative Peter Welch), as well as meeting with aides in each of their offices and presenting the bill with the hopes of them signing on,” she reports. “It was a lot of work, and I feel like I learned so much from this internship, just because it was so hands-on and ‘in the trenches.’”



Nearly 70 percent of the people living in Sub-Saharan Africa do not have access to reliable electricity. “This means many things – children can’t study or read past dark; babies can’t be vaccinated, because there aren’t refrigerators to keep the vaccines cold; homes are being lighted and heated with charcoal and other toxic fuels, which cause more deaths than HIV/AIDS and malaria combined; shops can’t stay open or run, so the economy fails. . . . The list goes on and on,” Conlon says.

The act will bring access to reliable electricity to nearly 50 million people by the year 2020. “This is literally life-saving legislation, and while I feel that my role was very, very, very small in its success, it’s nice to know that I was a part of something so much bigger than myself – something that will make an incredible impact on so many millions of lives,” Conlon says. “And I think that’s an important lesson for all of us; the crisis of global poverty can feel very overwhelming and daunting, but there is a lot that you and I can do as citizens to make a difference. Something as simple as calling your representatives, writing a letter, and just paying attention and getting involved and passionate about issues can truly make a difference.”

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Katie Conlon '14. Courtesy photo

On the Frontlines for the Student Newspaper

Kendall Pope’s advice to emerging journalists covering politics: Be confident and assertive. Pushy, even.

“You’ve got to be aggressive,” says Pope ‘16, who cut her teeth covering the 2016 presidential primaries as managing executive editor for the Keene State student newspaper, *The Equinox*.

A senior this year, Pope joined the press corps at many political events on campus and in the Keene area and had the chance to speak with candidates including Marco Rubio and Martin O’Malley. Equipped with a press pass, she mounted her small camera on a tripod next to reporters and camera operators from statewide stations like WMUR and national stations like MSNBC. She was in the trenches.

“During the Rubio event, one reporter from MSNBC turned to me and asked me a question like I was meant to be there and knew what I was doing,” she says. “It was a great feeling to work alongside the other reporters. It gave me a lot of confidence when covering these events.”

She also had the chance to talk with members of a CNN crew when Hillary Clinton came to campus. Jake Tapper,

CNN’s chief Washington correspondent, broadcast his show *The Lead* from the Student Center quad. “I saw a teleprompter and a fold-out table lined with laptops and gear, and he was sitting there. I thought, He looks familiar.” When she realized it was Tapper, she says, “I approached them and told them I was involved with journalism at Keene State, and they were very welcoming and filled me in on what they were doing. Jake Tapper even posed for a picture with me.”

Pope found that most of the candidates who came to speak in this neck of the woods were happy to talk with her. She filmed on-camera interviews with Rubio and O’Malley, asking both men about student debt. O’Malley seemed eager to participate, helping with her intro to the clip and giving a cheerful wave after her signoff.

“He was really into it,” Pope remembers.

Unlike Tapper, who interviewed Hillary Clinton while she was on campus, Pope did not land a one-on-one with the former secretary of state – but it wasn’t for lack of trying. When the Clinton campaign first scheduled a speech at Keene State’s L. P. Young Student Center, Pope did what she could to be ahead of the game. She called Clinton’s press secretary almost daily, trying to get that so-very-rare interview, but couldn’t get a definitive answer.

Regardless, she showed up to the event with her video camera and made her way to the area designated for the press, where she was met by seasoned veterans. “There was CNN and MSNBC, and I was posted up with my little Canon. It was pretty cool to be among the big guys,” she says.

Pope recalls the chaos of bodies and camera flashes as reporters tried to get a last-minute quote while Clinton was leaving the Mabel Brown Room.

“It was just a mob of people,” she says, with reporters pushing, shoving, and jumping up on chairs in an effort to get the candidate’s attention. Unfortunately for Pope and the rest of the journalists, Clinton ignored the media and left the room.

Pope noted that Keene State’s location makes it a hub for political activity. She encourages all students to pay attention to what’s going on in the world of politics.

“I think it’s a really cool time to be a college student in New Hampshire, and especially in Keene,” she says. “It’s definitely something all students should take advantage of, whether they’re interested in politics or not.”

– Jacob Barrett ‘17

Link to the O’Malley interview at keene.edu/mag



Kendall Pope '16 filming Hillary Clinton's speech in the Mabel Brown Room of the L. P. Young Student Center.

ON THE HILL FOR THE HILL

When the Supreme Court heard arguments in the case that would make same-sex marriage legal in every state of the union, Lydia Wheeler '09 was there, in the courtroom. "The atmosphere outside was just electrifying," she remembers. "There were protesters on both sides, and you could see how important the issue was to so many people."

Wheeler's job as federal regulations reporter for *The Hill*, a noted daily political newspaper in Washington, DC, has her covering rules that come out of federal agencies as well as the hot-button social issues that come before the nation's highest court.

A journalism and political science double-major at Keene State, Wheeler learned the newspaper trade through a high school internship at her hometown newspaper and covering meetings at Keene's City Hall for one of her college journalism classes.

"I fell in love with journalism," she says. "I fell in love with informing people and writing about people's lives. There's nothing quite like that." Mark Timney of the journalism faculty, her advisor, encouraged her to pursue jobs in the field.

"He told us that he had never met anybody who really had a passion for this industry and wanted to work in it who didn't end up getting a job," says Wheeler. "He just pushed me to believe in myself and also to just go forward and follow what I wanted to do."



Lydia Wheeler. Photo by Joaquin Sosa

After graduation, she got her start writing about county government in her home state of New York before making her way to Virginia, where she worked as a reporter for *Inside Business*. When the job at *The Hill* came up, she jumped at the chance to apply.

She's been working there now for a year and a half, usually stationed in the press room at the US Capitol or across the street at the Supreme Court, covering everything from new business regulations to the Texas one-person-one-vote case.

Still, DC presents a journalist with as much stress as excitement. Keeping up with the fast-paced news cycle can be a struggle, Wheeler says. On this stage, curtains are often closed to the media and the general public, and when she does get a glimpse in, her sources may hold their information close to their chests.



"It's definitely hard to know what's going on all the time," she says.

Regardless, the self-proclaimed newspaper junkie loves her job and doesn't regret heeding the words of her professors. And she sees that journalists play an important role in our country. "We have a government for the people and it's important for the people to know what their elected leaders are doing," she says.

"Sometimes my job can be very stressful. I'm on Capitol Hill and I'm competing with all these other journalists that are trying to get the same stories," she says. "At the end of the day, I never rethink what I chose to do. I really enjoy my job; I learn a lot, and every day is different. I write about different things all the time and it really keeps me interested."

