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THE FUN AND GAMES ISSUE

The Summer 2018 issue of *Keene State Today* takes a look at the lighter side. We talk with alumni, students, and faculty members about their pursuits that fall into the categories of fun and games. Some are serious (like making sure the NBC Sports crews are safe from danger at the Olympic Games), some are silly (like acting with a student improvisational theatre troupe), and some are pure pleasure (like writing and reading romance novels). Sit back, relax, and have fun!

The First-Person Project highlights three Keene State graduates who live and work in New England. Look for them in the back of the magazine and on our website at keene.edu/first-person.

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Realizing Your Dreams

Melinda Treadwell '90 Interim President, Keene State College

n May 5, I had the honor of conferring degrees on 900-plus undergraduate and graduate students, and welcoming them into the ranks of Keene State College Alumni – now more than 30,000 strong. Among the pieces of advice I shared with them:



Melinda Treadwell, PhD

- "Believe your dreams are worth everything: It is easy to have a dream; the challenge is in believing strongly enough that you will dedicate yourself to doing what is necessary to realize that dream."
- "Step into the unknown: You have no idea how many challenges, opportunities will come your way in the life ahead but the biggest and most important moments in my life have come when I dared to just step forward into the unknown and commit myself to the effort."
- "Be confident enough to fail: ... Failure is how we grow and how deep, meaningful learning happens. If we don't innovate and try new things to solve problems – particularly in our challenging world today – we will stagnate, we will sit comfortably by while others willing to take chances and explore unknown areas of understanding will pass us by."
- "Be a difference maker: I believe individuals can create deep, meaningful change in the world. Take our motto forward: you have 'entered to learn'; now you will 'go forth to serve.' You are incredible individuals and you have made such a difference to this community."

I could echo that last phrase to our alumni population: you are indeed incredible individuals who have made a difference to the Keene State community and the world. I hope to greet many of you in September at our new Fall Alumni Reunion – an event designed to let Keene State grads from all class years re-experience the campus energy while school is in session and students are on hand.

You can learn more about Reunion, scheduled for September 14-16, on pages 18-19. Please come – it will be a great weekend to be an Owl.

In Love with Writing About Love

urtis Herr '86 was appalled when, about a decade ago, one of his graduate students wanted to write her master's thesis on contemporary romance. "I thought it was a terrible idea," remembers Herr, an English professor specializing in Victorian literature at Kutztown University in Pennsylvania. "I thought, 'absolutely not.' I was being an obnoxious academic."

Herr is still an academic, but he's no longer obnoxious when it comes to romance novels. In fact, he's the author of three published romances with two more under way – thanks to that grad student. After he dismissed her thesis plan, she came back with a draft of the first 30 pages and slammed it on his desk. "She was very angry, and rightfully so," he says.

He read her manuscript, found it positive, compelling, and "beautifully influential," Herr says. "Some of the best things about teaching are what we learn from our students." He picked up his pen – after devouring 10 Harlequins and *Romance Writing for Dummies*. "It's

a blast," he says of writing romances. "I get consumed in the imaginative process."

Herr sent his first manuscript, The Fortune Teller's Garden, to Harlequin Romances, where an editor worked with him for a few months but ultimately turned down the book. He submitted to numerous other publishers and eventually landed with Black Lyon Publishing, which is



now the home to that book and the second in the series that takes place in the made-up New Hampshire town of Cobweb Corners, *The Girl With Flowers in her Hair*, both under the pen name Frances DeleCourt Winters. Wild Rose Press published *Surfacing*, a gay romance Herr wrote under the name Daniel Stephens. It's no coincidence that the Cobweb Corners books are set in New Hampshire. The sights, sounds, and smells trace back to Herr's days at Keene State. Main Street in Cobweb Corners is loosely based on Peterborough; the book he's currently writing features an old vaudeville theatre that calls to mind Keene's Colonial.

The College holds a special place in Herr's own romantic life: he met his husband, Rich

Stockwell '85, on his first day on campus. Herr came of age as a gay man during the early years of the AIDS epidemic in New York City. He and his gay friends, he says, did not expect to live long lives. He decided it would be great to "go out" with a master's degree. Because he earned that degree, in English, a friend of his who worked at a community college asked him to jump into a position there. "I said, 'Yeah, I'll give it a whirl,' and the job was a blast."

At the same time, Herr and Stockwell put their Keene State theatre arts degrees to good use, managing a community playhouse, The Langhorne

"We all want to feel our hearts aflutter."

Players, in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. They stepped down when Herr was finishing his PhD at Fordham University. The PhD led to the position he holds now, coordinating the Graduate Program in English at Kutztown University and teaching Victorian literature – a genre that has some pretty clear connections to contemporary romance.

"We all want to feel our hearts aflutter," says Herr, whose books focus on "the awakening of the heart" rather than sex and eroticism – and loosely follow the structure of classic fairy tales. Compared to the stress of academic writing, romance writing is consuming and meditative, he says.

His Daniel Stephens series got its start at a conference of the Romance Writers of America, where a group of women urged him to write gay romances. "I literally said to them, 'Oh, please, you do not want to hear about my fireman fantasies.' They all said, 'Yeah, we do.'" Turns out the biggest audience for gay male romance is women aged 40 to 60. He's at work on the second in



that series now, a romantic ghost story set in Jazz Age Harlem.

Herr focuses on his teaching during the fall and spring semesters and writes romances during the summers and over winter breaks. It's a bit of a double life – as demonstrated when he met the owners of the Ripped Bodice romance bookshop at the Romance Writers of America conference. "They said, 'Frances DeleCourt Winters! Somehow we were expecting somebody very different!'"

"I laughed so hard," Herr says. And why not? Romance novels are fun.

Ove romances? Visit Keene.edu/mag for a list of resources for readers and writers of the genre.



Curtis Herr '86. Courtesy photo

Improvisational Students

t's one thing to be funny in conversation and another to perform funny material. But being funny off the top of your head while on stage? That's something completely different.

"We are constantly figuring it out as we go," says Dominique Pascoal '18, president of 3 Ways 'Til Sunday, a student improv group at Keene State. "We never know exactly how a show is going to go, but if the energy is there everyone helps each other out and there are a lot of laughs."

Pascoal, a theatre major who graduated in May, says improv is a great way for actors to hone their craft. It forces them to think on their feet, act fast, and get immediate audience feedback.

Improvisation is collaborative creation. Pascoal notes that actors who walk into a performance thinking they're going to make jokes on their own, and just throw out funny one-liners, are actually failing their scene partners. To keep things funny, the members of 3 Ways 'Til Sunday make an effort to leave their dialogue open ended so they can feed off of each other. "It's the difference between being a solo artist and being in a barbershop quartet," she says. "You are working with each other to create a more visceral piece of art."

3 Ways 'Til Sunday members practice weekly and perform in residence halls. Most are theatre majors, but that's not a requirement. The group also includes an education major and a psychology major. They typically start off a show by asking the audience to suggest a word or phrase. That prompts one actor to step forward and offer a funny monologue. Then the others jump in and turn it into a skit.

Take, for instance, the time when someone shouted out the word "pineapple." Pascoal did a quick scan of her pineapple-related memories, and came up with one. "I got up and talked about a time I was at a high school party

and jumped on my friend's back," she remembers. "When

I fell off, I felt a sharp cut on my neck. I looked up and saw she was holding a pineapple can with the lid hanging off." Since the monologue had plenty of detail, it was easy for the other members to contribute to the scene, pretending they were hosts of the party.

"It's easy to take life too seriously," says Pascoal. "We all do it. It's not so easy to take a step back and just look at it for what it is, and laugh. We stick to humor because humor helps us heal. It helps us to realize that it's not all bad, that there is always room for laughter."

– Liana D'Attilio '18

Wisit keene.edu/mag for links to 3 Ways 'Til Sunday on social media.

Members of 3 Ways 'Til Sunday in action

3 WAYS

Rhymes with **Humor**

eff Friedman, an acclaimed poet and a lecturer in creative writing at Keene State, is author of seven collections – and is known for the humor in his work. He calls himself a "poet, fabulist, and storyteller"; the poet Gerald Stern calls him "a great liar and an even greater comedian." Friedman, whose course offerings include a class on Writing Funny, says he began incorporating humor into his poems when he realized he was leaving a big part of his personality out of his writing.

Sometimes it's more about being playful than being funny, he notes – about building a reality around something that couldn't happen in the "real" world, as in the way Kafka's masterpiece *The Metamorphosis* is shaped around the concept of a man turning into a giant bug.

Friedman's prose poem "Chair" takes that approach: he'd been noticing how once healthy people begin to become hunched over and unhealthy looking after working long days in front of a computer. The result: this piece about a man who turns into a chair. What's most funny about it, he says, is that the man's wife doesn't seem to mind.

Chair

When the man rises from a chair, after reading the newspaper, his body is shaped like a chair. Must be stiffness from sitting so long, he thinks, and stretches toward the ceiling, but his arms won't reach and his lower half squats. He shouts for his wife to help him. She sweeps in from the kitchen. "What's wrong?" she asks. "I'm shaped like a chair," he says. "You've been hunching down like that for a while now," she answers and sits on his lap. "And you're very comfortable." "I can't go to work like this," he says. "Why not?" she asks. "You sit all day. No one will notice, and besides you're off for the week, so don't worry." She brushes her lips against his. She kisses his nubby cheek, purring. "Your upholstery is lovely," she says. "It's not funny," he snaps and tries to get up, but his wife yawns and stretches her legs over his arms, settling in for a nice long nap.

– Jeff Friedman

Visit keene.edu/mag for a video of Jeff Friedman reading one of his poems and a link to his website.

Poet Jeff Friedman

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FUN

Yep, the Beard is Real

ave Callender '02 has the Christmas spirit all year round, so much so that he recently arrived at Keene State's Alumni Center with jingle bells on, illustrating just how much fun he has as a professional Santa Claus.

A resident of Surry, New Hampshire, Callender was freshly returned from Denver, Colorado, where he attended prior to growing out his white whiskers. "When I was working at National Grange Mutual Insurance, they asked me to play Santa at the holiday party," he says. "It was a lot of fun, so I kept doing it year after year. It just evolved from there."

Callender, a nontraditional student who majored in computer science at Keene State, typically makes 25 Santa



"Are you being good this year?"

Santa Claus, aka Dave Callender '02

the biannual International Brotherhood of Real Bearded Santas – yes, "real bearded" is an important distinction. At this conference, Santas from around the

world (one came all the way from Norway) gather to share tips and

to learn. There were 40 different Santainspired workshops over the two-day event. Callender enjoyed the American Sign Language workshop, where he

He's been a real bearded Santa since 2010, though Callender started playing Santa

learned to sign "Merry Christmas."

appearances a season. The most notable is the Keene Tree Lighting, which takes place annually the day after Thanksgiving. "I like the tree lighting

because that's the start of my season," he says. "It's just so much

fun. I arrive on a fire truck, everyone is cheering, you feel like a rock star."

He certainly felt like a celebrity last December when he arrived in a helicopter at an event in Fitchburg, Massachusetts. "We take off, we fly around the golf club, and then we land at the fifth hole. Snow is going all over the place. That gig was really something cool," he says.

Families also invite Callender into their homes. He's been visiting two families in the Keene area for the past five years, becoming a part of their holiday traditions. "I love making people happy and making kids smile," says Callender. "The happiness is my favorite thing about the holiday season."

