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Betsy '67 and Bob Coll '68

Betsy and Bob Coll met at KSC and went on to careers that spanned 34 years for Betsy as a physical education teacher and 35 years for Bob in the construction industry.

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The photoshoot followed Keene State College COVID-19 protocol.

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IN THIS ISSUE we celebrate generations of family members who graduated from Keene State College. We also share stories of new Owls and those just leaving the nest. And we reflect on the traditions, organizations and legacies of generosity that inspire the motto, "Enter to learn. Go forth to serve."

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Keene State College Class of 2022 praised for perseverance during COVID Pandemic

Good afternoon, and welcome to those who have joined us today for this important and anticipated celebration — distinguished and honored guests, trustees, and members of the Keene State College community.

I welcome our faculty, staff, students, alumni — and especially our 2022 graduates, their families, and friends.

Graduates, your ascension to this moment is no small thing. With vision and focus, in the face of sometimes isolating rules and protocols, you pressed on. You weathered a unique and challenging time in our history and in your lives. A time that challenged your willpower, discipline, and patience.

Today reminds us that we are better when we are together. But make no mistake, it is you who persevered, who figured things out, who today are graduating. The Keene State College Class of 2022 knew the assignment, stood its ground, and got to the finish line. Going forward, you are guidebooks on how to navigate such circumstances should a challenge of this kind surface again. The blueprint is part yours: how to do it right. How to do it gracefully. How to do it while being standout and considerate students, caring friends, and decent and respectful human beings.

It is only fitting that this concluding chapter of your Keene State undergraduate or graduate journey commence in familiar surroundings. This campus is part your home. Always.

The landscaping and distinctive architecture that frame this spot on our campus are just things. But you, today, become part of the human bricks and mortar upon which this institution is rooted. This foundation has never felt stronger. These grounds have never seemed more appealing.

You are ready to enter a world that awaits your talents and contributions, your ideas, your opinions, the individual and collective impact of your creativity, your connections, and your compassion.

We encourage you to be change makers; to not only join conversations, but to start conversations; to be leaders, influencers, and collaborators; to be champions for community and causes that you strongly believe in; to be creators; to be forces for social good.

You should feel prepared to chart your course and be among the difference makers and the transformational figures of your generation. Knowing this, and knowing so many of you, gives me so much hope for the future.

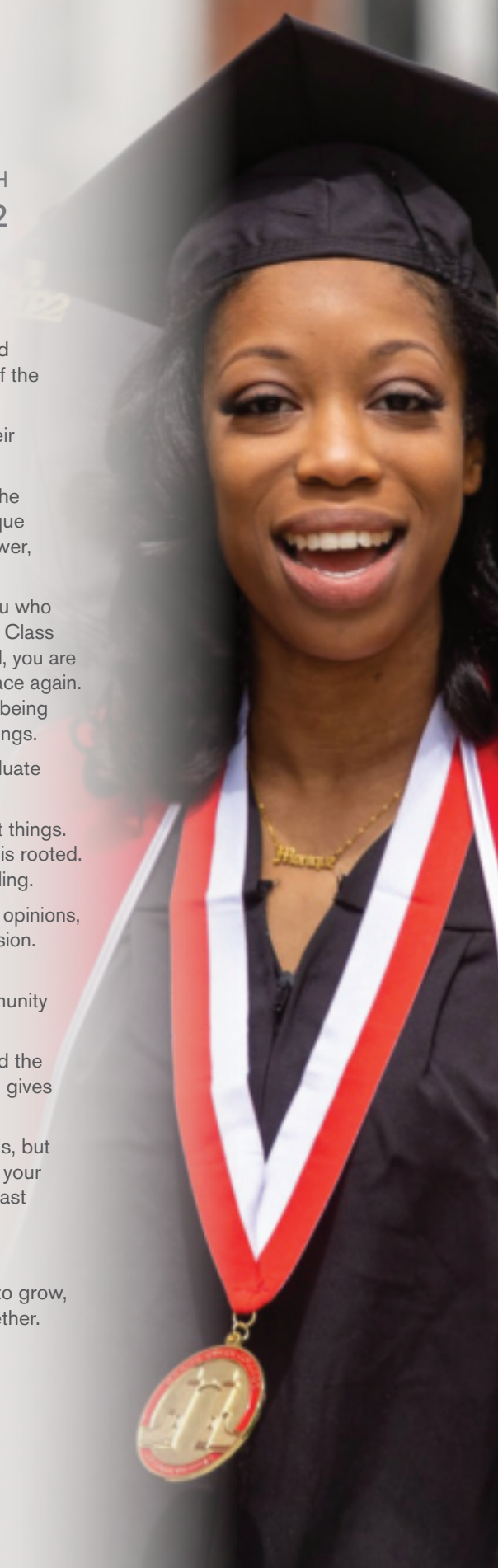
As Keene State looks forward, as it imagines how it will adapt not only to shifting trends, but to emerging areas of study and to ranging student interests, the college will draw from your creativity, drive and openness to a learning experience that was vastly different these past couple of years than anyone could have predicted.

You co-created a future that models something different.

Draw from all that you have learned. You will make yourself better, you will help others to grow, and you will continue to forge ahead as examples of how to do something greater together.

My absolute best wishes, Class of 2022!

Dr. Melinda Treadwell '90
President, Keene State College



A Legacy That Spans Six Decades Has Brought Love, Friendship, and Prosperity to the Coll Family

Back in the early 1960s, the counterculture movement was building in San Francisco, the Vietnam War was raging, and Betsy Richardson and Bob Coll were two young Keene State College students whose paths hadn't crossed. Neither of them could have anticipated how the school would impact their lives, families, friendships, and careers. Today, they've been married for 51 years, have raised two daughters, and have retired from two successful careers. Looking back, they can see how their experience at KSC has woven its way through their lives.

How KSC launched Betsy's career as a physical education teacher

It all started with Betsy's uncle, Edwin Betz, who was a science professor at Keene State—the 1961 yearbook is dedicated to him—and her aunt Eleanor Betz, who was the registrar for many years.

"I applied to Keene because my uncle had been there, and my mother encouraged me to apply," Betsy said. She wanted a college that wasn't too close to her Greenfield, Massachusetts home, so crossing the state line to attend KSC seemed like a perfect fit.

Back in the early 60s, women didn't have many career options. Betsy said the choices came down to teacher, nurse, or secretary. "I liked PE, so I figured I could go to college and play sports for four years," she said. The KSC physical education major was just for women at the time, and she liked that women-only focus.

When Betsy got there, though, she found the course load more demanding than she had expected. "I got slapped in the face freshman year when I found myself

studying these subjects I couldn't even pronounce, like kinesiology and physiology. I thought I was in the wrong curriculum, quite frankly."

Still, she thrived. "We didn't just have anatomy and kinesiology. We had physiology of exercise and prevention and care of athletic injuries," she said. "It prepared me to take care of athletic injuries when kids were hurt."

Along with her focus on academics, she got involved. "With all the organizations and sports and cheerleading I was in, I was on campus all the time," she said. "It wasn't like I went home every weekend."