Wheeler was lucky enough, for instance, to be back in the courtroom in June 2015 at the Supreme Court when the 5-4 decision on the same-sex marriage case was announced. "It was incredible to be part of history covering *Obergefell v. Hodges*," she says. "It was also a whirlwind day. The Supreme Court has a strict policy on no phones, cameras, or recording devices in the courtroom. It forces you to take good notes and listen carefully. In big cases you don't always get a seat where you can see all of the justices. Voice recognition is key."

On that day, though, Wheeler had a good view and was able to focus closely on Justice Anthony Kennedy, who is known as the court's swing voter.

"While crowds cheered outside the courtroom, inside was much more subdued," she says. "The Supreme Court commands such a sense of respect, so there wasn't a noticeable reaction in the courtroom itself. I think I wrote three versions of the story – each with a different outcome – before the decision was ever handed down, so we could have the story up online as quickly as possible. It's always a race when it comes to breaking news in this field."

– Jacob Barrett '17

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If you listened to *Morning Edition* on New Hampshire Public Radio during your commute to work or over breakfast in the months leading up to the state's February 9 primary, you likely heard the voices of the presidential candidates who were campaigning here. Through his job as local producer for the National Public Radio program *Morning Edition*, Michael Brindley '03 was a key part of making that possible.

Nonetheless, get into it he did. Brindley says he's had to learn the ropes while on the job, but that the basics of creating a story are generally the same, whether it's in print or on the air.

"The lines are kind of blurred between what the differences are now," Brindley says. "Radio is just another way of telling the story, using sound. I think a great aspect of radio is being able to hear

necessarily new, but this was the first at *Morning Edition*, so it was a little different," he says. He went into the field with some of his fellow journalists to pick the minds of New Hampshire residents, trying to gauge the political climate of the state and find out what is most important to voters. The pressure was on after the ballot boxes closed: he was in the studio at 2 a.m. to put the post-primary show together.

'As-It's-Happening Coverage,' on the Air

"My job is mostly behind the scenes," says Brindley, whose work includes arranging interviews with guests, editing audio to put into the show, managing social media activity, and writing web stories.

Before making his way to NHPR in 2012, where he served as a reporter before becoming producer of *Morning Edition* in 2015, Brindley worked primarily in print journalism. At Keene State, he wrote for the student newspaper, *The Equinox*, becoming an executive editor his senior year. After graduation, he landed a job at the *Nashua Telegraph*, where he mainly covered stories focusing on education in the area.

Ending up at NHPR was a career choice Brindley hadn't predicted during his time at Keene State. "I never thought about radio as something I'd get into," he says.

people's voices, their accents, and the way they are speaking – and then getting sound in the field."

Getting the word out about the first-in-the-nation primary via the medium of radio has put an interesting spin on things for Brindley.

"Having worked as a reporter in New Hampshire for over a decade, I've covered a few primaries, so that wasn't

"I like that. I like the deadline driven, as-it's-happening coverage," he says.

Brindley also covers other local and national political activity and other issues facing the state, including the influence of political polls on elections and proposed legislation, along with New Hampshire-based future stories. But in the Granite State, he says, it's covering the presidential primary that has a unique allure to it.

"The world is looking at what's going on here," he says. "That's pretty unique. There's no other experience like that."

Brindley also says working for a statewide media outlet has given him the ability to have more influence and to tell the stories that people really want to hear. "I enjoy being able to decide what we think is an important story for our listeners and being able to pursue that. That means talking with people who make big decisions, but also being able to shine light on voices that might not get an opportunity to have that stage."

– Jacob Barrett '17

Michael Brindley '03.

Five thousand hours.

That's the amount of additional time that children in middle-class and upper-class households spend in non-school educational activities, as compared with children in working-class and low-income households.



Alyssa DeMarco '16

"It's a big gap," says Alyssa DeMarco '16. "Summer camps, sports teams, playing instruments – all of those things that I was constantly shuttled back and forth to as a kid. But for some kids, that's not possible, just financially."

DeMarco spent considerable time during her senior year at Keene State, through the American Democracy Project at the College, working to help the Keene Housing Kids Collaborative. A nonprofit, the Kids Collaborative partners with local businesses to subsidize participation in theatre programs, soccer camp, art classes, and the like for the 500 children who live in subsidized housing in Keene.

Other Keene State students, also working through the American Democracy Project – which has a mission of promoting civic engagement (and was responsible for bringing numerous presidential candidates to campus over the past year) – set up a study to collect data on the program, including gathering numbers

Filling in the gap

of kids involved and costs. DeMarco got involved in fundraising for five youngsters who will be performing in the MoCo Arts School of Dance June show, "Aladdin's Wonderful Lamp."

The Keene Housing Kids Collaborative and MoCo Arts are each covering 40 percent of the tuition for the five young dancers who live in subsidized housing; the families are responsible for the remaining 20 percent. But costs go beyond tuition, notes DeMarco. Kids in the show typically spend several hours a day at rehearsals in the weeks leading up to the performance. Most of them bring rolling suitcases filled with their dance costumes, makeup, and hair supplies, along with blankets and iPads and board games to occupy them when they're not onstage.

"For these kids, it was already a financial strain to join the program," DeMarco says. "Their parents can't drop off take-out dinner four nights in a row, and can't send them with carry-on luggage filled with electronics."

But, with the help of American Democracy Project students, the five budding dancers will be well equipped. A Keene shop, Dilly's for Kids, is donating a \$100 gift card for each young dancer, so they can purchase any dance equipment they need. And they'll each get a basket containing fleece blankets, playing cards, and coloring books so they'll have things to do during rehearsal breaks. "We've raised quite a bit of money through the CALL program" – Keene State's Cheshire Academy for Lifelong Learning, which

offers courses for senior citizens – "and through a fundraiser," says DeMarco. In addition, she has pulled in students and faculty in the Honors Program, the music education association, and the Theatre and Dance Department to help out, along with students in the Dietetic Internship program, who'll be putting together healthy snacks for the dancers.

The upshot is that there is enough money now to expand the funding beyond the "Aladdin" dancers.

The idea of the Kids Collaborative is to level the playing field and help the kids to become successful in school and then in life. "It's very cool," says DeMarco, a self-described "sociology nerd" who double-majored in sociology and Holocaust and genocide studies, and who was one of two students selected this year to win Keene State's Outstanding Women of New Hampshire Awards.

The award recognized her engagement with the community, something she says is always crucial, adding that college is a great time to be involved.