One of the most surprising things Callender has noticed is that the old adage about getting coal in your stocking doesn't resonate with this new generation. "Kids don't know what coal is, so it doesn't have the same meaning that it used to have," he notes. "Instead, I say, 'If you're not good you'll get socks and underwear.'"

"Santa also never says 'yes.' He always says, 'I'll see what I can do, we'll try,'" he adds. "You don't want to make promises parents can't keep because you don't know the situation at home." Callender goes on to say that he wishes parents would also indicate that the more expensive items come from them rather than from Santa. "When kids return to school and compare their new toys, and some get nicer things, that can cause a problem," he says.

The most important part of being a professional Santa is staying in character. "You don't want to ruin the magic," he says. "Parents come up to me and ask me my name. I always answer Santa Claus, St. Nicholas, Kris Kringle, Père Noël."

While most don't realize there are professional Santas (the New England Santa Society has nearly 100 members), it's hard to picture Dave Callender as anything else. He's donned real leather boots, a red and white outfit, and is carrying a strap of jingle bells. Even his laugh is jolly and joyful. He certainly convinced a wide-eyed little girl he crossed paths with as he left the Alumni Center after his recent visit, asking her, "Are you being good this year?"

The Business of **Fun**

"WHILE IT'S A FUN TOPIC, IT'S VERY SERIOUS BUSINESS FOR THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE,"

says Victoria Cimino '00 of travel and tourism, an industry she's in the business of promoting.

As director of the New Hampshire Division of Travel and Tourism Development, Cimino, with her staff, is responsible for marketing the state to potential visitors from around the country, Canada, and overseas locations. Her division also oversees New Hampshire's 12 safety rest areas, including the Hookset welcome centers.

Appointed to her position in 2014 by then-Governor Maggie Hassan, Cimino sharpened the focus of the advertising produced by New Hampshire Travel and Tourism. Out went static images of covered bridges and maple trees in muted colors; in came brightly clad skiers barreling down the slopes and white-water rafters plunging their paddles into a churning river.

The current campaign represents an intentional shift away from the "sleepy, passive stuff," says Cimino, who notes that while the earlier images are lovely and iconic, they don't exactly project energy. "Would those images make you want to come to New Hampshire?" she asks.

The state agency takes a multi-pronged approach to tourism promotion, capitalizing on the variety of leisure activities available in what's a relatively small geographic area – from the beaches of Rye to the mountains of the North Country to the museums and nightlife of Manchester. "We have a robust program designed to communicate that we have diversity within proximity," says Cimino.

Through television commercials, digital display ads, social media ads, transit advertising, billboards, and more, NH Travel and Tourism reaches out to potential visitors in the target markets of Boston, New York, Toronto, and Montreal. Judging from the increases in revenue from the Rooms and Meals Tax – 5 to 7 percent each year over the last couple of years – the strategy is working. That tax is the second largest revenue generator for the state, which is why tourism is often called the state's second largest industry. In fact, travel spending supports 37,000 jobs in New Hampshire. In 2016, it totaled \$5.35 billion from 10.6 million visitors to the state. Cimino and her team, via their award-winning marketing efforts, are responsible for bringing in \$831 million in annual visitor spending. That's tax money for the state, she notes, but it's also revenue for the lodging, restaurant, retail, and outdoor recreation sectors.

A management major and French minor at Keene State, Cimino held a public relations position with the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce before landing her first job in the tourism sector – as communications manager at the agency she now directs. That led to work as director of international marketing for the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism. She'd also held PR and marketing jobs when the

opportunity to lead the New Hampshire Division of Travel and Tourism Development arose.

> Cimino's work keeps her busy, but she spends her free time enjoying the leisure offerings she promotes. Food and beverage are passions, so she visits wineries, breweries, and restaurants, and partakes in agricultural experiences like pick-your-own produce farms.

"I love outdoor recreation," she says, "but I have to tell you, if it's summer and it's nice out, you will find me at Wallis Sands State Beach in Rye. It's my favorite of the 93 state parks – I'm a sucker for the ocean." At the end of a day at the beach, she heads across the street for a lobster.

> When the work week rolls around again, she'll be back at the Travel and Tourism Development headquarters in Concord, refining the message and the New Hampshire brand.

Luckily for Cimino, the business of fun is fun in and of itself. "I'm very lucky to be in a position where I'm responsible for the promotion of a destination as amazing as New Hampshire," she says. "I consider myself very fortunate."

> Victoria Cimino '00 Photo by Grace Pecci '18

FUN

Introducing Kids to Art, Literature Through Comics



Emily Drouin '04,

By day, she's a mild-mannered ophthalmic assistant; by night she's a creator of superheroes.

Emily (Watts) Drouin '04, a graphic design major at Keene State, is all about promoting art education and literacy through comics. A resident of Raymond, New Hampshire, she attended her first comic con (short for "convention") in 2010, and since then has been creating comic books, including EPLIS, a sci-fi series on which she collaborates with her husband, Jeremy Drouin '03, and Hyperdork, a romantic superhero series, plus coloring and activity books. For the past four years she has been creating spaces, called Kid Zones, at comic cons for children, and now runs Kids Con New England, the first – and largest – kids comic event in the region. Drouin writes, "I believe that comics are a fun and great way to get kids excited about reading."

• Visit keene.edu/mag for links to Drouin's websites.



Images courtesy Emily Drouin

he first time Erin Spencer '09 got up on stage to try out a comedy routine, she bombed – on purpose.

"Everyone always says you bomb the first time you do stand-up; you really don't get any laughs," she says. "So I waited for an open mike night when the audience wasn't laughing at anything."

The reaction? Let's just say they didn't exactly burst into laughter. "But, hey," says Spencer, "I was just as good as everyone else." And not discouraged from trying it again.

A computer science and management doublemajor, Spencer, who lives in Somerville, Massachusetts, is a software engineer by day. Hired after graduation by a software company based in nearby Cambridge, she now works remotely for a New York City startup doing application development.

She'd been out of college for a few years before starting her standup career, but she honed her comedy skills working at a summer Boy Scout camp while still in school. She loved being on stage there, being funny and making people laugh. She missed that part of her life, so she checked out the Boston-area comedy scene, wrote some bits, and took the plunge at an open-mike session.

Her material? Everyday life as a transgender woman. Spencer, who transitioned post-Keene State, opens by telling the audience she's transgender. "When I get up there,"



And pointing out the humor in them. Here's a sample of her joke-writing process: "One of the things you can do as a transwoman is change your voice," she says. "Right now I'm purposely speaking in a higher tone of voice, but I can go lower if I want. I thought that was funny and would do that among friends." That got her thinking about ways a trans person could take advantage of that particular talent.

She came up with a scenario in which she was on a phone conference call for work, and she'd suggest an idea and no

"I'm just talking about my personal experiences."



Erin Spencer '09

she says, "I want to make sure I actually talk about being trans, because if I don't talk about it they're going to think about it and get distracted and not hear any of my jokes."

She likes the idea that her comedy may open people's minds, and is aware that she is the first transgender person some audience members may have encountered. She doesn't try to speak for the transgender community, though. "I'm just talking about my personal experiences," she says. one else on the call would respond. Then, in a deeper voice, she'd say, "Great idea, Erin! Good job!" After which everyone else would jump in with their own words of praise. So Spencer's voice-dropping trick became a pointed joke about gender and the way women's contributions can be overlooked in the workplace. She practiced it at open mike sessions, got feedback from other comedians in attendance, and made some tweaks before rolling it out for a "real audience."

She typically has routines in mind when she gets up on stage, but she'll mix things up on the fly if the humor isn't working for a particular crowd. All comics occasionally bomb, she notes. Some compensate for a bad joke by acknowledging that it wasn't very funny, or by making fun of the audience for not laughing. Spencer takes another approach. "I just stay in the space and stay confident," she says,

and reminds herself that even if everyone isn't laughing, they're all being entertained.

And when they are laughing? "That's the best," she says. When the crowd laughs even before she gets to the punchlines, she knows they're right there with her, and that gives her leeway to experiment a little, to embellish the joke and make it even funnier.

"Comedy is the thing for me," says Spencer. "It's one of my favorite things. The feeling of getting people to laugh while I'm onstage – it's just wonderful."



"You will not get bored

at the Board Room," says Mary D'Orvilliers, a May '18 graduate who spent school breaks and occasional weekends managing a board game café in her hometown, Middletown, Connecticut.

A board game café is just what it sounds like – a café stocked with Monopoly, Sorry, and the like, where patrons are encouraged to put down their cell phones, set aside their laptops, and sit down across a table from actual people and enjoy some old-fashioned entertainment.

D'Orvilliers, who was looking for summer work, was hired by the Board Room's owner when he first opened the café two years ago. Her job was to stand by the door and greet customers. Now, as a manager, she creates schedules and weekly and monthly events for the café. In those two years, she says, the business has really taken off. The Board Room is lined with shelving that holds more than 500 games ranging from classics like Connect Four and backgammon to some of the oldest games known like Shogi to card games such as Magic and Cards Against Humanity. For \$5, customers can have access to any game from open until close, even if they leave the café and return.

Games are sold at the Board Room as well, so customers who try out a new one there can purchase their own and bring it home.

The Board Room also has a designated area full of books available to read and a kitchen offering food and drinks such as chicken tenders, paninis, mac and cheese, snacks, sodas, tea, and coffee.

The café attracts mostly people in their 20s and 30s, but the ages range. School kids tend to show up during school vacations. A gaming café is a fun place to go for people who want to try something new, D'Orvilliers says: "It's a different activity that's not going to the movies or going roller skating. It's very inexpensive but can last the entire day."

In a time when people tend to connect and to play games virtually, a board game café is a way to reconnect with the actual world. "Everyone is so attached to the technology of having games on their phone, so if you come with a bunch of your friends and get to play games, you forget about your phone because you're so into talking to an actual person and playing a physical game in front of you," she says.

She tends to recommend games that are easy to learn and addictive. "My favorite two- to eight-person game is called Tsuro, in which you build a path and you have to keep your pawn in the middle while your opponents are trying to keep their pawns in the middle, and if they crash into each other you're out. So it's all thinking about where you're going and what your strategy is," D'Orvilliers says. The Board Room also has dedicated game nights, like Dungeons and Dragons, a role-playing game, on Wednesdays and Friday Night Magic, a trading card game.

D'Orvilliers, a secondary education and Spanish major who did her student teaching in a Spanish classroom at Keene Middle School last semester, says that whether she's at the Board Room or in a classroom, she's always using her teaching skills. "When I'm talking to people about their likes and dislikes and trying to see if they're interested in a game or event, I'm definitely trying to use the communication skills I use with kids," she says. "Teaching how to play a board game is the same as trying to teach something in another language."

– Grace Pecci '18



Mid-game at the Board Room. Courtesy photos

GAMES

More Than Fun and Games

hink back to your physical education classes in elementary school and beyond. If you recall only playing games or doing tedious exercises, you're not alone. However, today's physical education classes are different, more exciting, and about much more than fun and games.

"Enjoyment, or fun, is only part of the five standards of physical education," says Eric Carpenter, assistant professor of human performance and movement sciences. "Fun and games is a stereotype. The goal is to help the whole child learn."