Her major required nine weeks of student teaching in elementary school, and she learned quickly that she preferred teaching older students. Most elementary schools didn't have a designated gym, so in cold or rainy weather PE classes were held in the classroom. Betsy would have to draw a string across the room and have the children hit balloons across it to teach them how to play volleyball. "I found out really fast I didn't like elementary. I didn't like throwing those balloons across the string and having kids tripping over desks," she said.

Her student teaching at a junior high school, however, launched her career. The PE teacher there left as Betsy was finishing her student teaching, so she filled that position. She taught there for five years, took four years off when she had her daughters, then taught for 29 years at Memorial High School in Manchester, where she coached volleyball as well.

Betsy said her KSC education prepared her well for her career in large and small ways. “Every day I taught was a learning experience because I was involved with so many kids. You have 30 kids in a class for five periods a day, then you have a study hall with another 200 to 300 kids in a cafeteria. You deal with so many different personalities—it goes beyond teaching,” she said. Betsy taught physical education for 34 years and retired in 2006.

Her class, the class of '67, was the first class to attend what was called Keene State College for all four years—the school transitioned from Keene Teachers College in 1963. The school was much smaller then, with about 1,000 students altogether.

Bob thrived in a career in construction, thanks to KSC

Bob's path to KSC wasn't quite as direct as Betsy's was. He graduated from Pembroke Academy, a small high school in Pembroke, NH, in 1961, where he was one of only 56 graduates. “My father made it through grade 6, and even though he was very successful as a construction superintendent, he always wanted me to go to college,” he said. “I have three sisters, but I was the only one in my family to go to college.”

Bob attended the University of New Hampshire (UNH) after high school, but it wasn't a good fit for him. So, he left there and worked in construction for a year, and then a friend suggested that he go to KSC. Bob's cousin, Claire Coll, graduated from the school in 1960, so he was familiar with it. And the school felt like it was the right size. “Keene was big, but not that big. I knew almost everybody there,” he said.

He enrolled in the industrial arts program in 1963, played baseball, and was a director of intramural sports. He changed his major to history and he graduated with a double major in industrial arts and history in 1968. After that, he taught history for five years and then transitioned into the construction business.

What the Keene State experience was like in the 1960s

Keene State College was a different place more than a half-century ago. Despite graduating in the 60s, Bob and Betsy don't recall a lot of the drugs and counterculture associated with that decade. They said it became more prevalent a few years later, after the Woodstock festival. But the Vietnam War was being fought, and people were being drafted right out of college. “It was a chaotic period right after we got out,” she said.

During college back then, rules were stricter for women. “We were monitored and weaned away from home,” Betsy said. Boys weren't allowed in the dorm rooms, though a few years later they were allowed inside for no more than an hour, with the door open all the time.

Women also had to:

- Be back in the dorm at 9 or 10 p.m.
- Sign out and say where they were going after dark
- Answer to a housemother

Yet Betsy remembers it fondly: “We were just glad to be away from home without our parents breathing down our necks,” she said. “It was a really good time.”

The school hosted lots of athletic events, dances, and concerts. “Concerts were really big. We had performers who were popular back in the day,” Betsy said. Jazz pianist Dave Brubeck and the rock band The Kingsmen, of “Louie Louie” fame, were among those who performed on campus.

“It was an exciting time for us. It really was the best time of our lives,” Bob said.

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"An important thing to know about Keene State was that you learned to be somewhat of a teacher. Believe it or not, even in the construction business I used the skills I learned at Keene State. I was constantly teaching everybody who worked for me," he said. "I was still teaching, but in a different sense. Keene State really prepared me for that."

Bob retired in 2007 after 35 years in the construction field.

Their roots at KSC weave through their lives

KSC may have helped Betsy and Bob launch their successful careers, but more meaningfully, it was the place where the two of them met—Betsy was friends with Bob's roommate. "We started dating in 1965," Bob said. "We dated for two years at Keene State College and four more after that before we got married 51 years ago."

KSC is also the place where they forged some of their deepest and longest-lasting friendships. "A lot of our close friends went to Keene," Betsy said. "We spend a lot of time with them. I think that is as important as anything—the connections that you keep and the contacts you make."

Betsy and Bob are involved in KSC activities. They spend most of the year in Manchester, where they are close enough to Keene to easily reach the campus. Betsy is a director on the board of the Alumni Association, and they both volunteer at the school—this year they volunteered to be ushers at commencement. They also like to attend events on campus, especially the Golden Circle lunches and the December jazz concert.

The KSC connection has spread through the Coll family tree

It's not surprising that talking about their positive memories and experiences with Keene State over the years would lead other family members to take a look at the school when it was time to choose a college.

Bob and Betsy's younger daughter, Jill Coll Gaumont, graduated from KSC in '99 and now teaches children with behavioral disorders in Manchester. "She majored in psychology at Keene with no clue what she wanted to do," Betsy said. She chose teaching when she was in her 30s and, fortunately, a lot of her courses from Keene transferred, making the transition easier. Her husband Brian Gaumont is also part of the KSC legacy—he graduated in '97.

Their older daughter, Stacy, forged a different path. She graduated from Johnson and Wales University in Providence and has been a flight attendant for United Airlines for 27 years.

Bob and Betsy have three grandchildren, and time will tell whether the KSC legacy will continue with their generation. Their oldest grandchild has other plans—he will start his studies at UNH in the fall. His sister is a junior in high school and their cousin is a senior, so they haven't finalized their college plans yet.

Over the years, several nieces, nephews, and cousins have also graduated from KSC:

ALUMNI: Carol Croteau '83
Brian Gaumont '97
Jill Coll Gaumont '99
Joshua Scott '01
Melisa Simpson Scott '01
Andrew Stockwell '07
Michael Emerson '07

Along with the family legacies, many of the high school students Betsy taught over the years chose to continue their educations at KSC. She's seen her students go on to choose Keene to study music, graphic arts, elementary education, and theatre, as well as PE.

— Carol Croteau '83 —



— Andrew Stockwell '07 —



Our Legacy Families

Barry Family

ALUMNI: Fred Barry '36
John '71 and Jane Barry '71
Jim Barry '77

All in the family. Four members, four graduations. Fred Barry, 1936; John and Jane Barry, 1971; Jim Barry, 1977.

Here we are at a reunion in the 1980s. Fred worked at KSC in various capacities for nearly three decades, finishing his career by expanding and refining outreach to graduates as alumni director. Jane got her Masters in 1971, the same year John earned a B.A. Six years later, Jim rounded out this family affair. We were all enriched by our experiences at the college.



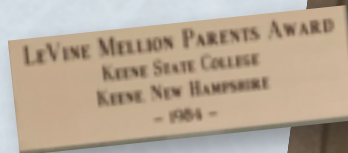
Jim, Fred, Jane and John Barry

LeVine Mellion Family

ALUMNI: Bruce LeVine Mellion '69
Paul LeVine Mellion '72
Joan LeVine Mellion '74

Dr. Gilbert LeVine Mellion and Ruth Berman Mellion were the first recipients in 1983 of the LeVine Mellion Parent Award at Keene State College, established by an endowment from four of their children, three of whom graduated from the College. The award continues to be presented annually to parents nominated by students for their support, enthusiasm, and love toward their child's education. Ruth passed away in November 2021 at the age of 102. A creative and devoted 3rd grade teacher for 28 years in Newington, CT, her legacy, and that of Gilbert, is being carried forward by their children through the Parent Award.