ABOUT THE ADP

The American Democracy Project is a multi-campus initiative focused on higher education's role in preparing the next generation of informed, engaged citizens for our democracy. The project began in 2003 as an initiative of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, in partnership with *The New York Times*.

The goal of the American Democracy Project is to produce graduates who are committed to being active, involved citizens in their communities. The 250 participating colleges and universities have been described as "Stewards of Place"; their work includes preparing students to become tomorrow's "Stewards of Place."

"In an area like Keene," she says, "there are so many needs that can be met by students. If every student volunteered their services in relevant ways around the city, we could make an enormous impact."

– Kendall Pope '16

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CITIZENSHIP AND HUMANITY IN POLITICS:

4 'Little' Tasks that Matter

Associate Professor Wes Martin has been teaching in the Political Science Department at Keene State since 1998. Among his scholarly interests are the integration of political concepts, experience, and reasoning into the political and personal practices of ordinary citizens. Here he offers four ways we can all meaningfully incorporate politics into our daily lives.



Aristotle framed two important propositions for us in his key works on governance. First, we become citizens of a community to the degree that we participate extensively in its governance. Second, we realize our potential as human beings only when we meaningfully acknowledge our connections to the people who make up our community. These propositions are valuable

because they encourage us to view citizenship and humanity not as fixed categories but, instead, as qualities that we nurture gradually over long periods of work with other people. In brief, they tell us to attend to the development and interdependence of community-governance ("politics") and self-governance ("ethics") in daily life.

Given these considerations, what kinds of actions develop a citizen and human being? The usual answer to this kind of question urges us to honor and emulate the exercise of political leadership in seeking and holding public office, and in deliberating and casting formal votes. However, even though such "large" acts help to shape our communities in ways that we can readily identify, there are relatively few opportunities for people in any given community to serve as political leaders or office-holders, and there are relatively few opportunities for people to cast decisive votes on the matters that affect our lives. Perhaps we should broaden our search for answers.

If we turn from large acts to the little things that matter in politics, we can still consider tasks that determine how well we live, but the tasks involved become sustainable precisely because they can be incorporated into any person's daily life. Accordingly, here are four "little" tasks that matter.

1. *Read and think carefully about public affairs, daily.* News reading and analysis are political acts. They are to politics what attentiveness is to a personal relationship. I ask my students to read at least

one American and one foreign news source each day. Continuity and variety in sources will help you develop perspective, so pick a small number of diverse news providers and follow them to see how they treat problems over time.

2. *Engage in regular conversations with somebody who does not share your approach to politics.* Politics is not just rule-making that binds people; politics is also deliberative work on issues that divide us. Although it is often noted that politics is the art of authoritative and legitimate compromise, it should be noted that politics is also what we do to solve problems when we start with basic disagreements. You might begin with an in-law that you have to live with... who disagrees with you on matters of public policy, so that you can practice the art of listening to positions that you find uncongenial or even threatening. Then ask how the two of you can frame a solution.

3. *Enumerate as often as you can the kinds of laws that you believe to be valuable – and worthy of your observance.* Again, politics is not just rule-making; politics is also obedience to rules. Tell a colleague or your child which taxes you are happy to pay and why, which speed limits you are prepared to observe and why, which crosswalks you are prepared to respect with grace and patience and why. This advice reminds us that beyond a

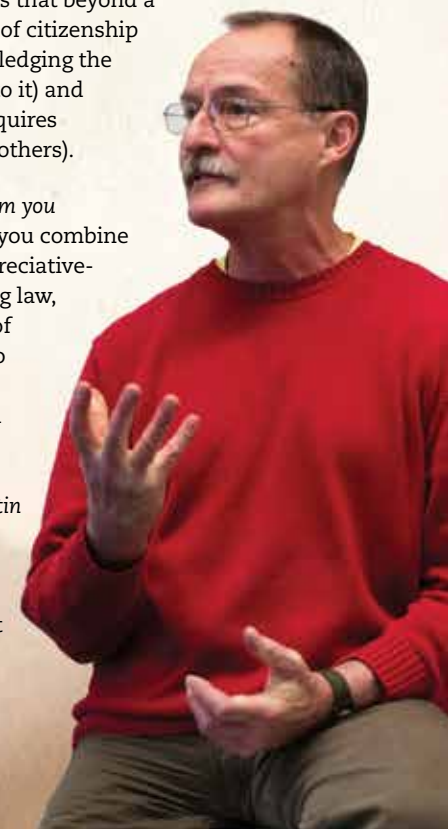
minimum standard there are degrees of citizenship that range between dormant (acknowledging the letter of the law without conforming to it) and active (acknowledging that politics requires submission to being ruled, in part, by others).

4. *Finally, enlarge the circle of people whom you include in your political conversations.* If you combine well-informed conversation with appreciative-albeit-critical consideration of existing law, you will be contributing to the stock of ideas that your community can use to govern itself. Your political influence will simultaneously be magnified and transmitted to the people who need those ideas.

– Wes Martin

Find Wes Martin's recommendations for news sources and suggested readings in Aristotle at keene.edu/mag.

Wes Martin in the classroom.



Success – en español

KEA Scholarship Focuses on Language and Culture

Kirsten Agla, a Keene State junior from Bedford, New Hampshire, has used her college experience to fully immerse herself in the study of the Spanish language and culture – with the help of a scholarship overseen by the Keene Endowment Association. With a double major in Spanish and sustainable product design and innovation, as well as membership in the College’s Honors Program, she has also embraced the liberal arts experience by developing a skill set with a wide variety.

Among these skills is leadership, as Agla sits on the Student Honors Council, which is the student voice of the Honors Program. She has learned to articulate the wants and needs of the students, as well as analyze the program to see where improvements can be made.

As a result of her study-away experience, Agla has joined the Global Culture Club, which allows international students to come together and interact with other students. “This is important to me,” she says. “Since I studied abroad, I feel like I can really relate to these students, and offer them advice.”

“My Spanish is ten times better because of it.”


Agla’s interest in the Spanish language is further demonstrated in Agla’s show, “Radio Relámpago,” on Keene State’s own radio station, WKNH. This show is conducted completely in Spanish, which allows her to practice speaking the language and gives other students the opportunity to experience spoken Spanish along with popular Spanish music.

Agla’s love for the Spanish language as well as Hispanic culture carries over into other cultures as well. She traveled to India with the Honors Program’s global engagement initiative in January 2015. “Our group looked different than the people all around us – it was really eye-opening for us, and was a really valuable experience,” says Agla.

The interest she has in graphic design led her to a work-study job in the Academic Affairs Department and the Multicultural Office, where she designs event posters and performs various office tasks. “I considered majoring in graphic design, so it’s more than just an interest,” she says. “It’s something I can put on my résumé.”