At Keene's Symonds Elementary School you might find PE teacher Michelle Tiani '03 setting up a game called Color Tag, in which children run to and from colored cones. The game tests the youngsters' ability to move methodically while under a time constraint. After the game, Tiani sits down with her class, talks to students about the benefits of getting their heart rates up, and teaches them how to find their own pulse. Next, she asks her students to brainstorm ways get active at home.

"We teach the whole student; we're not just teaching them to play tag," says Tiani. "It's about creating a well-rounded student who can take on a challenge in their life, whether it's being the tagger, or answering a question in front of the class, or being able to accept

> losing a spelling bee or losing a race. Physical education gets students ready to take risks and to push themselves to be a better person."

> > Games, the aspect typically associated with physical education, are used to apply learned skills, but these skills can also be applied in fitness activities, dance, lifetime activities





(such as biking or hiking), and sports. Class structure typically centers around learning or reviewing a new skill, practicing it, and then implementing newfound abilities in a rhythmic activity or game.

Tod Silegy '76, a PE teacher at South Meadow School, a middle school in Peterborough, New Hampshire, builds upon learned skills. For example, his students master Pickleball, a paddle sport, and NitroBall, a volleyball spin-off, before moving on to tennis and volleyball. He begins his classes with a short fitness circuit to warm up students before starting team building and problem-solving activities that culminate in learning lifetime pursuits, from rock-wall climbing to skateboarding to mountain biking.

"Our ultimate goal is to help students be movers for their lifetime," says Dr. Donna Smyth, professor and chair of Keene State's Human Performance and Movement Sciences Department. "To lead

"Our ultimate goal is to help students be movers for their lifetime"

a healthy, active lifestyle, you need to be a competent mover. You're not going to like moving around if you don't have the knowledge or skills to be proficient and to enjoy movement." Physical education classes also provide an opportunity to help students build self-confidence. "The accomplishments they make might be the only success they have all day," adds Silegy. "My class gives them an opportunity to succeed."

"By starting physical education with young children, you teach them to value movement from a young age up through high school," says Smyth. "By the time these students leave high school, they're proficient, they appreciate movement, and they enjoy it."

– Laurie O'Hara

Read more about the physical education program at Keene State at keene.edu/mag.

Keene State students training to be physical education teachers make their way through the woods as part of an orienteering exercise in Professor Donna Smyth's Outdoor Pursuits class. Photo by Grace Pecci '18



GAMES

Soccer Playing Girls Wanna Have Fun

A lison Foley '92, the woman at the helm of the powerhouse Boston College Eagles Division I women's soccer team, is clear on where she stands on the topic of fun and games.

"Games are fun," she says – something she emphasizes in a just-released book she coauthored with Mia Wenjen, *How to Coach Girls*. The statistics are clear: girls' participation in sports drops radically over the course of their youth. Of 100 girls who play a sport in elementary school, only two are still playing in college. Girls are six times more likely to drop out of sports than are boys. will be more likely to continue playing sports as they grow up, Foley and Wenjen note in the book's introduction.

How to Coach Girls is just one extension of Foley's work with Boston College's youth soccer camps and clinics. She's also developed Soccer on the Mat, a program for 10- to 14-year-old girls that incorporates soccer moves into yoga techniques. It's taught at a yoga studio in Watertown, Massachusetts.

"I noticed a lot of injuries in kids who play soccer. Knee injuries, strained groins, Achilles tendon issues. Injuries that typically happen much later in life,"



Boston College soccer coach Alison Foley '92 talks to her players. Photo courtesy Boston College Athletics

The antidote to that dropout rate, says Foley, is "keeping it fun." Girls are social beings by nature, and the way to keep them engaged is to celebrate not just the victories, but also other accomplishments like mastering skills – and even birthdays. If coaches can develop the right trustbased relationships with players, viewing them as whole human beings and not just athletes, and nurture the chemistry on their teams, the girls they work with she says. That led to the pilot program that mashes up soccer and yoga, featuring core strength and stabilization, breathing techniques, stretching and holding poses, and meditation along with soccer movements. "It's also empowering to girls," she says, who struggle with confidence in middle school.

Soccer is a family affair for Foley, who started playing at 6 on youth soccer teams in Plymouth, Massachusetts,



where her father was involved in coaching. Her brother, Eric Foley '95, played for Keene State's men's team. Her sister played for Curry College. Her daughter Sidnie, a ninth grader, plays on her school team and a club team.

Foley parlayed her love of soccer into a career while she was in grad school at James Madison University. A psychology major and soccer standout at Keene State, she was working as a graduate assistant coach while attending a counseling master's program. JMU Head Coach Dave Lombardo, who'd recruited her to play for the Owls and then moved down to the Virginia school, said "You know, you could coach for a living if you wanted to. You have a knack."

She switched into a kinesiology master's program, went on to a full-time assistant coach job at JMU for three years, served as head coach at Angelo State University in Texas for a year, and then was hired as head coach for the Boston College Eagles women's soccer team – a position she's now held for 21 years.

Is she still having fun? You bet.

"I'm still doing what I love," she says. "I tell people that one day I'll get a real job. This job is really, really fun. My occupation is the game that I love and teaching the game that I love and recruiting for the game that I love. That's been a blessing."

Link to more information about Foley's book at keene.edu/mag.

A Passion for Karate and an International Win

Melia Gallup '16 is no stranger to winning martial arts tournaments – she's won the top spot in five regional competitions. But when she went to New Mexico to compete in the United States Association of Martial Arts Grand Internationals tournament, she was just hoping to put in a good showing. Instead, she ended up becoming the first woman in 20 years to win the grand championship – an award given to the top scorer in the tournament.

Gallup has incorporated karate into her daily routine as a way of giving back to her community, de-stressing, and creating lasting relationships with other martial artists.

An EMT and volunteer firefighter, she also teaches karate in Sunapee, New Hampshire. "I like to joke that sometimes there's a child hanging off each limb, but I wouldn't have continued doing it if it wasn't fun," she says. "We're very careful about teaching the kids the safe way to do things and be respectful, but we also try to make things as fun as possible," she says.

Gallup has been studying karate since she was a child; she says the "fun" aspect was what attracted her originally. When she came to Keene State, where she majored in film studies and minored in safety and occupational health applied sciences, she began to seriously consider competing, and started in the tournament circuit.

"It's what I do. I started karate when I was 6 and got my adult black belt when I was 16. I've always trained in the martial arts," she says. "Anytime I have a bad day I can come home and train or go work with the kids, because they will require all my attention. It's a passion of mine, so anytime I'm practicing it, I'm happy."

Practicing karate and competing in a tournament, however, are two completely different beasts. A tournament is not like a fight, she notes. "You're not kicking and punching someone. I present a form or a preset arrangement of movements. In the final round, I used partners to demonstrate the application of those movements to show that I knew what I was doing."

Gallup had prepared for the Grand International tournament diligently for three months, and went in hoping for the best but expecting nothing.

"I think mindset is important, being able to find that sweet spot of being nervous but also relaxed and focused on the task. I'm just there to present what I do, and hopefully it's clear how hard I've worked," she says.

When all was said and done, Gallup placed at the top of a list of over 200 international competitors, both male and female and from every age bracket.

"They told me that I was the first woman to win at the tournament in 20 years, which gives me chills to think about," she says.

Even when at a tournament, Gallup is able to find ways to make relationships with her fellow competitors. Some even assisted her in later rounds after she defeated them.



Amelia Gallup '16 on the podium at a recent competition. Courtesy photo

We're very careful about teaching the kids the safe way to do things and be respectful, but we also try to make things as fun as possible.

"I went out to New Mexico knowing maybe two people, and by the time I left I had met all these awesome people, and made some really great friends," she says.

– Will Wrobel '11

Tyler Dabrowski

Two 2013 Grads at Work at the Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang

TYLER DABROWSKI: Speed Skating Coach

fter four years of working with US Speedskating, Tyler Dabrowski '13 had been on hand for a number of world cups in both European and Asian countries. Still, accompanying the national team to the 2018 Olympics in South Korea wasn't exactly just another day – or, rather, month – at the office.

"It was truly a great experience," says Dabrowski, who, as strength and conditioning coach for the team, walked alongside the athletes in the opening and closing ceremonies in Pyeongchang Olympic Stadium. "I don't know that I'll have many things in my life that will compare with that," he says.

The US skaters picked up two medals at the Olympic Games – a Silver in the men's 1,000-meter short track and a Bronze for the women in team pursuit. Dabrowski was on hand at Gangneung Ice Arena for the winning races, and watched the athletes do a victory lap carrying the American flag. The skaters work so hard, he notes, in a sport where everything is focused on a competition that comes only once every four years. That made it especially gratifying to see them win medals.

Beyond that, just being at the Games was special in and of itself. Dabrowski lived in the Olympic Village and had the chance to sample some of the other sports – including seeing the Gold-medal winning US women in an ice hockey match – and to partake of South Korean hospitality.

A health science/exercise science major at Keene State who is currently working on a master's in sport coaching, Dabrowski is responsible for about 60 athletes who make up the three developmental teams and three national teams that train at US Speedskating's Salt Lake City facility. He works with the athletes in the weight room and on warm-ups, and works with coaches and physical trainers on structuring individual workout and rehab programs for skaters. Pretty good for a guy who knew almost nothing about speed skating when he started an internship with US Speedskating in 2014. He did know quite a bit about strength and conditioning, though. Dabrowski's Keene State degree helped him land an internship with the Williams College strength and conditioning coach right after graduation, and that led to an internship at the University of Florida, where he worked with the football, track and field, swimming, baseball, and lacrosse teams.

Those experiences brought him to US Speedskating for a paid internship and then the full-time job he currently holds – doing something he's loved since he was a kid growing up in Adams, Massachusetts.

"When I was younger, I played a lot of different sports," he says, "mainly soccer and basketball, and then I injured my back when I was 14 and I wasn't able to try out for the basketball team because of the injury. So I started weightlifting, and I saw

"It was truly a great experience."

all the positive results from it. Going into my freshman year in high school, I got hooked on

it. I really enjoyed it, how it gave me confidence, and how much it helped with my rehabilitation. I played varsity as a freshman on the soccer team, and I saw that I was able to compete with the juniors and seniors just because I spent so much time weightlifting and training."

His desire to continue to improve, mentally and physically, and to help others do so as well led him to his health science major and then his career – four years with US Speedskating that landed him at the Olympic games. "Growing up, I never would have imagined being part of that," he says. "To be able to go as a coach with these athletes is something I am really thankful for."

GAMES

JULIA BRENKER: Sports Production Safety Manager

ulia Brenker's job as an environmental health and safety manager for NBC Sports landed her a front-row seat to some of the events at the 2018 Winter Olympics. "I saw the US Women's Gold Medal hockey game," she says, "which was amazing, and I climbed up the half pipe to watch Shaun White's Gold Medal as well."

Brenker, a safety and occupational health applied sciences major who graduated in 2013, travels to sporting events as part of her work. She's not there to watch sports – that's just a happy side benefit. She shows up early and stays late for the Olympics, the Kentucky Derby, Sunday Night Football, and more to make sure that the set-up required for NBC to broadcast the event is safe and that all local, state, and federal regulations are followed.

Brenker and her team are there in advance to oversee construction, check, inspect, and make fixes to structures and equipment, and have medical plans and crisis plans in place in case of an emergency.