Dr. Gilbert LeVine Mellion was the first full-time dentist in Rocky Hill, CT, maintaining an office there for 40 years.



Dr. Gilbert LeVine Mellion and Ruth Berman Mellion



Our Legacy Families (continued)

McCully Family

ALUMNI: John McCully '85, Physical Education major
James McCully '23, Physical Education major

The McCully name is synonymous with soccer. John McCully is a Keene State soccer 3 time all-American while his son James was a high school phenom earning all-American honors. The Keene State soccer fields have been home to both father and son for years. John, also a longtime Nauset Regional High School soccer coach, would take his team to the Owls soccer camp year after year with his son James in tow. From middle school on, James would attend the camp. Keene State College passion and school spirit run deep with this father and son combo. Heading into his final year at Keene and due to an ACL knee injury, James will be an assistant coach this fall. A physical education major, James looks forward to everything that Keene, NH and the Monadnock region have to offer. Former coaches, Ron Butcher and Rick Scott, have been instrumental in the McCully soccer legacy.



James and John McCully

Acerno Family

ALUMNI: Eileen Acerno Lary '80
Ann Marie Acerno DiSilva '86
Elizabeth Acerno Cahoon '90
Jake Cahoon '90
Gina Acerno Gitchell '94
Graham Gitchell '97
Peg Richmond M'94
Rebecca Richmond Copeland M'13
Meaghan Bostwick Fowler '02 M'08
Zach Fowler '08
Monica DeMilta '18
Danielle Acerno '21
Maggie Cahoon '22
Emma Cahoon '24

Our parents, Michael and Theresa Acerno, were great supporters of public education. Two generations of Acernos have attended Keene State College and created a tradition that has extended beyond that legacy. We continue to support those values as teachers, administrators, and public servants.



Maggie and Liz Cahoon



The Acerno Family

Our Legacy Families

McGettigan Family

ALUMNI: Mary McGettigan '22
Edna Sheldon '33
Dorothy Callaghan '61
Helen Koehler '63
George Koehler '63
Margaret McAuliffe '64
Robert McGettigan '64
Gregg Taylor '69
Eleanor McGettigan '71
Niki McGettigan '75
Steven McGettigan '75
Sheila Colson '90
John McAuliffe '95
Molly Callaghan '24
Frances Callaghan '25
Senja Rae Sours '26

The extended McGettigan family includes 13 graduates of Keene Teachers College and Keene State College, 2 current students at KSC, and one incoming freshman. Most of the family were educators and collectively they have taught for more than 650 years! A 1960 article from the Keene Teachers College newspaper stated, "All four (before Eleanor made five) of the McGettigans add to the school. Whenever someone is needed to work in the Campus Club, help out some club or do other miscellaneous job, one or more of the McGettigans is always ready and willing. If you ever pass Fiske or Huntress and hear an uncanny laugh enveloping the whole campus – ten to one, it's a McGettigan. For one trait a McGettigan has is the ability to laugh and enjoy themselves, and they seem to pass this feeling on to everyone around them."



Mary McGettigan

Newspaper Clipping

Edna Sheldon of Wilton, N.H., was honored at a family gathering on June 2, 2000, at the home of her sister, Dorothy McGettigan, in Wilton. Edna taught home economics in Nashua and Portsmouth for 36 years and retired in 1972. Among the 90 guests were her two sisters, 12 nieces and nephews (six KSC grads – five McGettigans and one Taylor, many of her 30 grandnieces and grandnephews (three KSC grads – a McGettigan, Callaghan, and McAuliffe), and some of her 38 great-grandnieces and –nephews. "Edna Sheldon Day" was the family's way to show love and thanks for all she has done throughout the past years and continues to do for her family. Edna introduced many family members to Martha's Vineyard, has taken them on educational trips, and set up a scholarship fund for family college tuitions. Thirteen members of her family have gone into the teaching profession. Edna still continues to take an active part in family activities.

Edna Sheldon

FEATURE

Launch of the Innovation Advisory Council

Niche academic programming, expanded immersive learning experiences, and preparing a career-ready workforce are at the heart of a charge that will drive the work of a new advisory council group at Keene State College.

The Innovation Advisory Council is a long-term strategic council aligned to offer guidance and partnership to President Melinda Treadwell and her Cabinet. The advisory council has a finger on the pulse of what the region and world need from Keene State – its academic programs and its students, Treadwell said.

Made up of Treadwell, a 1990 Keene State graduate; Veronica Rosa, Vice President of Advancement; industry experts that include a minimum of two Keene State alumni, and faculty members, the nine-person advisory council, as presently constructed, met for the first time in March and will meet quarterly going forward.

“These times call for innovation and the ability to adapt smartly,” Treadwell said. “In a nutshell, we have assembled this diverse and talented group to identify the workforce of tomorrow and to position Keene State’s unique liberal arts experience to align with that workforce as much as possible. This is a strategic imperative.”

The advisory council is a guiding body, Treadwell said. Ideally, she added, it will work with the broader college community to shape a future academic vision.

Aligning our curriculum to help close the skills-gap and meet the needs of the region and state is critical, according to Dr. James Beeby, Keene State provost.

“Exploring new majors, fields of studies, including micro-credentials and pathways for skill development, and building more intentional and deeper partnerships as part of the Liberal Arts experience, is vital to the needs of the state and region,” he said. “This work will go a long way toward supporting businesses in the region, and attracting new businesses, as well as

attracting college-educated workers and leaders to stay and be productive members of society and meet the workforce needs of the Monadnock Region.”

This region is not immune to the workforce development challenges that are profound and well documented, Treadwell said. “In a perfect world, the public liberal arts college of the state will be the preferred employment partner with the business sector. Our programs match the needs of the region, and our students will exceed employers’ expectations with their ability to contribute immediately and effectively.”

Yvonne Goldsberry, president of the NH Endowment for Health and a member of the Council, said “It is important that we naturally step to what is new. With everything we have been through, it is impossible really to revert; we cannot go backward in time. And there is so much exciting going on and technology and ability to communicate. We are not just locked into our neighborhoods anymore, even though in New Hampshire we have a strong, community-minded way of operating. What is exciting about this Council, and its work, is looking for ways to transform a classroom experience so students of tomorrow are ready to contribute in ways that meet identified (workforce) needs.”

The college, today more than ever, must create strategic pathways whereby its capacity meets industry needs, Treadwell said. “If we can help local industry find the talent it needs, and that businesses and students need to grow and to stay here, that’s a win-win.”

The important counsel of this distinguished advisory group, Beeby noted, “will continue to position Keene State to meet the challenges and opportunities of the 21st Century economy and serve our public mission.”