Agla is one of this year’s recipients of the Frank H. Blackington Jr. Endowed Scholarship. The scholarship, one of many managed by the Keene Endowment Association, was established in 1987 by the family and friends of Frank H. Blackington Jr., a member of the Keene State faculty who specialized in foreign languages. Kirsten said the scholarship has made all the difference for her in the type of work-study job she was able to choose. “Because I can focus on the content and the experience of the job, instead of the money, it allows me to focus on my studies.”

– Michelle Green ’16

 For links to more information about the Keene Endowment Association and ways to make a donation, visit keene.edu/mag.



Kirsten Agla on an international study trip. Courtesy photo



Melanie Adams



Joseph Darby



Beverly Ferrucci



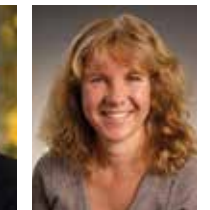
Amanda Guthorn



Robert Kostick



Stephen Spiegel



Skye Stephenson

Melanie Adams and Wanda Swiger, Physical Education
Co-edited a textbook, *Epidemiology for Athletic Trainers*, that was released this winter.

Paul Baures, Chemistry
Received a grant for \$91,932 from the National Institutes of Health for “New Hampshire IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence: Advancement of a Novel Fatty Acid Synthase Inhibitor.”

Joseph Darby, Music
Presented a paper, “Publishing Music by Subscription in 18th-Century Britain,” at a joint congress of the International Musicological Society and the International Association of Music Libraries, Archives, and Documentation Centers.

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.

Mary Feeney, Development
Joined the Advisory Board of Prospect Research Review, an independent publisher of research product reviews.

Beverly J. Ferrucci, Mathematics
Gave two presentations on the Common Core State Standards at the Southeast Asian Regional Center for Mathematics and Science Education in Penang, Malaysia.

Rosemary Gianno, Anthropology
Published “Landscape of Ghosts: Semelai Shamanism and a Cosmological Map,” a chapter in *Malaysia’s Original People: Past, Present and Future of the Orang Asli*.

Patricia Pedroza González, Women’s and Gender Studies/American Studies
Received an \$8,000 grant from the New

Hampshire Charitable Foundation to support conference attendance and student projects related to reproductive justice, sex and virginity, and International Women’s Day. Also hosted conversations on “Latino Americans: 500 Years of History,” a film series at the Brattleboro, VT, public library.

Brian Green, Sociology
Published a paper with his colleague Maciej Kryszczuk of the Polish Sociological Association in the September edition of *Management and Business Administration: Central Europe*.

Amanda Guthorn, Campus Safety
Earned certification in public safety and campus law enforcement legal issues through a San Diego State University program.

Carolyn Smith Keller and Saran Ghatak, Sociology, Criminology, and Anthropology
Received a \$95,020 grant from the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation for their project analyzing the social and political contexts of craft beer entrepreneurship.

Robert Kostick, Graphic Design
Received a scholarship from the Lorenzo de’Medici Italian International Institute in Florence, Italy, to help support his research of Florentine art, architecture, and design.

Seelan Manickam, Music
Performs on a new recording of *Deus ex Machina*, with Cape Ann Opera. The recording received three awards (including two Gold Medals) from the 2015 Global Music Awards. Manickam is also featured on a recent recording by Bala Brass.

Shannon Mayers, Redfern Arts Center
Received a grant for \$700 from the New England Foundation for the Arts to help fund a trip to the International Theatre eXchange/Dublin Theatre Festival in Dublin, Ireland.

Rodney Obien and Brantley Palmer, Library
Received a \$10,000 grant to archive and preserve the papers of four New Hampshire poets laureate.

Emily Porschitz, Management
Coauthored two forthcoming publications: “Drafting ‘foot soldiers’: The Social Organization of the War for Talent,” *Management Learning*; and “Get on the Same Page: Strategy Mapping for Family Businesses,” *Journal of Business Strategy*.

Anthony Scioli, Psychology
Received a grant for \$63,412 from the National Institutes of Health for “New Hampshire IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence: An Efficacy and Feasibility Study of a Hope-Centered Intervention for Adolescents.”

Steven Spiegel, Global Education Office
Elected Northeast Region representative to the Council of the National Student Exchange Governing Board.

Skye Stephenson, Global Education Office
Chaired and presented a session, “Sacred Aspects of Study Away,” at the NAFSA Association of International Educators XI Conference in Farmington, CT, in October.

Christopher Swist, Music
Wrote a fanfare called *From the Rocks to the Stars* that was performed in November by both the Keene State College Concert Band and the New Britain (CT) Symphony Orchestra.

Larry Welkowitz, Psychology
Received a grant for \$63,006 from The National Institutes of Health for “New Hampshire IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence: Behavioral and Cortical Effects of Computerized Language Training for Autism.”

1936

80TH REUNION
June 10-12, 2016

Velma Pierce Smith used to live in Canada but now lives with her daughter, **Martha Smith Campbell '65**, in Bradford, ME. Velma met her husband at Keene Normal School.

1939

It's always nice to hear from **Ruth Maker Worrad**, who lives in Newport, NH, and keeps in contact each Christmas.

1941

75TH REUNION
June 10-12, 2016

Barbara Jeffery Stimson
678 Pettyboro Rd.
Bath, NH 03740

This is a special anniversary year for the Class of 1941; class secretary **Barbara Jeffery Stimson** penned a letter encouraging all classmates to come to reunion. Barbara would like to return to Keene herself, but due to the distance from her home, she didn't feel she could.

Frances Day Bolles always re-members to share the holiday season with a beautiful card.

1942

Peggy Smith Campbell
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Our sympathy goes out to the family of **Ruth Callender Lee**, who died in February 2015. Her family wrote: "She always spoke fondly of her years spent and friendships made during her four years at Keene State."

In the fall of 1941, **Phyllis Bean Osgood** was doing her student teaching at Hancock High School when Pearl Harbor was attacked. She remembers that most of the men on campus left to fight in World War II. She is concerned that today the students read this only as a boring day in history.

1943

Caroline Nichols Pregent
30 Giffin St.
Keene, NH 03431

1944

Norma Wright Walker '51 was excited to learn that Janet Joslin Chin and some of her family would like to attend the Golden Circle luncheon at Hart's Turkey Farm in August. Janet had done her student teaching at Hancock High School when Norma was a student. They haven't seen each other since then.

Sad news from **Rosina Digilio Stark**, saying that her husband of 65 years had passed away. They were regulars at the Golden Circle gatherings for a number of years and also attended the annual alumni reunions.