"Sports productions are a lot like live music venues," she says. "We have camera platforms and a lot of scaffold platforms, and personnel that are working from heights in order to get the shots that everyone at home sees on their television. There's a lot of pre-show work that we do by serving the location about two weeks before our crew gets on site. Our crew can range from anywhere from 50 people to about 250 employees on site."

In the case of the Winter Olympics, 2,345 NBC employees were on hand in South Korea, with roughly half in the coastal area where the Olympic Village was located and half in the mountains, the venue for alpine events. Brenker was based in the mountains, staying at a hotel and working out of the International Broadcast Center. She spent five and a half weeks there before, during, and after the Games. She and her team worked hard, she says, but they were also able to enjoy some of the events. From a safety perspective, the most critical issue was the cold. Luckily, they planned for it in advance. "We saw that Pyeongchang is the coldest place on earth at that latitude in January and February," she says. The safety team countered that by purchasing and bringing along heated vests for the crew to wear outside, during events, and during the opening ceremonies – when the wind chill brought temperatures down to minus 25.

"We saw that Pyeongchang is the coldest place on earth at that latitude in January and February."

"It was sunny during the day," she says, "but the minute you lost the sun, it was crazy cold. About 50 percent of our staff worked outside. So we stocked up on toe and boot warmers, and mountain gear – spikes for shoes. We had people on the side of a mountain, on the half pipe. We had all sorts of cold weather gear."

Brenker has been working in the production end of the safety field since before she graduated from Keene State, getting work experience during an internship at SeaWorld Orlando. She followed that up with a job as safety production manager for ESPN, then spent a year as a safety specialist with AAA Southern New England. She's been working with NBC Sports Group, based in Stamford, Connecticut, for two and a half years.

She's also working on a master's degree in safety through Keene State's online program, which she hopes will introduce her to some other areas in the field. "I owe a lot to Keene State," says Brenker, who arrived on campus planning to become a teacher and switched majors after taking a safety class with Professor Wayne Hartz. "It has been a fun career."

Julia Brenker. Courtesy photos

FACULTY & STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS









Shannon Mayers Christopher Swist

Meg Henning Kirsti

Kirsti Sandy

Kirsti Sandy, English

Winner of the 2017 Monadnock Essay Collection Prize from Bauhan Publishing in Peterborough, New Hampshire. Bauhan will publish her full-length collection, She Lived, and the Other Girls Died, in the fall.

Patricia Pedroza González, Women's and Gender Studies

Honored as one of five recipients of Keene State College's Outstanding Women of New Hampshire awards. This year, the award recognized New Hampshire women who persisted in fighting discrimination against women.

Meg Henning, Public Health

Received a Fulbright scholarship to conduct research on healthcare for adolescent and adult mothers in Zambia.

Christopher Swist, Music

His piece "Cities at Twilight" was Bachovich Music Publications' featured composition for May.

George Smeaton, Institutional Effectiveness & Institutional Research Was lead author of an article, "Generation Cohort Differences in Male and Female Use of Tactics to Gain Sex from an Unwilling Partner," published in Journal of Sexual Aggression.

Shannon Mayers, Redfern Arts Center

Received a grant from the New England Foundation for the Arts to attend arts festivals in New York City.

Jose Lezcano, Music

Performed the world premiere of his "Mojito, Guitar & String Quartet" with violinist Jennifer Ellowitch and members of the Portland Chamber Music Festival at the Maine Academy of Modern Music, Portland Chamber Salon Series, and the Portsmouth (NH) Athaneum Series.

Kate Tirabassi and Cynthia Smith, Center for Writing

Presented, along with three writing tutors, at the 2017 National Conference on Peer Tutoring in Writing at Hofstra University. Their topic: "What's History Got to Do With it?: Revisiting our Past to Revise Writing Center Practices."

Kate Tirabassi, Center for Writing, English

Hosted the Northeast Writing Across the Curriculum Consortium's (NEWACC) fall meeting. She is currently serving a two-year term as vice chair of the consortium.

Zachary Giroux, Mason Library

At Northeast Historic Films Symposium in Bucksport, Maine, premiered and discussed a series of home movies from Keene State's Louis de Rochemont Film Archive that were recently preserved and digitized through a grant from the National Film Preservation Foundation.

REUNION 2018



See You

eene State will be hopping with activity the third weekend of September, and our graduates will be a big part of it! We hope you'll join us for the official launch of the College's new fall Alumni Reunion, which is designed to take advantage of the energy on campus when school is in session – and give alumni and students a chance to connect. Through a survey conducted a couple of years ago, hundreds of alumni suggested the best time of year for Reunion is fall.

"The idea to move reunion to the fall was really to provide an opportunity for alumni to make new connections, to celebrate and revisit their college days, and to engage with currently enrolled students," says Kristin (Mehalick) Brooks '11, a member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors who is part of the organizing committee.

The event's theme: Reconnect, Rediscover, Relive. Festivities begin with a kick-off party the evening of Friday, September 14, continue with a full slate of activities on Saturday the 15th, and wrap up with the traditional President's Brunch with Interim President Melinda Treadwell '90 at 9 a.m. Sunday the 16th.

What can you do at Reunion?

Get active: Climb Monadnock; enjoy a scenic bicycle ride; join the Walk to End Alzheimer's; cheer for the men's soccer team.

Get smart: Like TED Talks? Take in a KED Talk (Keene Educational Dialogue with Keene State Faculty). Choose from "Disability History and the Civil War" with Dr. Graham Warder, "Intro to Epidemiology: The John Snow Story" with Dr. Margaret Henning, and "Anthropocene: The Age of Humans" with Dr. Priyanka Roy Chowdhury. Later, you can check out a panel of alumni who were leaders during their student days – they'll be talking with students about their Keene State experience and how it helped them become successful.

SEPTEMBER 14–16



in September!

Get art: View an exhibit of artwork by Keene State alumni – and meet the artists. See what's on display at the Thorne Sagendorph Gallery, and try your hand at making your own art.

Catch up: Tour campus and check out the changes. Take part in an interactive scavenger hunt that incorporates some campus history. Browse photos from days of yore. Join with your classmates in the traditional Parade of Classes.

Eat up: Visit friends old and new at Saturday's Continental Breakfast, luncheon and Alumni Awards ceremony, Ice Cream Social, and Saturday Night Sizzlers.

Stay up: Dance the night away and then hobnob with your fellow alumni in Monadnock Hall, where you can book affordable overnight accommodations and sleep like you did in the old days. (For those into creature comforts, check out www.keene.edu/alumni/ and click on Reunion 2018 for info on local lodging.)

"We are hard at work putting together a weekend that will be a great time for alumni of all ages, and that will offer a wide range of activities in addition to time to hang out with friends old and new – and that lively Keene State vibe that you all remember from your days on campus. We're working with downtown merchants as well; they're looking forward to welcoming you back to Main Street," says Andrea Vickers-Sivret '01, alumni reunion coordinator.

Come back to Keene State in the fall! Our students are eager to hear about your experiences on campus and post-graduation. And what better time to visit the Monadnock Region than the opening days of autumn!

To register, visit www.keene.edu/alumni/ and click on Reunion 2018.

Reunion 2018 Schedule

Friday	
Reunion Launch Party	7 p.m.
Saturday Morning	
Mt. Monadnock Hike	7 a.m.
Registration	8 a.m.
Continental Breakfast	8 a.m.
Scenic Fall Bike Ride	8:30 a.m.
Walk to End Alzheimer's	9 a.m.
KED Talks	9-10:15 a.m.
Class meetings	10 a.m.
KED Talks	10:30-11:45 a.m.
Class Photos	12:30 p.m.
Luncheon	12:45 p.m.
Annual All-Alumni Meeting	1:30 p.m.
Saturday Afternoon	
See, Explore, & Make Art at the Thorne	2 p.m.
Men's Soccer Tailgate Tent	2 p.m.
Scavenger Hunt	2 p.m.
Ice Cream Social	2:30 p.m.
SAC Activities	2:30 p.m.
Keene State Leaders Today	2:30 p.m.
Campus Tour	3:30 p.m.
Saturday Evening	
Saturday Night Sizzlers	4 p.m.
Keene State Volleyball	4 p.m.
Owl Artists Fly Home	4:30 p.m.
Class Dinners	4:30-7 p.m.
Dance	7 p.m.
Sunday Morning	
President's Brunch	9 a.m.



Class Notes

100 CANDLES FOR KEENE NORMAL SCHOOL ALUMNA

Golden Circle ambassador Norma Walker '51 and alumni magazine editor Jane Eklund took a trip to Rochester, New Hampshire, in the fall to visit a very special alumna. Helen Marison '39 graduated with the last class of Keene Normal School. She's also a graduate of Keene Teachers College, having earned a master's degree in 1961.

Marison became a centenarian November 15, 2017. In honor of that auspicious milestone, Walker presented her with a certificate from Keene State Interim President Melinda Treadwell, along with a medallion



Helen Marison '39, left, and Norma Walker '51. Photo by Jane Eklund

recognizing her membership in the Golden Circle, which is made up of Keene State alumni who graduated 50-plus years ago.

Growing up in Barrington, New Hampshire, she says, "I did want to be a teacher. Even when I was small and playing with dolls, all I wanted to do was play school. I didn't think I would be able to go, because my mother was left with three children to bring up. She lived on a farm, she worked as much as she could, she took care of my grandparents, and when she couldn't work anymore she didn't have much income coming in."

But someone from Marison's high school told her mother, "Somehow, she's got to go to Keene Normal School."

"So I borrowed money," Marison remembers, "and worked all the time I was there, and that's the way I got through school."

After college, Marison embarked on a long teaching career, starting at the helm of a one-room school where she served as janitor as well as teacher. She taught many grades, but came to love first grade best.

She's now long retired, and lives on her own in a mobile home retirement community with friends and family nearby. Her 100th birthday has occasioned a party at the community and a posting on the Red Sox jumbotron, in addition to the visitors from Keene State.

To what does Marison attribute her longevity? She likes to quote her sister-in-law, who jokes that Marison has had a long life because she never married.

1942

Peggy Smith Campbell 143 Walton Rd. East Palatka, FL 32131 flyingnonnie@bellsouth.net

1943

We are sad to report that Class Secretary **Caroline Nichols Pregent** died November 14 at her home in Keene. "Nickie" began her teaching career in a one-room schoolhouse in Goffstown, teaching grades one through eight, and went on to teach in various schools, including 26 years at Symonds School in Keene. She was an active volunteer with the Keene State Alumni Association, a proud member of the Golden Circle, and a delightful presence when she visited the Alumni Center.

1944

Keene State's Golden Circle Ambassador **Norma Wright Walker** '**51** writes: "I always look forward to hearing from **Janet Joslin Chin** every Christmas. Janet did her practice teaching at Hancock High School when I was a student there. She lives in Burlington, MA, and is delighted to have family living nearby. It is always nice to be remembered by a former teacher.

"Rosina Digilio Stark always sends a beautiful holiday card. She and her husband used to be regulars at the Golden Circle luncheons."

1945

Norma Wright Walker '51 writes: "Carolyn Wynott Goodwill always sends a wonderful card with a delightful message. Her home is at Havenwood in Concord, NH."