Innovation Advisory Council Members

ERIN BLACK '98

Represents: Sustainability, Global Industry

Organization: Coca-Cola Beverages

Position: VP Sustainability and Risk Management

MARK BOOMGARTEN

Represents: Precision Technology, Local and Global Industry

Organization: Moore Nanotechnology Systems and Moore Tool (The PMT Group)

Position: President & CEO; Director, Board President

DAVID BONNETTE '92

Represents: High Tech, Global Industry and Partnerships

Organization: Vista Equity Partners

Position: Managing Director

JAMIE BURNETT

Represents: Government Relations, USNH System

Organization: Sight Line

Position: President

JESSICA FULLER

Represents: Finance, Entrepreneur, Culture and Compliance

Organization: Edward Jones

Position: Financial Advisor

DR. YVONNE GOLDSBERRY

Represents: Community Health, NH Industry Partnerships

Organization: Endowment for Health

Position: President

KEEFE HARRISON

Represents: Sustainability, Global Industry

Organization: The Recycling Partnership

Position: Founder & CEO

BETH MARSHDOYLE

Represents: Leading-Edge Technology, Global Industry

Organization: Apple

Position: Account Executive for Apple Inc. in Higher Education and Healthcare

TAMMY WARNER

Represents: Higher Education, Strategic Planning, Business Development

Organization: Keene State College

Position: Assistant Professor at Keene State College, Founder at Hopmeadow Farm Market Garden, Trustee of Keene Endowment Association



FEATURE

Kaitlyn Wilson '22: Senior Class President

EXCERPT FROM 2022 COMMENCEMENT SPEECH

Four years ago, we marched ourselves down Appian Way and toward what felt like an endless amount of adventure and opportunity. I remember nervously asking for directions in the Redfern, standing in line to order my first Sizzler, winning my first Bingo at the Night Owl Café, running around campus to get points on Hootie's Rewards, and questioning why Walmart shopping carts wound up in the Ashuelot River.

Keene State has supplied each of us with more than just memories and a formal education: this school has allowed us to grow beyond student status and into individuals who are ready to use our knowledge to enact change in the world around them.

Though, our learning has not just been limited to the classroom. Our class has had to learn how to adapt to change, operate on Zoom, and know the meanings of words like “unprecedented”, “social distancing”, and “insurrection”. We have learned there really is no such thing as an extended two-week spring break, but we have also learned that we are a community that can still come together, though physically apart.

Each one of you sitting here with this silly hat on your head has overcome something many have deemed insurmountable. You have defeated the odds and persevered in a time when nothing has come easy. Our class not only had to fight for our education through the pandemic, but has had to lead the fight to help our campus and our world turn the corner and define what comes

next. We have done so in the face of loss: Many of us have lost loved ones, yielded days to isolation, grieved a canceled job or travel opportunity, and given heartfelt goodbyes to our beloved Cobblestone, Dominos, and the Dining Commons omelet bar. Yet, these losses, changes, and obstacles have not defeated us, but instead have made us stronger.

Even amid these losses, we have gained much from our time as Owls. The Class of 2022 is a group that has gained a fervent purpose, a profound sense of empathy, and a renewed sense of gratitude, for moments big and small, because we recognize that even this gathering today should not be taken for granted. I know that we will continue to grow, gain skills, and develop new memories because the Class of 2022 is just that: resilient.

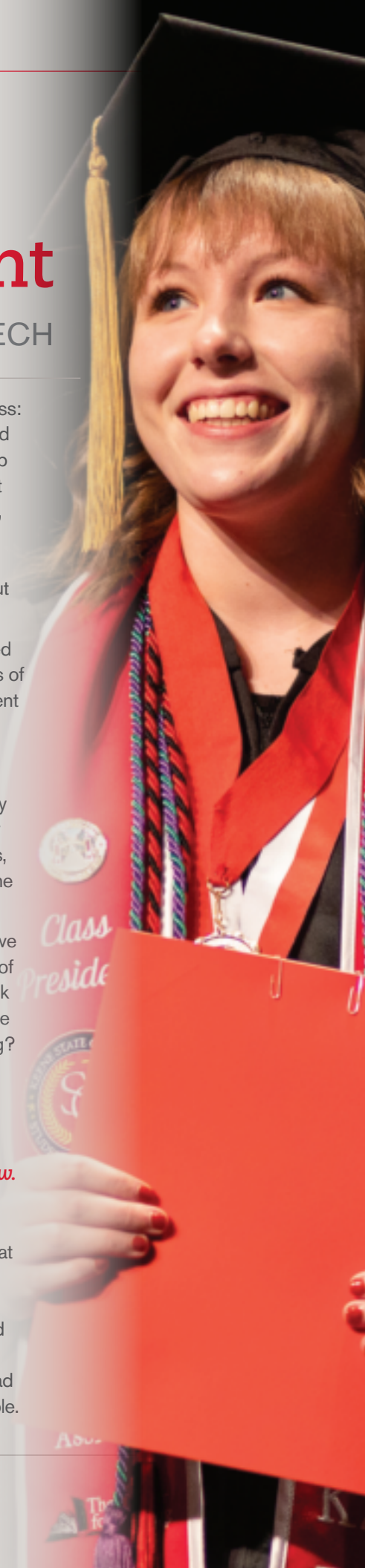
But, one question remains: Where do we go from here? Think of this next phase of life like a book. Staring at that first, blank page is daunting: What to write? Where to begin? Are we ready to begin writing?

Take a moment.

Take a breath.

Your story is writing itself: it is beginning here, it is beginning now.

Compose these next chapters with the same passion, fervor, and motivation that you have displayed in these past four years. Tell the world of your journeys, your triumphs, and of the memories and moments we have shared together as Owls. Keep your focus firmly on the road ahead; I promise you will be unstoppable.



Student at Heart: Grace Clark Begins Her Journey at Keene State

It is hard not to take Grace Elizabeth Clark '26 at her word when she describes herself as “a bit of an old soul.”

The incompatibility of that self-description, however, is that the rising first-year Keene State student is but 18 years old.

It could be her Christian roots. Her deep love of family. Maturity and intuition that belie her age; that is another explanation.

Just as likely it could be Grace's subtle but steady preoccupation with being the difference-maker in the world that she imagines.

Thirst for knowledge. Regard for others. Appreciation for connections, community and history. These, too, are perfectly acceptable “old soul” defenses.

More likely, it is a unique combination of all the above.

Add it up any way, one thing is clear: From her earliest school years, Grace has been making her mark in the classroom, winning plaudits for her achievements and respect for her authenticity and her intellect, and making it known that this is just the beginning.

The 2022 Monadnock Regional High School valedictorian will continue her educational pursuits at Keene State in the Morris-August Honors Program for the institution's highest-achieving students.

Grace will pursue a degree in education and legal studies and a minor in professional writing. Her goal, she says affirmingly, is a career in policy writing and educational law.

“Making positive change for public education is what I want to do,” Grace says. “Through legislation, policy reform, programs, whatever means; the entire process for improving education ... that is what I am most passionate about.”

Alexis D'Amboise is one of Grace's high school teachers, and herself a Keene State graduate, Class of 2006.

“She loves all facets of education; it's just a core part of her personality,” D'Amboise says. “In the current climate,” D'Amboise says, “where we are seeing lot of change in education policy, this is perfect for her. She has a loud voice, but an empathetic voice.”