1945

Last fall, **Carolyn Wynott Goodwill** attended the alumni gathering held at Havenwood Heritage Heights, the Concord retirement community where she lives. She always looks forward to seeing alumni and staff, and last fall College President **Dr. Anne Huot** shared conversation and lunch with the group.

Nancy Scripture Ashford lives in Weare, NH. She doesn't drive much anymore, so is unable to attend alumni gatherings.

1946

70TH REUNION
June 10-12, 2016

Shirley Ring Green and **Brigida "Breeze" Saladino Mosley** did their student teaching at Hancock High. Later, Breeze married classmate Al, who went on to become principal in Hancock. Today Breeze volunteers at the alumni office, has numerous sessions playing bridge, and enjoys lots of family time.

Shirley keeps in touch from Montana. She enjoys receiving her birthday card from the alumni office and news from the campus. Shirley wrote that they had a huge

snowstorm in late November, making it feel more like Christmas than Thanksgiving.

1947

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1948

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1949

Ellie Hughgill Muldoon
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Lily Pond Overlook
Pocasset, MA 02559
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1950

The Class of 1950 sends sympathy to the family of **Carlton Nutter**. He will be missed.

Priscilla Holmes Roberts is enjoying her stay in Florida. She is planning to attend the 150th Golden Circle luncheon, which will be celebrated at reunion on June 11.

Sal and Shirley Manna sent a holiday card from sunny Florida. They are delighted to hear about events at Keene State.

1951

65TH REUNION
June 10-12, 2016

Norma Wright Walker
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Swansey, NH 03446
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Norma Walker writes: "I received a beautiful long letter from **Barbara Sullivan Brooks**, who is busy as a Supervisor of the Checklist in her town. She is hoping to be reelected to her fourth six-year term. Barbara entertains weekly with a meal and a game of Scrabble. Her son Bob lives with her, and they buy and sell new and older items, many of which are carried in four shops they own. Bob manages one and the others

have their own staff. Barbara is also active in her church, plays the piano for her own enjoyment, and takes time just to watch the birds.

"No snow in Rhode Island for the Christmas holidays, which pleased **Eleanor Drowne Banfill**. By the time you read this she will have her fifth great-grandchild. She is glad to be living close to her family so she can enjoy all the special events that happen. Ellie wrote about remembering being the head of badminton, working with the kindergarteners at Wheelock School, and other wonderful times as a student.

"Lucky **Marilyn Wilcox** lives year round with her nephew in Florida. Most summers she comes back to New Hampshire. We would love to see you, Marilyn.

"**Ruth Lake Lavine** has marked the days on her calendar until Reunion 2016, because she plans to attend to celebrate her 65th anniversary of graduating from Keene Teachers College. Ruth recently retired from teaching. Now she is very active in her church, sings in the choir, and is a leader of several groups. Ruth enjoys her membership in the Red Hatters.

"**Margaret Rhoades Bost** started a new way of doing her Christmas card list by beginning at the end of the alphabet, so mine came earlier than usual, which was very nice. Margaret spent some time in Idaho with family again last year. Son David traveled several times up from Baltimore for a visit. Several nieces and nephews come to her house after school to wait for rides home. Margaret volunteers, is active in her church, and is a member of the Women's Club.

"Nice to know that **Martha Bassett Sargent** and her husband were able to sell their home and have moved into a comfortable senior housing development. Martha is delighted with the location because it is in a convenient location and there are many activities to enjoy. She also said the neighbors are very nice.

"My roommate **Rita Hayes Evans**

is busy with family and various activities. Good for you, Rita, keep it up.

"I recently spent nearly an hour on the phone with **Pat Parent O'Donnell**. She is always anxious to hear the latest news from the Keene State campus. She takes care of a great-grandson and is always there for her family. I always enjoy my visits on the phone with her.

"Sounds like classmate **Polly Bullard Brown** and husband, Clayton, are slowing down a bit like the rest of us. They did spend two months at their cottage. They had four generations of family there at one time – how wonderful! Nice to know that Polly and Clayton are planning to come to campus to celebrate our 65th. They will also be celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary. Congratulations from all of us!

"**Ruth Bickford Peck** lives in Maine and was looking for snow at Christmas as well as skiers and snowmobiles. Bickie hopes to have someone drive her to Keene for our 65th.

"I had a birthday call from **Elaine Schmidt Chesley**, who is spending a few months in the Naples, FL, area. This year she didn't take any warm clothes with her so had to go to a consignment shop to get a couple of sweaters and a rain coat.

"Other classmates who shared holiday cards with me were **Del Langille, Audrey Tucker Starkey, Joan Greeley Simpson, Dick Rogers, Carol Jones Jackson, and Elsie Bowes Brenner**. I hope I didn't leave anyone out. I love to hear from all of you by mail, phone, or email. Help me keep this column full."

1952

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Irene DiMeco Parent
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bep27iap@comcast.net

Claire Waterhouse Simensen
17 Sullivan Ct.
Salem, NH 03079
cws603@comcast.net

Claire Simensen writes: "Hello to all. Would still love to hear from some of you. Please share the interesting things going on in your lives with your fellow classmates.

"I had a nice note from **Don Carle** at Christmas. He seems to be doing well. He's still attending events at the College – especially sports. I hope to catch up with him this spring at softball games. My grandson's girlfriend is on the team and she's a senior, so I'm really hoping to get to one or more of her games.

"Sad news to read of the passing of **Bob Mallat '58**. He was such a dedicated alum and citizen of Keene. Norma and he were always in attendance at our reunions.

"There are many changes in the alumni office. **Patty Farmer '92** and **Kirsten Camp '91** will surely be missed. I wish them well in their future endeavors. We are lucky to have **Norma Walker '51** heading the Golden Circle. She makes it possible for us to get together with so many alums. Thank you, Norma.

"The highlight of my year was a trip to Italy last fall with my daughter and son-in-law. We had a couple of nights in Rome and six nights in Montecatini Terme. From there we took day trips to Assisi, Lucca, and Florence. Florence is a city full of art and history. We had a wonderful tour director and guides in each city. I celebrated my 85th birthday while we were there. Our last day in Rome we toured the Vatican. Awesome! I'm so thankful that I was able to make the trip.

"As you are reading this we will be only a year away from our 65th reunion next June. Mark your calendars and try to attend. It is usually the first or second weekend in June. Watch for the actual date in future issues of *Keene State Today*.