1946

From Norma Wright Walker '51:

"I enjoy the holidays because I hear from some of the alumni who did their practice teaching at my high school. **Doris Johnson Blanchard** was one of my teachers and always writes a message. She states that she enjoys cards from the Alumni Office and news about the College. This time she wrote that she had four wonderful years at Keene Teachers College.

"Brigida Saladino Mosley (best known as 'Breeze') and her husband, Al, got their beginning teaching experience at Hancock High. Later, Al became principal of the high school. Seeing that she lives in Keene, she is often called upon to volunteer at the Alumni Office. Breeze often attends the Golden Circle luncheons, and at one in Manchester, NH, several of the alumni present remembered having her husband as a teacher at Keene State."

1947

Ruth Washburn 75 Pleasant St. A207 East Longmeadow, MA 01028 w.f.b.r.@charter.net

1948

Ellie Smith Butler 9 Muster Ct. Lexington, MA 02420-2001 ellierb@aol.com

From Norma Wright Walker '51: "I always enjoy receiving holiday cards from various parts of the United States. This year I received one with palm trees from Marjorie 'Maggie' Parker, who lives in Honolulu.

"The class sends its sympathy out to the family of **Shirley Bacon Manna**. A longtime elementary educator, she taught in Cohasset, MA, for over 30 years. She and her husband, Sal, were living in Florida when she died January 14.

"Edna Mayberry Styles writes from Groveton, NH, that she enjoys the cards and news from Keene State College. She is a retired teacher who worked in the Nashua School District."

1949

Ellie Hughgill Muldoon 3D Melville Ct. Lily Pond Overlook Pocasset, MA 02559 emuldoon28@comcast.net

1950

Norma Wright Walker '51 writes: "Priscilla Holmes Roberts joined other Keene State alumni and guests for a Golden Circle luncheon at the Common Man restaurant, Claremont, NH. She brought a huge scrapbook with clippings, pictures, and all kinds of notices that she had kept through her days at Keene Teachers College. Priscilla wanted to donate it to the College Archives Room located in the Mason Library. This scrapbook is a wealth of information for her four years at Keene.

"Leave it to **Maurice 'Moe' Bowl**er to send a typical Florida Christmas card. It had a bright orange sun complete with sunglasses, a Santa hat, little sailboats in the distance with holiday lights decorating their sails, and a message: 'Merry Christmas from Florida.'

"Some classmates had been asked to help locate the houses that were used as dorms for men when they were students. **Vincent Russell** replied that the west end of Fiske Hall facing the Butterfield Vocational Building had been omitted from the list. He lived there his first year at Keene Teachers College. His other years on campus were at Kappa House. Vincent, you weren't the only one that reminded me I had left other houses off the list.

"Paul Hewitt was delighted to help in locating the houses that were used as dorms for the men. He, too, had lived in the west wing of Fiske. That was the year many veterans were returning to school, plus there were recent graduates who needed a place to stay. Paul, because he has a sense of humor, apologized for his handwriting, saying he was using his knee as a desk and adding that it was happy hour in Texas."

1951

Norma Wright Walker 19 Eaton Rd. Swanzey, NH 03446 walker.norma@gmail.com

Norma Wright Walker writes: "I am sad to report on the passing of Charles Manos on January 25. I think we all remember this handsome classmate and the beautiful Elizabeth 'Bette' Berry '49 as a couple who were married in 1950. Our thoughts go out to Bette and her family.

"Margaret Rhoades Bost had a special visitor, a big black bear who walked up her driveway to the porch where she was sitting. Sounds like it didn't want to join her for tea. Margaret had a won. derful time visiting in Maryland.

Golden Circle Luncheons

Keene State's Golden Circle – alumni who graduated 50 or more years ago – meets for lunch, conversation, and a speaker several times over the summer and into the fall. Golden Circle members receive notice of the events by mail, but anyone who wants more information or reservations should contact the Alumni Office at 603-358-2369 or alumni@keene.edu.

June 20 – Concord, NH: The Common Man July 19 – Keene State: Centennial Hall August 8 – Meredith, NH: Hart's Turkey Farm August 22 – Merrimack, NH: The Homestead September 26 – Kittery, ME: Warren's Lobster House October 24 – Claremont, NH: The Common Man

She took part in Homecoming Weekend at the University Baptist Church, which was celebrating its 100th year. It was a very special time for her because she reconnected with people she knew there 25 years ago. Margaret is still active in the church in her hometown, and she helps set up craft fairs in her community.

"Our sympathy goes out to classmate and my roommate **Rita Hayes Evans** on the loss of her husband, Arnold. They attended the Golden Circle luncheon in their hometown of Enfield, CT, last May. I hadn't seen them in a while.

"Also, our thoughts and sympathy goes to the family of **Richard Rogers**, who died last December. Last fall he had gone deer hunting with his boys and bagged a deer. Dick was married to my cousin Margaret.

"I enjoyed a long call from **Elaine Schmidt Chesley** during the holiday season. She had decided to stay north to be near family this winter. Elaine hosts the family gathering of 14 at Christmas. Once again, she has agreed to be a host at the Golden Circle Luncheon to be held at Hart's Turkey Farm in August.

"Jane Eklund, editor of *Keene State Today*, and I drove over to Rochester, NH, where we visited Helen Marison '39 and helped celebrate her 100th birthday. We delivered a certificate from the Alumni Office, signed by our Interim President Dr. Melinda Treadwell. Looking back at photos taken at the Golden Circle luncheons I found Helen had joined us at Yokem's in Portsmouth a few years ago.

"Barbara Sullivan Brooks is one of the busiest members of our class. She recently joined the Belknap County Button Club. The group gathers once a month in either Rumney, Lebanon, or Sandwich. Her most exciting news is that she and her son have adopted a yellow lab mix called "Digger." Barbara is involved with the Hebron Library with fundraising. Last year's event was Cow Patty Bingo, which was very successful.

"I always hear from **Ruth Bickford Peck** at Christmas time. Bicky lives in Maine but is limited in her driving. She misses joining other alumni at the luncheons. Maybe this year she can attend the one at Warren's Lobster House in Kittery. It would be wonderful to see her again.

"I finally heard from **Delma Langille**. He lives in Nashua and would enjoy hearing from classmates.



"A gorgeous holiday card arrived from **Dorothy Zekos MacPherson**. Her grandchildren, like mine and yours, are spread around the United States. Dottie does have a couple nearby so she can enjoy their company often.

"I t was a have **Pauline Bullard Brown** and her husband, Clayton, join other Golden Circle members and alumni for lunch at the Town and Country Resort, Gorham, NH. They made it a mini vacation by spending a couple nights at the inn. They also had brought along a bag of delicious apples that I received. Yummy!!!

"I love to receive phone calls like the ones from **Patricia Parent O'Donnell**, who lives in Clearwater, FL. Soon she will be moving to a senior living facility, which must be huge because she will be on the fifth floor. Glad she will have an elevator. Pat is always interested in what's new at Keene State, so I try to fill her in on the changes, any events, and staff visiting Florida, and we also talk a lot about our memories of Keene Teachers College.

"When I put together a display on campus buildings and their history for the lobby of the Alumni Center, I wondered about the houses the men lived in before the dorms for men were built. I wrote to a number of men to ask about them, and several from our class were most helpful.

"Bill Remick of Lancaster, NH, sent back information with lots of diagrams and notes about several of the buildings. He also added that he served as a state representative from his district between 2004 and 2008. He served on the Education Committee and the Technology and Energy Committee. Now Bill is on the Board of Directors at the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center.

"Glen Falkenham wrote on his response that he has moved to Jefferson, NH. Thank you, Glen, for the information you sent. It is appreciated.

"A phone call came from **Ralph Dwire**, who answered several of my questions about where the houses were located. Ralph also told about working on one of the campus clubs, which was located across the street from Parker Hall. I'm still looking for all of them and trying to get a time line for each one. Ralph reminded me that I'm to meet him and **Helen '49** at Kimball's in Jaffrey for ice cream this summer.

"A beautiful holiday card arrived from **Elsie Bowes Brenner**. It wouldn't be Christmas without hearing from her.

"Just a reminder that you have my address, phone number, and email so please let me know what is new with you and yours. Our class is dwindling and it makes me sad. Would love to hear from you and I won't put your news in this column if you wish."

1952

Winifred Woodbury Langtry 50 Evergreen Lane Contoocook, NH 03229 langtry@mcttelecom.com

Irene DiMeco Parent 27 Lashua Rd. Ashburnham, MA 01430 bep27iap@comcast.net

Norma Wright Walker '51, standing in for Winnie and Irene, writes: "The Class of 1952 sends its sincere condolences to the family of Claire Waterhouse Simensen, who passed away during the holiday season. Claire will be remembered as a dedicated classmate, a strong supporter of the Keene State Alumni Association, and most of all a loving mother and grandmother to her family. Her smile and sense of humor will be missed by all.

"Interim Alumni Director **Steve Fortier '86** and I made a visit to **Donald Carle**. I have started a project of locating the houses on campus where the men lived when we were students, and knew Don would be a font of information. We had only a short time to talk with him because he had to get to an appointment. I will check in with him a little later in the spring. I also was able to get some locations of the various campus clubs. If anyone reading this has information,

please let me know.

"Also taking part in this project was **Francis Sorger**, who lives in New York State. He gave information on Merrimack and Kappa houses.

"Bruce Parent was able to locate not only Alpha and Kappa houses but Blue Spruce, Hillsborough, and Cheshire houses. His wife, Irene, told me Bruce has kept busy with a shovel, keeping the paths to the mailbox and car open. She also said he chops some wood.

"Always nice to chat with **Richard Chambers**, who lives down in sunny Florida. We did discuss the passing of Claire, which was sad for many of us. He told about living in the brick house at the corner of Main and Water Streets, a little ways from campus. I think Don Carle mentioned living there too. Dick also stated he was selected to be house father at one of the houses. He said it was a surprise and an honor to do it even though he was the same age as the fellows living there.

"Winifred Woodbury Langtry

keeps very busy with her church and the people in her community. She always seems to be there whenever there is a need. As of this writing she was having a health problem but hoped to be able to attend an upcoming Class Secretaries meeting. I hope she can because she and **Irene DiMeco Parent** are good at their job of contacting classmates for news.

"Remember, classmates, if you have news about yourself, your family, etc., send it to Winnie or Irene or classnotes@keene.edu."

1953

Donald J. Johnson 695 Clement Hill Rd. Deering, NH 03244 djj1@nyu.edu

1954

June Haymon 3247 Lucerne St. Bronx, NY 10465 juneio@aol.com June Haymon writes: "Norma Walker '51 got a call from Jesse Evangelou for a name of a former teacher he had in high school, knowing the teacher had graduated from Keene Teachers College in 1946. Norma took care of this, as she usually does. You can always count on Norma; what a gem! Jesse was planning to go to his Newport High School Class of 1950 reunion. Nice to hear Jesse is doing fine.

"I tried reaching out to some of our classmates since I had heard from no one. I received the following from Jane Kingsbury Corrigan and her husband, Dean '53: 'Dean and I still meet Beverly Blasenak Slocum for lunch. We catch up on our kids and their families. We miss Joy Johnson Falkenham, who passed away in 2016. (Jane and Joy went to a private kindergarten together in Groveton, NH.) Dean and I do not travel far now but we keep busy here with old friends from the University of Vermont, where Dean was dean of the College of Education and Social Services years ago. With assistance from the Jeffords Research Center, he recently put together his papers for the Special Collections Section of the UVM Bailey Howe Library. They are available on Google: Dean Corrigan Papers. We have great neighbors, our church and our Vermont family nearby. June, thanks for all you do for the Class of 1954.'