In that senior capstone project, Grace created the School Betterment Initiative and worked with Lisa Spencer, the principal of the high school, on the creation of an Extracurricular Handbook, Class Council Handbook, Proposal to Amend Film Policy, and other morale-related projects in conjunction with Student Government.

Grace was 12 years old when the region's local newspaper, *The Keene Sentinel*, wrote a page one profile to highlight her artistic talents, volunteerism, and academic proficiency. At that time, she sported high school-level reading comprehension scores, math acumen well above her grade level, was teaching Sunday School and helping to student teach preschool.

“**Making positive change for public education is what I want to do.**”

While her aspiration of wanting to be a teacher has shifted, her regard for learning, and helping others to harness that spirit as a quality-of-life benefit, remains constant.

“The education program at Keene State is part of what drew me to come here,” she said. “Now I have some business part in my degree, and a marketing aspect, all of which is going to help me to work to remove the red tape and protocols that get in the way of change.”

SPECIAL INTEREST

Celebrating Keene State College Milestones

Keene State College is celebrating anniversaries of a number of campus organizations, as well as academic and athletic programs, in 2021 and 2022. With more than 100 clubs, teams and organizations, major milestones for affinity groups are an important touchpoint for the Keene State community. The College is proud to be celebrating the following anniversaries and seasons.

Men's Club Ice Hockey – 15th Season

Varsity Men's Lacrosse – 25th Season

Redfern Arts Center – 40th Season

Men's Rugby – 50th Anniversary

Film Society – 50th Anniversary

WKNH Radio Station – 50th Anniversary

Writing Center (now the Center for Research and Writing) – 30th Anniversary



KEENE ENDOWMENT ASSOCIATION

In Loving Memory

Keene State College is grateful to the family members and friends who have established endowed funds in memory of a loved one or significant person in their lives. The following endowed memorial funds were created within the past few years.



Professor Gary Bonitatibus



Professor David R. Leinster



Janice Adams Lessard '68



Gretchen & Travis Hodgdon '94

The Dr. Gary Bonitatibus Memorial Scholarship

KSC Psychology Professor Gary Bonitatibus, and his wife, Elaine (Blackmore) Bonitatibus '92, shared a passion for adventure, for helping others, and for their life together. Gary taught at Keene State College for thirty years, and passed away in July 2021. His legacy of encouragement and support of Keene State students lives on in the scholarship established by Elaine in Gary's memory.

The David R. Leinster Memorial Scholarship

Professor Leinster taught history at Keene State College from 1966 until his retirement in 1998. He is remembered for his commitment to sharing his knowledge, and to encouraging students who were military veterans and those who were first in their families to attend college. The scholarship in his name supports students who are New Hampshire residents and are pursuing a degree in history.

Robert E. Corrigan Memorial Scholarship

Robert E. Corrigan was raised in Coos County, New Hampshire and attended school in Gorham. Upon graduation from Dartmouth College in 1963 he immediately returned home, where he enjoyed a thirty-six-year career at Gorham High School. He created the Senior Project, a capstone graduation requirement that is still part of the Gorham High School curriculum. New Hampshire residents majoring in Education are eligible for the Corrigan Scholarship.

The Leinster and Corrigan Scholarships

were established by Travis M. Hodgdon '94 and his wife Gretchen A. Hodgdon. Dr. Hodgdon remembers

Dr. Corrigan's positive influence as a teacher and coach, and maintains fond appreciation of Dr. Leinster's encouragement toward a fellow Navy veteran.

Mary Sophia Nano Shealy '40 M'58 and Lester Shealy Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship honors the memory of Mrs. Shealy and her service to the teaching profession, and also recognizes family members who have served in Keene, NH. It was created by David Nano, nephew of Mrs. Shealy, and his wife Tina. The scholarship supports education majors, with preference for students from Keene or Cheshire County, New Hampshire.

Adams Scholarship

Atha Adams was instrumental in ensuring her daughter, Janice Adams Lessard '68 had the opportunity to attend college. She worked as a Registered Nurse during World War II and after, all the while diligently saving, a dollar at a time. This was much to the displeasure of her husband who thought becoming a plumber would be the best vocation for his daughter! The scholarship supports students enrolled in secondary education who are specializing in science.

All of the endowed funds listed above are held in trust by the Keene Endowment Association (KEA), with 60+ years of fiduciary stewardship for investments that benefit KSC students and programs. For more information about the KEA, please contact Stephanie Flaherty, stephanie.flaherty@keene.edu or (603) 358-2396.

FEATURE

HOMECOMING 2021

Keene State College's Alumni Weekend was a time to celebrate. For the first time in two years, more than 350 alumni and friends came back to campus October 1-3 to reconnect with other Owls, following the cancellation of the 2020 event due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Alumni returned to campus eager to visit their favorite places on campus, meet current students, and celebrate their fellow friends and peers. Special events were held throughout the weekend to honor distinguished alumni, faculty, and staff, including athletics Hall of Fame inductees, alumni award recipients Jocelyne Cummings '09 and Dorothy Simpson '61, retired athletic coaches Denise Lyons '90 and Ken Howe '86, and Professor Emeritus David E. White.

Alumni spanned over 70 years of graduates, with Ruth Washburn '47 proudly leading the parade of classes as the oldest alumna in attendance. Activities included class reunion lunches, varsity athletics and club sport games, Sizzlers in the Night Owl Café, lawn games and music on Fiske Quad, the opening of the David E. White Children's Literature Gallery Collection, and much more.

Save the date for Keene State College Homecoming—the new and improved Alumni Weekend: September 30-October 2, 2022!







Dear KSC Alumni and Friends:

I am pleased to share highlights of Keene State College's annual giving report for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. As Vice President of the Keene Endowment Association, I have the privilege of serving my alma mater alongside others who are equally passionate about advancing the mission of the college. While our ambitions to increase charitable giving to Keene State are big, the most important thing we can do, and ask others to join us in, is contributing our time, talent and financial support each year. Every corner of the college is impacted by gifts. Thank you for your generosity to Keene State and I hope you'll continue to join me in supporting the students, faculty and staff of the college in the exciting year ahead. Go Owls!

Dan Kurowski
Dan Kurowski '07

GRATITUDE

IN THEIR WORDS

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I am elated to think that within a year from graduation from Keene State, I will be in my own classroom, learning from my own students. Your generosity and graciousness have helped make this long-awaited goal into a very near reality. I look forward to taking on the responsibility of secondary education, and I thank you for assisting my journey.

Laura Botelho '22
Secondary Education and English: Literature

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Throughout the year, I have continued research with Dr. Lito Amit on whole-body vibration and occupational stress, and I hope to have a paper about it published this summer. I returned to an internship with Berlin Steel during winter break, and I have accepted an internship offer from Holder Construction for this summer.

Jonathan Podlaha '23
*Safety & Occupational Health
Applied Sciences*

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Keene State has been an amazing experience since I got here. The smaller class sizes and more personal teaching styles have allowed me to flourish in my academics. I have been able to maintain above a 3.5 GPA and it has made me feel like one day soon I will accomplish my goal of becoming a nurse.

Nicholas Gaskin '25
Nursing

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I currently hold a few leadership positions on campus and I am working to help improve Keene State as much as I can. I have had some amazing opportunities to give back to the community by volunteering. In the future, I plan to go to law school to become a human rights attorney or go to graduate school for peace and conflict studies.