Winnie Langtry writes: "What a thrill it was for me to see my friends **Chris '89** and **Paula**

Mitchell '91 Demers being honored in the latest *Keene State Today* magazine. They have done so much with their education from Keene State and for several years I have tried to get someone to tell a bit of their many stories and how they and their parents and grandparents have affected the drama activities in the Hopkinton and Concord area. Every other year a variety show is put on in Hopkinton, and Paula usually directs it. Her mother, Sue Mitchell, and dad, Dick Mitchell, and her grandparents were all involved for over 30 years putting on shows for the PTA and then the church. Proceeds were given to local charities for many service projects. Thousands of dollars from each show have been used for the betterment of the whole area, and the fun and the fellowship that is developed in the whole town lives on year after year. They also act in the Concord Community Players shows and work and teach in the local school system as well. Their daughter, Katharine, a senior at Concord High School, is also involved, and it will be interesting to see how she carries on in college.

"I hear from **Anita Nestor** quite often, and sometimes we sit and visit on the phone for a half hour or so about things in our lives. She was in Mexico when her sister fell and fractured her pelvis. Anita came home to California and helped her with meals and all. Lately Anna had decided to go into an assisted living home. I am sure Anita will continue to visit her and do all she can to help.

"I had a wonderful time with **Julia, Mary '55**, and **Chris Booras** in Keene on Christmas Day. My family was able to visit me a couple of weeks before Christmas so I was alone. The Boorases invited me to drive over to Keene and spend the day. What a great visit we had, and Mary served a very delicious dinner. So good to get together.

"**Dave Staples** sold his home in Penacook and during the process of getting ready to return to Florida, he had health problems and was very sick in Concord Hospital

and then Health South. Finally he was able to return to Florida. **Sean Gillery '89** was so helpful in getting him help and then to Florida. We wish him the best in his recovery and pray that he will be strong to enjoy his life in Florida this coming year.

"Our reunion should be a very interesting one in June. I do hope you are planning to come as we share a wonderful weekend."

1953

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1954

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June Haymon writes: "As I'm writing this I am looking out at the snow that buried NYC on January 23, 2016. The only thing that helped remove it was the warmer temperatures, not the plows. I received a note from **Beverly Blasenak Slocum**. She had enclosed the obituary of one of our classmates, **Nancy Philbrick Hill**, who passed away January 4, 2016, at the age of 83. She was the wife of the Reverend David S. Hill for over 58 years. She taught home economics in several schools, and worked as a librarian in West Boylston and Plainville, MA.

"Bev reports that she is doing fine in Burlington, VT. She enjoys occasional lunches with **Dean '53** and **Jane Kingsbury Corrigan**. Where are the rest of the members of 1954? I know you are around; I saw you at our 60th reunion. Any news is welcomed.

"Me – I'm waiting for boating season. I just retired as captain from the US Coast Guard Auxiliary after being a member and serving for 20 years. I went through the whole 9-11 event, patrolling on a CG Auxiliary boat, covering for the CG while they were at the Battery. I will never forget and neither should our country. Let me hear from you.

"We had some sad news from our class: **Joy Johnson Falkenham** passed away from complications from Alzheimer's on February 23, 2016. She was my bridesmaid and a friend for all these years."

1955

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Bob "Lefty" Joy '60 and his grandson **Ryan**, who coaches the women's soccer team at Plymouth State University, got together with **Tony D'Ambrosio '60** and his son **Chris**, who coaches the women's soccer team at Eastern Connecticut State University. Pictured from left are **Ryan**, **Lefty**, **Tony**, and **Chris**. **Lefty** writes: "Soccer: what a beautiful game."

1956

60TH REUNION
June 10-12, 2016

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1957

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1959

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1960

Gail Spevack Sheldon
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Gail Sheldon writes: "Sister **Claire Coll** continues her daily work at the Berakah Retreat & Renewal Center in Pittsfield, NH, where she lives as one of five inter-congregational sisters. The

YOU, members of the Class of 1960 – from our scholarship recipient. She is now a junior elementary education major and is very appreciative of the support she has received from our class."

1961

55TH REUNION
June 10-12, 2016

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Dorothy Bean Simpson writes: "The Reunion Committee hopes you will join us in the Keene State reunion fun! We hope you received the personal seasonal cards sent out by our committee members. A questionnaire will be sent your way this spring with more reunion plans and accommodations. Please complete and return the form as soon as you receive it. We will combine everyone's responses and have them available at the reunion. You will be so proud of Keene State College. Please plan on joining our wonderful class, sharing stories, and enjoying friendships."

"A few Facebook postings: **Jane Ross Kageleiry** swinging her golf club in Florida this winter. **Nancy Kidder Howe** enjoying her lovely daughter **Cathy** and grandchildren living in Florida. **Marilyn Woodward Twombly** celebrating her December birthday with family and friends. **John Letourneau** having fun with his beautiful family while living in Orlando. **Betty Bennett Schofield** cheering on the Patriots and enjoying her great family. **Betty Cullinan Barnard** celebrating her birthday with daughters **Meredith** and **Caldwell**. **Jeanne Lachance Erickson** with a big win at Caesar's Casino.

"Join us on Facebook! Come to the 55th and enjoy your Keene State friends!"

1962

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Editor's note: We apologize for inadvertently leaving out a few class secretaries' names, including those for 1962, in the winter issue. **Martha Morse** has been on the job reporting for the class and helping to organize reunions for 53 years! **Stephanie Baute** joined her a few years back. They are eager to hear your news!

1963

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From **Mary Ann St. Cyr Brockelman**: "My Keene roommate **Joyce Stothart Welch** and I are enjoying our annual Florida reunion here in Naples. **Joyce** loves living here and is very busy with friends and activities. I'm here until April – plenty of time for more sunshine and shopping before **Mike** and I have to return home to Massachusetts."

Betty Gillman writes: "Wayne **Murray** sent a few lines letting us know that all is well with his humor and Sarah!"

"**Jane Hawkins Goland** emailed that she and husband **David** are happily staying warm in Venice, FL, for the winter. We miss our family but those in Massachusetts and New Hampshire manage to visit. This year we are looking forward to a visit from **Linda McLaughlin Tate** and husband **Michael**.

"Three years ago, during our 50th class reunion, the members attending decided to use class gift funds to create the Class of 1963 Teacher Education Scholarship Endowment. Those funds are now part of the endowment, thus eliminating the class gift fund. **Carol Racicot Lord**, **Pat Plante Zemi-anek**, and I have signed off on this closure and feel it is important that everyone know. When making your donations, simply indicate the Class of 1963 Endowment and it



A group of Kappas has been meeting for lunch every month for the past five years at the Puritan in Manchester. Thanks to **Barry Osborn '69** for sharing photos of the luncheons.

will go toward an annual scholarship for future teachers."