"The other member I heard from was Bill Parker. who lives in Stamford, CT, not far from where my son Kris lives, in Norwalk, CT. Bill writes: 'I was a commuter for my first three years at college, living and working with a veterinarian on Blake Street. After graduation I was able to travel, inexpensively, as a guest of Uncle Sam and the Air Force, to such places as Texas, California, and Anchorage, AK, which at that time was still a territory, not yet a state. I really enjoyed being in Alaska. Using the GI bill, I attained my first master's at UConn and two later ones at the University of Bridgeport. After being discharged, I returned to KTC briefly, then ac-

cepted a position in Stamford, CT, teaching drafting and electricity at Stanford High School, eventually moving to Dolan Middle School for various positions until my retirement. In one year I'll be retired for 30 years. My wife, Deborah, and I still sing in the church choir and have for many years. We are blessed in having a lot of our immediate family living locally. I particularly enjoyed a recent alumni article about the old Elliot Hospital, now belonging to the College, as I wonder if I ever occupied one of those beds and if one of those nurses was with me when I was born in February 1930! As an aside, years ago I made a twoperson kayak with a friend, and used to paddle to some of the Norwalk Islands. Had a sailboat in the water there for a good many years and would go to Huntington, Long Island.'

"Many thanks to Dean, Jane, and Bill for adding some interesting news re their journey in life. Remember – your classmates love to hear about what you are doing. One last thought: our 65th reunion will be in the year 2019, so plan ahead. News of it will be sent out ahead of time so do try to attend. Good health and happiness, and keep going, June."

1955

Norma Wright Walker '51 writes: "I was delighted to receive a holiday card from David Staples, who lives in Florida full time now. I was sad to have missed David's phone call. He was married to my classmate Betsy Walker '51.

"Richard 'Dick' Feeney helped out with a project to pinpoint the sites of the houses that men lived in on campus before the men's dorms were built. He was quite sure of the locations of Sullivan, Hillsborough, Cheshire, and Rockingham houses. He and nearly everyone else knew Kappa and Alpha Houses.

"It's always great to receive a phone call from **John 'Jack' Burnham**, who lives in Florida. He was able to help locate Blue Spruce and Hillsborough houses as well as Kappa and Alpha houses. He always seems to call when it is 70 or 80 degrees down there and zero up here. Jack has already reserved places for himself and his daughter at our Golden Circle luncheon at Hart's Turkey Farm, Meredith, on August 8. Always look forward to seeing them."

1956

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1957

Cynthia Randall Faust 77 Sand Hill Road Peterborough, NH 03458 cynjon@comcast.net

Cynthia Thompson Doten passed away on December 21, 2017, in Tucson, AZ, where she had lived during her retirement years. Cyn had many interests, including a love of music and the outdoors. She was an accomplished pianist who learned to fly small aircraft as a young woman. She taught in New Hampshire schools, in US Department of Defense schools in Turkey, Taiwan, and Labrador, and, with her husband, Harry, in American and Canadian Indian schools in British Columbia and Arizona. Our sympathy goes out to her friends and family."

1958

Jacqueline A. Abbott 7 Keeney Dr. Bolton, CT 06043 jabbott814@aol.com

The College was saddened to hear of the passing of former colleague, retiree, and alumnus John F. Faust, who passed away on December 22, 2017. John worked as a vocational project director at Keene State, providing vocational education and support to school administrative units throughout New Hampshire. John and his wife Cindy '57 set up the Faust Endowed Scholarship, the purpose of which is to provide recognition and financial assistance to Keene State College juniors and seniors who have declared a major in one or more of the following: elementary education, nursing, safety studies, sustainable product design and innovation, and architecture."

1960

Gail Spevack Sheldon 241 Blucher Street Manchester, NH 03102 sheldon-sheldon@comcast.net

Gail Sheldon writes: "Norma Turcotte McShane of Bennington, VT, feels she is always on the go as her 10th-grade granddaughter Kyla is still living with her.

"Irene Plourde in Florida is also busy doing what she calls 'fun' things like golf, bowling, horseshoes, bocce, and various card games. She has something going every day – whew! Her one-eyed cat Willie misses her when she is out.

"Sr. Claire Coll is now living in Manchester and adjusting to changes after 24 and a half years of living in Pittsfield, NH, at Berakah House. She moved in December and is now administrator at Holy Cross Retirement Center. She looks and feels wonderful and has a visible joy of living.

"You should delight in and be proud of your contributions to our 1960 Endowed Scholarship Fund. The recipient students have written letters of thanks to you to express their gratitude. It is a pleasure to know we are contributing to our future teachers in their educational pursuits."

1961

Dorothy Bean Simpson PO Box 1373 Center Harbor, NH 03226 drsimpson2@yahoo.com

From Dorothy Bean Simpson: "Our classmate Janet Healey Dow passed away August 27, 2017, in Henniker, NH. She taught elementary school in Fishkill, NY, and then, returning to New Hampshire, she managed the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen shop for many years. Jan enjoyed gardening, music, and playing the cello. We remember her with love.

"Betty Bennett Schofield cer-

tainly has lots to celebrate. Five of her eight grandchildren will be in college – they're studying nursing, medical research, pre-med, and environmental studies. I've spotted a couple of her grandchildren on Facebook: they are good looking as well as bright.

"Richard Simensen wrote: 'I had a pleasant visit with Charlie and Jackie Hayward Jepson as they stopped by on their way to Florida for the winter. However, it would have been better if they did not bring New Hampshire/Massachusetts weather with them to South Carolina.' Thanks for the fun note, Richard.

"As our outstanding Golden Circle leader, Norma Wright Walker '51, is cutting back on her volunteer work with the Golden Circle, we welcome Madeline '64 and Allan '63 Saulnier (Bob Saulnier's brother and sister-in-law) as they take a more active volunteer role in organizing the successful lunch programs for all of us. Continuation of this program that Norma started is v ery essential to our alumni work. It keeps us current with KSC and friends together. And, of course our love, Norma, will still be active.

"Travel is still high on Jeanne Lachance Erickson's list as she went on a Caribbean cruise and then to Hilton Head, SC, for a nephew's wedding. She and Dennis still play golf, go camping, and visit family.

"Ray Clark picks up and delivers groceries to his local food pantry. He also drives for Home Ports, a nonprofit that coordinates transportation to medical appointments, grocery stores, and other errands for elderly residents who can no longer drive. Ray and his wife, Pat, still live in Maryland. They enjoy their grandchildren and spend time in Ft. Meyers, FL.

"Please keep sending me news. There is a time delay in publication due to the work it takes to put out. We care and we are the Class of '61!"



1962

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1963

Elizabeth Butterfly Gilman 277 Coolidge Dr. Portsmouth, NH 03801-5740 betty277@comcast.net

Betty Gilman writes: "Shortly after the last publication an email arrived from Ray Gradual. After attending three semesters with our class, he transferred to UNH, thinking he would become a minister. Ironically, he became a teacher, teaching everything from grade two through college including a few years in Germany. Over these years Ray obtained four master's degrees in various disciplines. He has fond memories of classmates, many of whom he has stayed in touch with, and he hopes to attend our 55th reunion to reconnect with others. His daughter, Sara Gradual '95, was featured in the winter 2017-18 issue of Keene State Today.

"The same edition of *Keene State Today* included an article about our very own **Pat Plante Zemianek** and her running. Pat continues to race in the Steve Zemianek Bennington Road Race, which her late husband organized, as well as several other races around New England. 'Giving back to my community and making a difference makes me happy,' she says.

"Linda Woodward Geiger moved back to New England after residing in Georgia for 32 years. She has given permission to share her contact information, which is: PO Box 184 East Woodstock, CT 06244 or lwgeiger@gmail.com. Many of us have enjoyed her photography, which focused on southern images, and we look forward to new images from the Northeast.

"The Frist Humanitarian Award was created in 1971 to honor out-

standing individuals for their humanitarian and volunteer activities, named in honor of Dr. Thomas F. Frist Sr., the Founder of Health Cooperation of America. Portsmouth Regional Hospital awards the Frist in several categories, including volunteer. Betty Butterfly Gilman was given the volunteer award on February 27 to recognize over 2,000 hours as a hospital volunteer since 2005 as well as her many other educational, religious, and community volunteer efforts. Joining her at this celebration were two daughters and two grandchildren. Retirement has opened many new doors, bringing meaningful purpose to every day by helping others.

"Over the past year, two deaths have occurred among our classmates. **David O'Haire**, our senior year class president, who lived in California after graduation, passed in June 2017. **Charlie Merrigan**, who taught English in Nashua, NH, after graduation, passed this February. We extend our condolences to their families."

1964

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Bill Doolan 9189 William Cody Dr. Evergreen, CO 80439 billdoolan@q.com

Philip Clay writes: "It is with great sadness that I have to report to my class members the passing of my wife, Karen. She left for a peaceful spot where she could be free from Alzheimer's, a dreadful affliction. I would pray that everyone that is capable contribute to the research of that disease; we must end its affliction on the victims and their families and friends. I was her caretaker right up until the very end. I do not wish this on anyone. We did have many happily married (57) years together that kept us going at the last. Bless you all."

From Class Secretary **Bill Doolan**: **"Maggie McGettigan McAuliffe** and her husband, Len, have sold their properties in Portsmouth and are now living in a high-rise apartment in the heart of downtown Portsmouth, a bustling vibrant city filled with fine restaurants, theatre, and the arts. They have been enjoying the Golden Circle luncheons along with Maggie's brothers and sisters.

"Rene and Janet Clarke have continued to be busy. In June 2017 they toured America's Cowboy Country (Teton and Yellowstone National Parks; Cody and Sheridan, WY; Rapid City and Deadwood, SD; Crazy Horse Memorial and Mount Rushmore). In December 2017, they saw the Trans-Siberian Orchestra. In January, Rene competed in the Master's World Cup cross-country ski races in Minneapolis. In February, they celebrated their great-granddaughter's first birthday. In March, they went to Florida to celebrate Rene's dad's 98th birthday. In June they are visiting the National Elk Refuge in Jackson Hole, WY."

1965

Richard E. Doyle 1101 Plantation Island Drive South Apt. 300 St. Augustine, FL 32080 redoyle59@aol.com

Dick Doyle writes: "Fifty-five years ago we met at KSC. We had a great time in and out of classes. After commencement we went our separate ways. She married and taught elementary school in Portsmouth, NH. She and I got together to plan a class reunion and we started to date. Twenty years ago we were married and last fall she died suddenly of a heart attack. Barbara Loughlin Hopley Doyle leaves a wonderful legacy. She was very active in local, state, and national education associations. She raised two children and enjoyed her three grandchildren. Anyone who knew her instantly liked her and she became a new friend. I was very fortunate to have loved her and we enjoyed life.

"Joanne Dubuque Stroshine of Swanzey, NH, writes that she subs at Monadnock Regional High, volunteers at CASA/GAL, and was chair of the Swanzey Old Home Day Committee. She likes to garden and is a member of the Delta Kappa Society International. Her oldest grandchild is a sophomore at UNH. Her youngest granddaughter plays ice hockey, and the others are involved in three season sports.