Maria Paula Durant '23
Holocaust & Genocide Studies and Legal Studies

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Next spring I plan to study abroad in a Spanish-speaking country. Being able to submerge myself in the culture and practice the language will take my language and understanding to the next level. I am excited to go into teaching to support students and having a background in Spanish will allow me to create a culturally inclusive classroom.

Avery Honey '24
*Elementary Education
and Spanish*

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WHAT WAS CONTRIBUTED?

\$3,027,245

Total Commitments

Percentage increase in
number of gifts,
FY2022 over FY2021

31%

Top 3 areas supported (by number of donors)

- 1 Athletics
- 2 Unrestricted/KSC Fund
- 3 Student Aid

17% Percentage increase in number
of donors, FY2022 over FY2021

Number of students supported by all scholarships and financial aid

2,833
(92%)

\$1,887

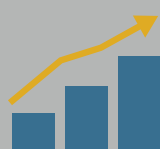
Average Scholarship Award
(Philanthropically Funded)

678

Number of students supported by
philanthropically funded scholarships

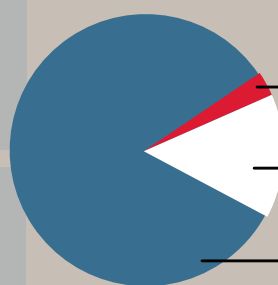
\$19,545,717

Value of Keene Endowment Association
Portfolio as of 12/31/2021



97%

Percentage growth
in KEA portfolio
since 12/31/2019



PERCENTAGE OF GIFTS:

over \$1,001: 4%

between \$101 and \$1,000: 19%

less than \$100: 77%

WHO GAVE?

2215 TOTAL DONORS

678 SUPPORTERS
MADE THEIR FIRST GIFT EVER

1180 ALUMNI

87 STUDENTS

841 FRIENDS

**107 CORPORATIONS,
ORGANIZATIONS AND
FOUNDATIONS**

SPECIAL INTEREST

Generous Donation in Honor of Delmar Ogg



For several generations of Keene State College alumni, the name “Delmar Ogg” prompts a smile and an expression of gratitude. “Del,” as he is fondly known, was a member of the Technology, Design and Safety faculty from 1971 until 2006. His research of technical competencies desired by employers in the manufacturing sector contributed to the curriculum for the Sustainable Product Design & Innovation (SPDI) program that launched in 2008. The SPDI program integrates product design methodologies, cutting-edge manufacturing technologies, and hands-on model and prototype building, all within a liberal arts context to equip students to build a more sustainable future.

In honor of Dr. Ogg, and to support today’s SPDI faculty and students, the family of an alumnus has generously donated \$500,000 to create two new funds at Keene State: The Delmar Ogg SPDI Faculty Professional Development Endowment, and the Delmar Ogg SPDI Scholarship Endowment. The faculty professional development fund will enable faculty to stay current with the most innovative technologies, and the scholarship fund will enable Keene State to recruit promising students to the SPDI program.

Additionally, the donors have agreed to match every gift to SPDI for any purpose, dollar for dollar, up to \$500,000. Keene State President Melinda Treadwell '90 said of the opportunity, “This generous support will ensure that SPDI faculty are ahead of technology trends, so students graduate ready for the jobs of today and tomorrow. A SPDI degree from Keene State College evolves continuously to meet the needs of a fast-changing sector of the economy. Thanks to gifts like this one, this degree will continue to open doors to careers in engineering, product design, marketing, manufacturing and more. We are sincerely grateful for the vote of confidence in Keene State and in SPDI.”

For more information about the matching gift opportunity, contact Marilyn Shriver, CFRE, Director of Development, marilyn.shriver@keene.edu or 603-358-2371.

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“Dr. Ogg was instrumental in my pursuit to become a technology education teacher. He inspired students to challenge their thinking, creatively solve problems, and apply learning from books to real life application. It was through Dr. Ogg’s classroom that I became exposed to the many facets of manufacturing as the industry was beginning the transition from the old “shop” processes to integration and advancement of technology. Dr. Ogg was always a positive influence on all of the students in his presence. His love of teaching supported my career choice to enter into the world of education.”

Kevin Richard '90

BS ED Industrial Arts

SAU 90 Superintendent of Schools, Conway NH

“I was Del’s lab assistant for two years and he was a great low key teacher and I learned a lot about both the material and how to teach it.

He insisted that “ogee” was not pronounced “Oh-Gee” but as “Ogg-ee.”

Joe Barry '80

BS ED Industrial Arts

“Del was my supervising teacher during my student teaching experience, and shared with me an interesting tip. Back in the day “shop” classes were often filled with many of the school’s more challenging students, and he suggested showing that you may have a temper can help keep a class on their toes, but to show it without having it directed towards any students. He simply said to maybe bump awkwardly into a table and demonstratively show your displeasure with that happening and the kids would notice. I have done a version of this ever since, and over my 32 years I have only sent ONE student to the office ever.

The best thing about Del as a professor was that he was a real person who would work with his students almost as equals. He would let you make mistakes then help you learn from them, another tactic I have used throughout my career. Del was truly one of the best professors I ever worked with and felt very lucky to have had him share his experiences with me.”

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Respectfully,

Steve Erdody '88

BS ED Industrial Arts

SPECIAL INTEREST

The Sound of Excellence

Keene State College is close to achieving the designation of All-Steinway School, a distinction that sets the Music Program apart from all others in New Hampshire. We will be the first in the state—public or private—and the only liberal arts college in northern New England with All-Steinway School recognition.

Over the past four years, Keene State College alumni and friends have donated more than \$500,000 toward the purchase of seventeen Steinway & Sons or Steinway-designed Boston pianos. Every student practice module and classroom now has one of the finest pianos available on the market.

"I am constantly more inspired to create as an artist because the notes sound as colorful as I imagine them."

—James Slipp, Music Student

"The sparkly character of the highest keys to the warmth of the lower keys on a Steinway are like no other piano I have played."

—Rory Butler, Music Student

"Steinway pianos are so much more than equipment."

—Christina Wright-Ivanova
Assistant Professor of Music and
Piano Program Coordinator

Please plan to celebrate this achievement with us at a gala reception and concert on October 29, 2022, beginning at 5:30 p.m. For more information, contact Marilyn Shriver, CFRE, Director of Development, at (603) 358-2371 or marilyn.shriver@keene.edu.

KEENE STATE MUSIC DEPARTMENT - THE NUMBERS -


100%

Students with jobs or graduate school placement upon graduation.

557

Students participating in music programs in 2021-2022.



(including all majors)


27

Section Titles in Music.



171

Rehearsals, opera workshops, and chamber music classes in 2022.



20%

Percentage of student body that participates in music programs.

**OVER
\$500K**

Raised through All-Steinway, All Together Initiative. (As of 6/30/2022)



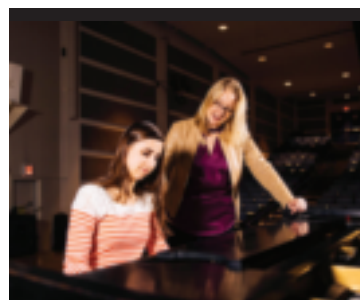
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Number of donors to All-Steinway, All Together.