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1966

50TH REUNION
June 10-12, 2016

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Gene Thibeault has published a memoir about his teaching career. Titled *It's Not Special: A 32-Year Journey in Special Education*, it includes a chapter on life at Keene State. He writes: "I think it may have interest to classmates and educators both past and present. It is available on Amazon.com."

1969

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1971

45TH REUNION
June 10-12, 2016

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1973

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Members of the Class of 1975 gathered for their 40th reunion last year. They are, from left: front row, **Deb Santy Downes**, **Lynda Pheasant Morgan**, **Dianne Reidy Janson**, **Mary Lou Moscaritolo Smith**; second row, **Karen Laskoske**, **Eileen Oechsli Bohigian**, **Linda Cote**; third row, **Rick Cogswell**, **Elaine Rozman Alexander**, **Joan Abbott Nelson**, **Frank Easton**, **Elizabeth Jubenville Tamsin**, **Donna Kuethe**, **Mary Currie Gaulin**, **Jean Harris**, **Henry Maier**.

1975

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Eileen Bohigian and **Dianne Janson** write: "As we approach our golden years with retirement plans in the works, our inquiring minds would like to know how you are planning to fill your time. Each of us is still working at this point, but sooner rather than later we will need to answer that question for ourselves. We thought it might help us (and the greater group of classmates) if you shared your ideas and plans."

We recently caught up with some other Keene alums (**Frank Easton**, **Chuck Maranhas '74**, **David Gagne '73**) and friends to do some night photography – attempting to take the perfect picture catching the full moon shining on a covered bridge in rural Vermont. We're sure that whole idea of being outside admiring the sky on a snowy winter night does nothing for some of you. So what are your plans? Will you stay where you are? Move? Start a new hobby or adventure? Spend more time on the things you are already doing? Please feel free to share your thoughts and pictures.



New class secretaries for the Class of 1975, **Eileen Oechsli Bohigian** (left) and **Dianne Reidy Janson**.

1976

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Philip Bellingham
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Philip Bellingham writes: "Greetings, class. Just a short note. It's been 40 years since 1976. Wow! Remember those days? Try to show up at reunion weekend June 10-12. It will be a HOOT! As in Owl."

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1984

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Mary Jane Rogers Lavoie '84 and **Anna Ballanti Neufeld '83** had an international mini-reunion December 29. Mary Jane and her husband, Marty, spent the holidays in Germany with members of her family, and took a train from Cologne to Nürnberg to meet up with Anna, who had traveled by train from her home in Vienna, Austria. "We had a wonderful time catching up," writes Mary Jane. "I even dragged out an old KSC shirt from my senior year and wore it for the occasion!"

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1986

30TH REUNION June 10-12, 2016

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Michael Trabucco writes: "Hey, EVERYBODY! I'm putting the word 'everybody' in all caps because this time I mean it. Our 30th reunion is coming up, and if you haven't been back to Keene State (or even if you have), make your plans NOW to spend the week-end of June 10-12, 2016, on the



Kristina Hooper Kerry '86 writes: "I got together with **Sue Anderson Fortier '86**, **Steve Fortier '86**, **Monica Larson Wissman '88**, and former Keene State student **Chris Connors** for fun in the sun last July in Clinton, CT. Our little group hadn't all gotten together since Sue and Steve's wedding in 1988, where I was told to bring the 'bubbles' (champagne) and I brought the soap kind. Oops! Anyway, we had a fantastic time catching up with Chris, who resides in Colorado with his wife, Suzanne, and designs and makes beautiful furniture. Sue and Steve are YMCA lifers (running the show), and the Y is all the better for it! Monica is teaching in Massachusetts, and is married to **Derrick Wissman '88**. They live in Florida, MA (yes, there is such a place), with their four children. We couldn't get Derrick off of the mountain that they live on to join us at the beach. Maybe next year! I am a social worker in New Haven, CT, and have lived and worked there for 30 years. All of our kids are pretty much grown, so we are enjoying the 'empty nest = more freedom' stage of life. And ... we ALL work in our chosen fields! Thanks, Keene State, for the education that got us there!"

campus that brought us all together. Thirty years! I know people's lives get crazy, and you have a million things to do, pulling you in a million different directions. Do yourself a huge favor, though, and in June, head in the direction of Keene. I don't think anyone's ever said, 'You know, I'm really sorry I went to my 30th college reunion.' So please, don't miss out on a wonderful time. I hope to see EVERYBODY there.

"Sunshine Club members **Tori Berube**, **Lisa Panzo Smyth**, **Carol Falkenham Arnold**, and **Diane Delisio** were spotted in and around Ogunquit, ME, this summer. They weren't difficult to spot at The Front Porch, singing and drinking and dancing (note: there's no dance floor there), showing off their new seaglass rings, and having an all-around blast. For a few hours, they even shared their craziness with **Michael Trabucco** and his partner, Rob."

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Karen Dicey '91 writes: "My big news is that I finally found a wonderful man to call my husband, who's also a Keene State alum! **Stephen Osciak '88** and I got married September 6, 2014, at the Three Chimneys Inn in Durham, NH. It was a beautiful autumn day for an outdoor garden wedding, with family and friends and dancing into the night. Quite a few old friends with a Keene State connection were there to help us celebrate, including best man **Steve Langs '09**, **Robin Jones Steward '92**, **Gregg DiChiara '92**, **Fred Titcomb**, **Tammy Eppig Poitras '89**, **Gerod Gianattasio '89**, **Julie Larsen Dougan**, **John Tilton**, and my cousin **Robin Todd Riley**.

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From **Karen Dicey**: "It's hard to believe it's been 25 years since we graduated from Keene State!

Hopefully we'll see some familiar faces at reunion in June. Due to social media, I've definitely received fewer class notes during the past couple of years. I'm in touch with a few folks, including **Gregg DiChiara '92**.

"And one quick shout out to **Patty Adams Farmer '92** for doing such a great job during her years as director of Alumni and Parent Relations. Best wishes in your new adventures!"

1992

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Daniel V. Miele, a resident of Duxbury, MA, and financial advisor with Centinel Financial Group in Marshfield, MA, was named a 2016 Five Star Wealth Manager. The award recognizes wealth managers in the Boston area who excel in quality service and client retention. Daniel's selection was

announced in the February 2016 issue of Boston magazine.

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Ky Hote is now the manager and lead preparer for the Liberty Tax Service office in Elgin, TX. Ky has been performing with his band Gypsy Rox for four years, and he also presents George Harrison Tribute concerts (coming to NJ this year!). His son Moses Morrison is now attending University of North Texas as a double major in theater and mathematics. Catch up with Ky at www.kyhote.com.