"Alfred Banks of Milton Mills writes that he is retired and helps with the restoration of the Milton Town House. He enjoys eating out with family and friends. He has two new great-granddaughters. Al was a married student while at KSC and worked at the Big Boy restaurant and garages.

"Loisanne Sargent Foster of Marlow, NH, writes that she overcame stage IV cancer, works with the local historical society, writes poetry and stories, and is working on a novel and watercolors. Loisanne never forgot Malcolm Keddy and Cornelius Lyle for their wise help in writing.

"Bev Kovacs Spaven of Mechanicsville, VA, writes that she works part time as a middle school math tutor. She headed to Japan last year as part of a sister city teacher exchange. She managed to travel up north to see the ice sculptures in her four-week trip.

"Julia Jakobiec Fudala of Charlottesville, VA, writes that she is corporate secretary of her home owners association and editor of the quarterly newsletter. She has season tickets for UVA women's basketball and has taken many courses there. She spent 16 days in Poland doing genealogy research of her family. Her youngest grandchild graduated from UTenn with a public relations major and her oldest will graduate with an English major.

"Mary Sullivan Mallery of St. Louis, MO, writes that she volunteers a lot at church for various groups. She plays bridge and canasta. She exercises three times a week and enjoys dining out with friends. She loved her Caribbean cruise and visiting South Carolina. Four grandchildren graduated from high school last year.

"Ed Brookshire of Eastham, MA, writes that he has served for 16



Carol and Frederick Collins '69 on a quick getaway to Toronto last summer. Catch up on their news in the 1969 section of Class Notes.

years on the school committee there. He enjoys building model planes and ships. He travels to Florida each year. He has four grandchildren ranging from 9 to 17. He and **Joyce** remember traveling to DC when JFK was assassinated in 1963."

1966

Nancy Coutts 175 Jaffrey Rd. Marlborough, NH 03455

1967

Norma Wright Walker '51 received a note from Bob Stevens, who is professor of education at the University of Texas at Tyler and is a writer of scholarly articles as well as fiction. "I published my first award-winning novel at the age of 68, Master Robert," he writes. "Mac Keddy would be surprised. I received a D in his creative writing class." Bob and his wife, Gina, plan to stay in Texas until Gina retires in a year, after which they will move to Maine. "When I reflect on my life, it has been amazing," he writes. "I am 74, still working, which includes restoring old houses, collecting paintings (I have 96 original paintings in my home), and running three miles most days."

1968

Jan Temple Metoxen 330 Maple Rd. Longmeadow, MA 01106 jantemplemetoxen68@yahoo. com

Jan Temple Metoxen writes: "Dear Classmates, I haven't heard from any of you, but I know you have heard from Alan Hodsdon and me about our 50th in several letters over the past few months. Please try to get those questionnaires back to me and to join us for our reunion in September. We'd love to have a large turnout, especially from all of you who live in the Northeast! For those of you who are too far away to come, please join us in our book by sharing your news, and we will then send you a copy so you can join us that way. Remember to join our Facebook page for updates and pictures!"

1969

Barbara Hamilton 27 Kingswood Dr. Manchester, CT 06040-6744 barbara.hamilton@att.net

Carol Johnson Collins '69 and her husband, Frederick Domey Collins '69, married in 1970, a year after graduating. They are celebrating their 48th anniversary this month. Fred does all the maintenance of their home/grounds/ outbuildings, all of which they designed and built themselves beginning in 1972. He taught woodworking for 30 years and had his own woodworking business for 17 years, and continues to build whatever they need. Carol teaches wool-spinning and related crafts, and has a small plants/cut flowers business at their home in So. Duxbury, VT. They help care for Carol's mother, Wanda Johnson '64, who is 103 years old. "Happy to hear from anyone who remembers us," they write. Reach them at singspin@madriver.com.

1970

Susan Campbell 15 New Acres Rd. Keene, NH 03431

1971

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1972

Debra Davis Butterworth 21 McAuley Rd. Cape Elizabeth, ME 04107 dbutterw@maine.rr.com

Roger Hartwell 198 Palermo Pl. The Villages, FL 32159 rgrhrtwl@yahoo.com

1973

Kathleen Pickford Stacy 190 Old Hancock Rd. Antrim, NH 03440 gstacy@conknet.com

1974

Jane Cappuccio Stauffer 1 Washington St. Salem, MA 01970-3239 jcsrks@verizon.net

1975

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Dianne (Reidy) Janson diannej@maine.rr.com

From **Henry Maier** re the Class of '75 50th reunion gift: "As you may know, it is historically customary for classes to give a Class Gift to the College upon their 50th reunion. A classmate has let us know that he has already started contributing to the Class of '75 Gift Fund. His thought was that it is easier to donate an amount annually rather than a larger sum all at once in 2025. It has not yet been decided what the 50th reunion gift will be, but any suggestions are welcome. We will be discussing it at our 45th reunion in two years."

Henry also sent an update on what he's been up to: "I retired June 2, 2017, and by June 5, the den showed no signs that I was an educator. My professional library is now in my old department's professional library. My computer is void of any file, form, training materials, or case files. My leather shoulder case and leather folder went to Goodwill. I gave away three dozen Brooks Brothers ties to two previous bosses and a former co-worker. Friday, June 16, was the last of several very small celebratory events, one with staff I worked with for 14-19 years at one school and two small dinner parties with friends. Thankfully, all agreed to my request not to have a big event. I continue to get up early (not as early as I used to), go downstairs to the gym, and then go for my walk. It takes me over a bridge that goes over the bay. I am also enjoying my Sundays and evenings - more time for socializing, reading, movies, crossword puzzles, and not having the stress of planning and everything else that went into the job."

From class secretaries **Eileen Oechsli Bohigian** and **Dianne Reidy Janson**: "What have you been up to? Your classmates would love to hear from you, too."

1976

Philip Bellingham 20 Transit Ln. East Hartford, CT 06118

The Rev. **Carol Hancock** has been called as rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in Centreville, VA. She graduated from Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, VA, in 1985 and has served







Keene State's TKE chapter held its annual meeting and formal dinner on campus March 24. John Hasay '77 writes: "The TKE alumni were out in full force recently as the Lambda Sigma Chapter celebrated our 50th anniversary with our founders! They heard us coming wherever we went and knew we had been there when we left! All of the 1973-1977 masters were there: Pete Leyden '74, Barry Stetson '76, J. B. Byrnes '84, Dan Deke Decourcy '74, Roman Mrowsinski, John Hasay, Gary Brand '78, Wayno Quiet '75, Vito Fredette '75, Norm Larochelle '75, Anthony and Ken Slattum'76, Jim Gardner '74, Mike Demers '76, Rob Peach '73, Ken Karamanoogian '75, Mike Kinson '75, Rob Comeau '75's brother Ron, Mark Sowa '73, and Woody Woodward '74. With tears in our eyes we raised our glasses to Marc Watkins, Paul Metzger '75, and Don Camire '75. Energetic TKEs by the hundreds, we were there and wished you were too!"

churches in South Carolina, Washington, DC, and Virginia for the past 32 years. She has two adult daughters, Kimberly and Kathryn.

1977

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1978

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1980

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<u>1981</u>

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1982

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1983

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1984

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1985

Alison Ahmed alisonjahmed12@gmail.com

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1986

Tori Berube toriberube@aol.com

Michael Trabucco mptrabucco@hotmail.com

Michael Trabucco writes: "Hello, Classmates! Michael Trabucco here, wondering if you're getting tired of reading notes from me. I hope so! Because I'd love it if some of you would send in a little something that I could include in future Class Notes. You could tell everyone what you've been up to, ask about a long lost classmate ... This is one of the first things you look at when you get your *Keene State Today*, right? Why not send me a note – email or Facebook – and help me make sure our class is represented in every issue?

"And now . . .

"Melissa Orestis Robertson writes, 'My husband, Andrew Robertson '87, and I recently had lunch with Rick Larson and his wife, Sharon, and caught up on life events. Larson's daughter, Jessica, is going to school in Chicago to become a physical therapist. Our daughter, Rachel, is going to school in Utah for her MBA, and our son, Frazer, is a sophomore at Keene State College, majoring in art and loving KSC. It was great to see Rick and Sharon again. Next time we won't wait that long!'

"And from Lisa Lounsbury: 'I have been living in Maine for the past 30 years. As I have had my fill of snow, I am hoping to eventually move back to Delaware. I currently work in special ed at an elementary school. While I enjoy working with children, I also enjoy getting my summers off! I take full advantage of that time and travel with my three sons to tropical locations. Not sure where we are going this summer, but it's all good!'

"Lastly, **Sam Johnson** writes, 'I live in southern Vermont. Anyone in the area, come visit – Sam's Wood Fired Pizza!'"

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Michelle Morris Ayer 41 Hemlock Rd. Hingham, MA 02043 michelleayer@me.com



Joshua Terrell '89 was on campus in March for a TKE reunion and a reception for Greek organization alumni. While he was here, he presented a workshop for active and alumni e-boards of Keene State's Greek organizations.

1988

Jeffrey LaValley 187 County St., #1 Attleboro, MA 02703 jeff lavalley1966@yahoo.com

Susan Lundgren Regan 79 Winthrop Rd. Guilford, CT 06437

1989

Maribeth Marsico Gesler mbmars@cox.net

Debbie Belka Baker has been hired by NutriStudents K-12 as in-house registered dietitian to oversee certification and USDA compliance of the company's school lunch menus. She has worked for 20 years as a clinical dietitian in hospitals and nursing homes and for five years in public health, and lives in Minnesota.

1990

Lauren Aborjaily Griffin 17 Monhege Path Marlborough, CT 06447

Shelly Brodeur Masson shelly_m627@comcast.net

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1991

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Amy Eshelman 102 Newberry Rd. East Haddam, CT 06423 aleshelman@hotmail.com

Kathleen Kerr St. Germaine 19 Great Woods Rd. Plymouth, MA 02360-1826

1992

Kate Shepard Dugan 42 Middlefield Dr. West Hartford, CT 06107 patedugan@snet.net

Scott McPherson and Kelly O'Connell McPherson had dinner with Scott's Keene State roommate Brian Clark in Atlanta, where Brian has been living since the mid-'90s (interrupted by a short sojourn in Colorado). Brian was recently married and is living in the Atlanta suburbs, where he works in multimedia content production and distribution.

1993

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1994

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1996

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1**997**

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1998

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Kristen Cranson Nelson P.O. Box 208 Greenvale, NY 11548 kanelson02@hotmail.com

1999

Jason Hindle 8 Spruce St. Somersworth, NH 03878 jsnhindle@yahoo.com

2000

Danielle LePage Zimmerman danni@thezims.net

2001

Christine Leland Williams mrsquattro@gmail.com

Jedd Pellerin recently began a job as project architect with St. Louis-based PGAV Destinations.

2002

Jessie Gannett Heath 59 King Road Chichester, NH 03258 jheath@wrsdsau59.org

2003

Angela Watson 55 Davidson Hill Rd. Westminster, VT 05158 angela_watson7579@yahoo. com

Danielle Popyk danielle.popyk@gmail.com

Erin Zaffini won the 2017 Keene State College Excellence in Teaching Award, an honor bestowed annually on an adjunct professor. In addition to teaching at Keene State, Erin, who has a master's degree from Temple University and a doctorate from Boston University, teaches music to toddlers at Manchester Community Music School and to continuing ed students at UNH-Manchester.