\$243,000

Cost of a Steinway Spiro | r Model D 9 ft. concert grand



SPECIAL INTEREST

What's Been Happening?

Alumni and friends gather at Celebrate Momentum, the Annual Golf Classic, and Golden Circle Reunion

10th Annual Celebrate Momentum Event

On April 22, 2022 Keene State College and the Keene Endowment Association (KEA) celebrated generosity by bringing together the college's supporters, student scholarship recipients, and college staff to learn firsthand about how philanthropy can be a catalyst for student success and advance the mission of the college. A five-student panel shared their internship experiences and how their academic and life goals were influenced. The KEA also recognized the Associated General Contractors (AGC) and its affiliated Education and Research Foundation for their vision, guidance, and financial support in the creation of KSC's first-in-the-nation bachelor's degree in Construction Safety Sciences.

Annual Keene State Golf Classic Raises over \$41,000 for Owl Athletics

On June 3, 2022, the Keene State community came together at Keene Country Club to play in the 31st annual Keene State College Golf Classic, sponsored by Chartwells. A gorgeous New England summer day paved the way for a great day of golf, with a full field of 140 alumni, faculty, staff, friends and sponsors on the links followed by a lively outdoor barbecue. The funds raised for Keene State Athletics will help offset the cost of new team uniforms for our Owls. Thank you!

We hope you will be able to join us at next year's tournament on June 2, 2023.

The Golden Circle Society Celebrates 25 Years

On June 2, 2022 over 30 members of the Golden Circle Society, (alumni who graduated 50 or more years ago), reunited to visit, reminisce, and celebrate 25 years of gathering. The legacy of the Golden Circle began in 1986 when F. Marion Wood '26 hosted a gathering of alumni from 1936 and earlier. In 1997, Norma Wright Walker '51 began organizing a series of summer luncheons for the cohort throughout New Hampshire. This year, members of the Class of 1972 were welcomed at the June 2nd reunion and will be honored at each luncheon where they are presented with their Golden Circle medallions.

In addition to a luncheon and ice cream social, guests enjoyed an exhibit of artifacts from the Mason Library archives, including memorabilia from Keene Normal School, Keene Teachers College and Keene State College education department.



Golden Circle



Golden Circle - Class of '60 and '61



Golden Circle - Class of '72



Golden Circle - Jeannette Gardner '71 and Bob Lyle '72



Golf Classic - Kirstin Brooks '11 and Erin Zoellick '13



Golden Circle - Ruth Washburn '47



Golf Classic



Golf Classic



Golf Classic



Golf Classic



Celebrate Momentum - KSC President Melinda Treadwell '90 with Prof. Emeritus Jim Smart



Celebrate Momentum - Lexi Munger '22



Celebrate Momentum - AGC Foundation Board President Fran Madigan III



Celebrate Momentum - Josh Bailey '23



Golden Circle - Lang Plummer '60 and Cindy Faust '57



Celebrate Momentum

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1942

Marguerite "Peggy" A. (Campbell) Smith '42: Peggy celebrated her 101st birthday this past April. Marguerite "Peggy" Smith (Campbell) is living in St. Augustine, Florida, and continues to enjoy life. She has five children, ten grandchildren, and 8 great-grandchildren. She served as Class Secretary at KSC in 1942. In 2017, at the age of 96, visited her alma mater, and the trip was a highlight!

1949

From **Ellie (Hughgill) Muldoon '49:** I had a delightful visit from Stephanie Flaherty from the Keene State College Advancement Office, and she told me about the mentoring program that Keene is introducing giving education seniors the opportunity to learn strategies for managing a classroom...something really needed in today's world. There are just six members left from our class: **Ollie McMorran Dorr, Clarice Martin Hinson, Helen Corey Dwire, Sherm, Marge,** and me. Sherm, Marge, and I celebrated our 70th Reunion in 2019 with a wonderful dinner in the President's House! We felt very special ... Melinda is the greatest!

1954

June (Hesse) Haymon '54 shares: On April 23, 2022 I had my 90th birthday party with 80 people present. I hand picked them from my church, my block and the Harlem Yacht Club, where I had spent most of my summers with my sons and others. Being a teacher, I had the summers off and enjoyed them with my two sons, Lee and Kris. My sons and granddaughter decorated beautifully. The theme was lighthouses, with a lighthouse on each table and a bunch of my lighthouse hook rugs hung up. The food was the best and the music enjoyable. I'll never forget it. On the invitation we suggested making donations to the American Red Cross, The American Legion of my First Lutheran Church - no gifts. There were many donations, which made my family and me grateful and happy. I am in good health and may try to get to one of the reunions since I love Keene so much-so many good memories. My love to all.

1957

Cynthia Randall Faust '57 writes: **Connie Tremblay** and I have been receiving the reports on the Class of '57 endowment since **Vinnie Riel** passed away. We are pleased to report that the class endowment amounted to \$57,208 at the end of 2021. This year scholarships were given to two students. Thank you to any of you that have contributed over the years. **Dolly Waite Flynn** was in Peterborough last June to attend the memorial of her son, Peter. **Sandy Carr Whippie** officiated. We had a nice visit. **Ed Briggs, Barbara Lee Hewitt,** and I represented the class at the fall reunion on the campus. I have recently sold

my condo in Florida and am looking to spend winters near my son and family in Missouri. I would love to hear from classmates and hear how you are doing. It is sad to learn of former classmates passing away but at this age, I guess it is expected. Wishing you all good health.

1960

Gail Sheldon '60: I have appreciated hearing from students regarding our Class Scholarship. Now it is helpful that you have featured them so that others in my class can see how their contributions are helping future teachers in these challenging times.

1961

From **Dotti Simpson '61:** Thank you classmates for coming to the Golden Circle Luncheon on June 2. It was a fun time! At the Class Meeting, **Bob Saulnier** gave us an update on the 3 scholarships awarded this year and the current balance of our funds. A BIG thanks to classmates for giving each year to make our fund grow. **Dorothy McGettigan** has two granddaughters at KSC. One is a success on the swim team, and the other one is an RA and on the Dean's List. Both are loving KSC. I think Dottie has over 17 grandchildren. If you are in downtown Portsmouth, do hunt up **Nancy Andrews Fessenden's** granddaughter's clothing/specialty shop. **Nancy Kidder Howe** is enjoying her 2 great-grandchildren who she takes care of two afternoons a week. Such a treat having them close by. **Helen Munn Stuefloten** is in her home in lovely Hawaii. She goes back and forth from California to Hawaii. **Betty Cullian Barnard's** granddaughter graduated from Niagara University with honors. She will be teaching 5th grade this Fall in Virginia. Wishing you all a great summer.

1965

Elaine M. (Nadeau) White '65 moved to Westport, New York from Exeter, New Hampshire in 2020 after she was widowed in 2017. She now lives near her oldest daughter, Laura, and her youngest daughter, Lisa, lives in Longmont, Colorado. Elaine has four grandsons!