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1999

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Andrea Salzburg Macnow and her husband, Ethan, welcomed a beautiful baby girl, Juliette Mae Macnow, to their family. They look forward to showing her around the Keene State campus.

2000

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2001

15TH REUNION June 10-12, 2016

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Christine Williams has a new job! This spring she started work as associate director of Enrollment and Communications for Pine Village Preschool. The company is based in Allston, MA, and runs eight schools, with about 450 students total, in the Boston area.

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2003

Angela Watson



Jacqueline Rossbotham '07 married **Robert Dziedzic '07** on June 6, 2015. Now living in Connecticut, the two were married at a yacht club in Jacqueline's home town on Long Island. Picture from left are **Christopher Kurban '07**, **Dan Trujillo '08**, **Tony Simoes '08**, **Robert Dziedzic**, **Jacqueline Rossbotham Dziedzic**, **Brandon Segreve '07**, **Tyson Englehardt '09**, **Colman Kelleher '08**, **Eric Ineson '10**, **Ariana Smith '09**, **Cory Smith '09**, **Andrew Belzer '07**.

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10TH REUNION
June 10-12, 2016

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5TH REUNION
June 10-12, 2016

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2015

Shannon Daley has been named development coordinator for the Maine Behavioral Health Care Association in Portland. Before taking the new job this spring, Shannon worked for the Development Office at Keene State – where she got her start as a student Phonathon caller.



Nichole Garneau Treadway '07 and **Bill Treadway '05** were married July 31, 2015, in Sugarbush, VT. Nichole played field hockey for the Owls, and the wedding attracted a number of Keene State athletes. Pictured are, from left: front row, **Steph Georgivits Johnson '07** (field hockey, '07), **Kerry Gilmore Momnie '05**, **Eric Momnie '05** (lacrosse), **Bill Treadway**, **Nichole Treadway**, **John Maryanski '05** (baseball), **Amanda Rosenbeck '07** (field hockey), **Kristen Zaluki Olsen '06** (field hockey); second row, **Matt Johnson '08** (lacrosse), **Rob Parker '06**, **Mac Tiani '98** (baseball), **Beth Davis '09**, **Sarah Newman Dunholter '09** **Dayan Thurston '07**, **Nick Bejeaud '04** (baseball), **Justin Cox '05** (baseball), **Corey Bell '06** (baseball), **Amanda Bell '06** (softball); back row, **Liz Watson '07**, **Pat Austin '05** (baseball, '05), **Christine Aherne '07**, **Michelle Tiani '03** (field hockey), **Matt Wood '08**. In attendance but not pictured were **Matt Orzulak '05** (baseball) and **Lauren Hannum '08**.



Jennifer Cleaveland Santa Fe '10, who played basketball for Keene State, married **Angela Santa Fe** August 21, 2015, at Zukas Hilltop Barn in Spencer, MA. Angela played basketball for Keene State rival University of Southern Maine. Pictured with Jennifer are the Keene State contingent at the wedding, from left: **Emily Flewelling '08**, **Meghan Farrell '12**, **Laura Chandler '12**, **Nicole Simmler '10**, **Justine Waage '11**, **Lauren Sawyer '11**, **Caitlin Jamiel '07**, **Kristin Degou '10**, **Samantha Hemingway '13**, **Courtney Cirillo '12**, **Meghan Buckley '12**, **Chelsea Renni '12**, **Jen Kinney '09**, **Chantyl Gable '13**, **Liz Zwiebel '11**, **Alyssa Sapp '10**, former assistant coach **Ryan Margaitis**, former assistant coach **Kate Margaitis**, head coach **Keith Boucher** and his wife **Terri**.



Charles Beaudette '32
April 20, 2002
Harold G. Edgerly '32
September 22, 1946
Olive Ames Edmunds '32
November 19, 2015
Olive Moulson Gould '32
June 11, 1992
Madeline Nash Bennett '33
September 17, 2014
Dorothy Morgan Holmes '34
January 28, 2016
Ruth Berry Dodge '39
December 8, 2015
Howard Kimball '39
December 26, 2013
Gertrude Clark Putnam '40
November 18, 2015
Robert L. Johnson '42
May 5, 2013
Ruth Callender Lee '42
February 5, 2015
Christine Janetos McLain '43
February 25, 2016
Ruth Avery Briggs '44
December 3, 2015

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Mary Kachavos Kallechey '45 November 26, 2015	David E. Hackett '58 September 26, 2015	Ethel Vollertson MED'77 February 3, 2015
Bertha "Jackie" Berry Slade '45 November 19, 2015	Robert L. Mallat '58 December 24, 2015	Barbara Bacon '78 August 26, 2015
Marion Stevens Creighton '46 April 29, 2015	Verna Erwin Irons '59 December 22, 2015	Rebecca Howes Chaplinski '93 February 26, 2016
Margaret Larkin Feldblum '47 February 2, 2016	Richard C. Kossakowski '59 January 19, 2016	Matthew McWain Hodges '90 October 8, 2015
Barton Van Wie '49 March 4, 2016	Charlene Fletcher Cobb '61 March 4, 2015	John Morelli '94 February 20, 2015
Carlton W. Nutter '50 August 30, 2015	Nancy Marshall Hollinrake '62 February 1, 2015	Kenneth H. Blair '03 February 19, 2016
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Irene Dunn Wright '52 December 5, 2015	Randall J. Locke '66 February 5, 2016	John P. Lilly '03 October 21, 2015
Patricia Winn Slayton '53 November 6, 2015	Roland F. Galarneau '67 May 10, 2006	Emily N. Grier '06 January 13, 2016
Gladys Clark Whiting '53 February 3, 2016	Raymond J. Raudonis '67 November 24, 2015	Svetlana V. Knorr '06 December 8, 2015
Joy Johnson Falkenham '54 February 24, 2016	A. Carol Shelley '73 November 18, 2015	Marcus Harmon '08 December 5, 2015
Virginia McLavey Taylor '55 January 10, 2016	Michael D. Sullivan '75 February 2, 2016	Joanne C. Sullivan M'09 December 5, 2015
Marjorie Sherman Pyle '56 February 16, 2016	Suzanne Chase White Hedgecock '76 October 22, 2015	Sean Steele '13 January 7, 2016
William L. Brackett '57 January 19, 2016	Karin E. Jones '76 December 10, 2015	
Roger A. Frechette '57 November 12, 2015		

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Newsline

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Class secretaries wanted!

Want to connect with your classmates and get the word out about what Keene State grads are up to? We have several openings for class secretaries. If you're a member of one of the classes listed below and you're interested in helping out, email *Keene State Today* editor Jane Eklund at jeklund@keene.edu.

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1946					



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