2004

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2005

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2006

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Class Notes



Jessica Morissette Tuliano '15 married Joshua Tuliano '11 October 13, 2017, in Somersworth, NH. Their wedding party included, from left, Celeste Ponce '15, Brittany Adair '15, Kathryn Thomas '15, Leighanna Dumais '15, bride Jessica Tuliano, groom Joshua Tuliano, Steve Theleen '11, and Shawn Curley '11. Jessica and Joshua met in 2013 when she was enrolled in the nursing program.

2008

Kelly A. Mullane 532 King Street Chappaqua, NY 10514 kelly.a.mullane@gmail.com

2009

The Keene Sentinel won a regionwide journalism award for a series **Meghan Foley** wrote about strains to the area's emergency medical services system. The annual Publick Occurrances Awards are presented by the New England Newspaper & Press Association. Meghan started her career at the Sentinel as a staff reporter and was promoted to copy editor last summer.

2010

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2011

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2013

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Shawn Egan '14 and Nicole Fiorey Egan '15 were married May 19, 2017, in Sarasota, FL. Nine other Keene Staters were on hand for the happy day. From left are Keith Simpson '16, Katelyn Grodski (attended 2011-12), groom Shawn Egan, Bride Nicole Egan, Nick Vita '14, Molly Selvidio Vita '15, Tanner Chase '15, Lindsay Shapiro '14, Luke Whitmore '14, Matt Boulay '15 and Hayley Grove '16.

2014

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2015

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IN MEMORIAM

Elizabeth Girardet Krynski '37 February 20, 2015

Esther Hussey Prescott '37 January 2, 2018

Elizabeth Scribner Skowlund '37 February 17, 2018

Anita Scott Killian '38 May 5, 2009

Ruth Maker Worrad '39 October 30, 2017

Eileen Mehlhorn '40 December 26, 2017

Elaine Brown Felton '41 June 21, 2015

Alta Gillmore Kimball '41 January 18, 2018

Jessie Dutrizac Lombard '41 February 23, 2011

Barbara Jeffery Stimson '41 April 28, 2017

Caroline "Nickie" Nichols Pregent '43 November 14, 2017

Eleanor Strobel Bullock '44 May 7, 2017

Priscilla "Robin" Chick Sargent '44 July 8, 2017

Barbara Manning Gregoire '45 August 31, 2017

June Rollins Tilton '45 January 4, 2017

Shirley Bacon Manna '48 January 14, 2017

Francis D. Hackett '49 September 26, 2017

Jean L. Hebert '49 February 14, 2018

Kenneth R. Swift '49 March 21, 2018 Charles L. Manos '51 January 25, 2018

Richard E. Rogers '51 December 12, 2017

Wenona B. Schoolcraft '51 November 7, 2017

Roger C. Whipple '52 October 3, 2017

Edwin W. Curtiss '53 July 15, 2017

Jane E. Marett '53 February 9, 2018

Carolyn Coughlin Beecher '54 October 28, 2017 Shirley Witham Hyde '54

February 27, 2017

Amy Bond Simpson '55 April 22, 2011

John E. Regan '55 April 22, 2011

Marianne Marshall Baker '56 August 5, 2017 Carol Roy Boucher '57

August 13, 2017

Cynthia Thompson Doten '57 December 21, 2017

Frederick Fosher '57 July 31, 2017

Eugene W. Ross '57 October 12, 2017

John R. Faust '58 December 22, 2017

Morton A. Shea '58 December 24, 2017

William "Bill" Thomas '60 December 27, 2017

Janet Healy Dow '61 August 27, 2017

Brian K. Bogle '62 October 4, 2017

Michael Korsak '62 August 25, 2014

Harold S. Pike '62 October 25, 2017

John E. Regan '62 October 5, 2017 Astrid Olson DiMeco '63 January 2, 2018

David J. O'Haire '63 June 15, 2017

Marion Weston Frazier '63 March 1, 2018

Charles R. Merrigan '63 February 13, 2018

Eleanora Knudsen Cropley '64 January 28, 2017 R. Bruce Smith '64

December 26, 2017

Sandra Rolfe Turner '64, M'75 July 24, 2017

Peter W. Ksjold '65 September 13, 2017

Claire C. McMurphy '68 December 11, 2017

Duncan A. Rand '68 July 14, 2017

Kathryn Herold Woods '68 December 14, 2017

Thomas Russell Burns '70 June 1, 2017

Sally Dewolf Dempsey '70 July 13, 2017

Linda Ewing '70 August 30, 2017

Ernest Jenkins '70 July 6, 2011

Joan Pickering Swett '71 February 27, 2018

George D. Hanna '72 June 29, 2009

Virginia Merrill Marrotte '72 July 17, 2017

Robert R. Devoid '73 January 8, 2014

John Hartman '73 November 29, 2017

Carolyn L. Ryan '73 October 16, 2017

John M. Stokel '73 September 7, 2017

David P. Konigsburg '74 August 22, 2017

In Memoriam

Evan T. Nystedt '75 May 24, 2004

Henriette Mayer Olmstead '75 June 13, 2017

Bruce K. Ellis '76 January 27, 2018

Susan Manning Rooney '76 June 21, 2017

Denise Galante Nolan '78 November 6, 2017

Thomas J. Pinard '78 September 29, 2017

Debra Dawson Broderick '79 August 19, 2017

Fay O'Brien Johnson '79 November 25, 2010

Henry J. Callahan '85 October 28, 2015

Ronald Bailey '88 Date of death unknown

John F. Bourgoin '88 June 8, 2015

Stephen C. Geratowski '88 October 22, 2010

Lisa M. Tousley '90 October 1, 2017

Stephen S. Bates '92 July 26, 2017

Christine Rice Doiron '92 July 22, 2012

Joshua R. Davidson '99 July 31, 2017

Ryan F Kerley '08 July 2, 2016

Andrew P. Koiopoulos '09 August 5, 2017

Jane Taylor-Husemann '09 July 26, 2017

Nicholas C. Seymour '10 October 4, 2017

Tyler G. Gammans '12 October 6, 2017

Kenneth F. Hadley '15 October 7, 2017

* Deaths reported as of March 29, 2018

Update from Alumni Relations

Steve Fortier '86 Interim Director of Alumni Relations

s our fellow Keene State alum and president of our alma mater, Dr. Melinda Treadwell '90, is known to say, "It's a great day to be an Owl!" I'll add one word to that and declare that it is a great day to be an Alumni Owl!

Before some updates, I want to welcome members of the Class of 2018 to our Keene State College Alumni Association. I've been amazed by your individual and collective contributions to the College, our region, and the world. I am excited to follow all of the great things you will do in the future.

The Alumni Association has had a very active first six months of 2018 and this will roll right into the second half of the year. Here are a few highlights from where I sit:

Our fellow alums are reconnecting in a variety of ways - some organized by the Alumni Engagement team, some selforganized and supported by our staff. As examples, President Treadwell and I made a traditional visit to Florida in March where we met with alums from the '50s and '60s who live in the Naples area, with alums from across the decades at a Red Sox preseason game, and with parents and alums at Keene State baseball and softball games. We brought Class Secretaries together in April to refine the process of keeping classmates connected. In other cases, an alumni group organized their own event with our support. In the first half of this calendar year, TKE had a wonderful 50th anniversary of their founding; journalism alums held a reunion for alumni and current members of WKNH, KSC-TV, and The Equinox; we've helped Athletic Training alums plan a gathering that will be held in the third week of July; and, on our Florida trip in March, alums from the Class of '77 met at one member's home in Kissimmee (the first time they'd all been together since graduation day!) and we joined them in the celebration.

Alumni from the '50s through the '10s are giving back to their alma mater on our collective behalf. They are serving on the Reunion Planning Committee and have connected with graduates and their families at our annual Senior Dinner and Dessert, served as ushers at Commencement,

planned events for their affinity groups, organized Golden

Circle Society luncheons throughout New England, and hosted regional Alumni meet-ups, among many other things.

Alums are also contributing to the vitality of Keene State College on the whole, not just the alumni population. Two recent examples are a pilot partnership with the Admissions team this spring in which alumni who live in the Northeast worked with admissions counselors at college fairs in their region and an expanded partnership with the Athletics Department to co-host alumni and parent events before away games throughout New England and at the teams' Florida pre-season games. We are bringing an alumni presence to Admitted Student Days, donating to the President's Challenge and other fundraising drives to support current students' success, presenting in the Career Speaker Series and in classrooms, welcoming student groups to their workplaces to help them learn about their industries, serving as mentors, and posting job openings at their companies on the College's JobWISE webpage.

These are just a few ways that hundreds of our fellow alums are reconnecting with – and giving back to – Keene State College.

I leave you with three calls to action:

Please join me and hundreds of other Keene State alums at Reunion 2018. Come rediscover, reconnect, and relive!

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annual Seniorclass's group on Facebook (if your class
doesn't have one, create one!). Several
"affinity groups" also have Facebook group
pages – Athletic Training, Journalism,Come rediscover, reconnect, and relive!

Please join our alumni community

online – at Keene State College Alumni

on Facebook and Twitter as well as your

Safety, Lacrosse, Baseball, and more. Plug your club(s) into Facebook's search engine to see if a group exists and join your fellow teammates and club members there.

Please vote for your new Keene State Alumni Association Board of Directors. Information is pinned to the top of our Alumni Facebook page.

After three decades as an Alumni volunteer, it's been a pleasure and honor to serve for the first half of the year as our Interim Director of Alumni Relations. It's allowed me to reconnect with more than 1,000 of my fellow Alumni Owls through

various events. At the same time, I look forward to soon returning all of my attention to my role as the College's director of external relations. More about that in the next edition of *Keene State Today*.



Steve Fortier '86

It's always a great day to be an Alumni Owl!



FIRST-PERSON PROJECT

Amy (Brassard) Oelkers '97 Ridgewood, NJ

Vice President of Revenue, VOGUE, New York City

Major: Psychology Associate's Degree: Chemical Dependency

"What I do on a daily basis is about human connection and human behavior. What I fell in love with wasn't so much the fashion (although, a nice perk!); it was the story being told. Allure, Glamour, Seventeen, Teen Vogue, VOGUE – all of these powerful brands connect with people on a daily basis in different ways. It is my job to show the connection from brand to consumer."

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

FIRST-PERSON PROJECT

Jesse Hurwitz '00 New York City

Senior Director of Monetization Products, Jump Ramp Games Major: Communication

"I applied for a job and was rejected, so I wrote a 10-page business document on industry trends and what I've seen, and submitted that. I was called back, and they said, 'Wow – after you took the time to do this, clearly we have to give you an opportunity to at least interview.' And from there I got the job. In my first job out of college, I was on the phone making a hundred sales calls every day. Doing that, you get a lot of 'No's. One more 'no' wasn't going to stop me from pushing back."

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

Danielle (Dearborn) Gagne '97 Alfred Station, NY

Associate Professor of Psychology, Alfred University

Major: Psychology Associate's Degree: Chemical Dependency

"I had great personal relationships with my professors at Keene State. That set the stage for me becoming a professor. I try to cultivate that same relationship with my students. I have a very open-door policy with them. I tell them, 'I'm going to get to know you.'"

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

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