1969

Louis H. Brooks Sr '69 writes in: My wife Jo Ann and I, four years ago, on June 20, 2018, moved into the Frederick Living Community, into one of the 55 new Meadow's Cottages. Ours is called the Coneflower model. It is 1,900 sq. ft. and includes a second floor that Jo Ann is using as her sewing & quilt shop and a large storage room. The first floor has two bedrooms, two full bathrooms, and a large open great room that consists of a living room and dining room. We are using the great room completely for living space, so Jo Ann could have her piano there. We have a full kitchen, and we added a sunroom. Our 2 1/2 car garage gives us plenty of storage. Frederick is a complete

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community offering independent living, assisted living, nursing, and memory Care. Our community is unique in that we are encouraged to plant flowers around our cottages. We have a patio in our backyard off our sunroom. I have a huge flower garden in our backyard with many annuals and perennials I planted over the past 4 years. Sitting on our patio we enjoy the birds at our feeders, the beautiful flowers in the garden and a light breeze in the afternoon as the sun is now in the front of our cottage. I help other residents with gardening, and Jo Ann and I were back again this past early December, installing and decorating three Christmas trees in Magnolia House along with a Christmas village and other decorations for the assisted living residents to enjoy during the season. Jo Ann serves on the sewing and quilt committees and we both sing in our choir. We both enjoy living in Frederick Living. Our other major interests are visiting our three children's families, our eight grandchildren, and our friends.

1971

John Barry '71 is continuing his art, trAction Painting, a genre he pioneered a few years ago.

1972

Brian Burford '72 writes: I want to thank Sue Howard for emailing me after I posted a note in KSC Today. Thanks, Sue. That really made my day to hear from you. I'd like to hear from more of you.

I wish someone would tell me about the "Great Appian Way Water Fight". I came out of the Mason Library as they were about to close to find a huge crowd dumping buckets of water on everyone. Cars were washed as they passed by. I have since heard about Dean Keddy's surprise. Won't someone tell me more? Who was there when it began? That was one heck of a spring evening, as I remember it. One of my favorite memories.

1973

Nancy Riddle Pare '73 and **Richard Pare '73** have both retired. Nancy from her position in their property management business which they have recently sold.

And Richard from his Psychology faculty position of 36 years. They are presently selling real estate holdings. Every six months Nancy and Richard fly back and forth from Orono, Maine home to their second home, a condo, in Southern California about a half mile from Disneyland! They chose California because their two sons and seven grandchildren live there. One outside of San Francisco and the other outside of San Diego. Nancy and Richard share fond memories of Keene State College and reflect upon those days often.

1974

Jane Stauffer '74 writes: I really don't have any news to report. The pandemic has kept most of us home and away from our usual activities. Though most of us are retired, it was 50 years ago today we were all working hard on our degree. It is hard to believe, but in two years (2024!) we will celebrate our 50th year since graduation. Stay in touch, and hopefully by then we can all meet on campus.

1976

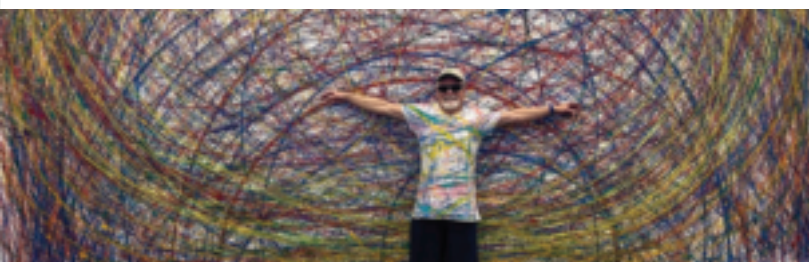
David Gagne '76, Peter Ramsey '76, Bethany Morin '12, and **Veronica Rosa** celebrated Peter's 2020 Alumni Achievement Award at the Palace Theatre.

1978

Dean Robinson '78 and his wife, Karen, are planning their wedding anniversary trip to Ireland this summer. Dean is excited to be retired (since 2019) after an enriching career as a school psychologist. He and Karen live in Keene.

1979

Lori Cote '79 spent over thirty years teaching Physical Education and was an Athletic Director for six of those years, and she is now happily retired. Lori and **Rich Cote '81** were married before his passing a few years ago. He left this world with three loving daughters and five grandkids that he loved dearly.



John Barry '71 with his TrAction art.



Marguerite Campbell '42 celebrating her 101st birthday



David Gagne '76, Peter Ramsey '76, Bethany Morin '12, and Veronica Rosa

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1981

Lynne Dodd '81 writes: I've continued on to complete my studies at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County in social work and sociology. I worked in the aging field for 28 years and was a Director/Department Head for nursing homes in Maryland and New Jersey, where I reside now. I also worked for a PRN agency in various temp jobs while my kids were growing up. Some of those included hospital discharge planning, Department of Aging assessments, a pediatric medical daycare, a partialization program for ages 6-12, and other positions. I retired from this field in 2013 and along the way, I was also substitute teaching in between PRN jobs. I got my Masters in Special Education at Grand Canyon University (online) and a graduate reading certificate for middle and high school teachers as a reading specialist. Then I worked in Camden, NJ and Philadelphia, PA for charter schools that closed in the past 5 years. Currently, I teach reading, writing, and math online for an agency and work as a permanent sub (and part of the faculty) for a high school. The tutoring gives me a job in the summer after the high school has closed, and I will also be working in a summer program at the high school with an MD class. I have good memories of KSC, and I think about the friendships that I made, great teachers and overall experience there. I was married for 34 years and have three adult kids. I lost my husband in 2015. We lived in and near Annapolis, MD for the first six years, and he taught me how to sail on the Chesapeake river. We resumed the sailing when we moved to New Jersey, years later.

1982

April Quinn Tierney '82 retired from classroom teaching after many years in 2017. Now she is presently working in her hometown elementary school part time subbing for teachers. She remarried in 2014 after losing her late husband Steven Ernest Beauregard. She is now married to Benning Noyes Tierney, a retired lineman. April is hopeful to be at the next reunion this year.

1984

Mary Jane (Rogers) Lavoie '84 retired in March 2021 after working 35 years in higher education. She used her first year of retirement to finish writing (and self-publishing) her memoir, "An Only Child No More - Discovering My New Family at 54", which is available on Amazon and on BarnesandNoble.com.

1986

Chris Pangalos '86 is now a member of the Motorcycle Patrol Unit of the Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office.

1988

Eric Weinraub '88 shares in early spring: Hello from sometimes sunny Oregon! Excited to be hosting a small WKNH alumnus gathering at our home over the 4th of July weekend. Excited to have fellow KSC alum **Mark Maloof '87**, **Sheila McDermott '87**, **Heidi Waugman '88** and **Stephen Osciak '88** joining us. Otherwise, we're doing well during three years of pandemic. I just marked 30 years in the software industry and am barely a decade from something resembling retirement.

1989

Marc A. Black '89 is a New York Police Department (NYPD) retired detective. Assignments included the Counterterrorism Division, Arson & Explosion Squad, Computer Crimes Squad, Intelligence Division, Patrol Precinct, and he was a 911 first responder. Marc is the founder of Strategic Risk Management LLC specializing in security and vulnerability assessments for houses of worship, warehouses, energy/utility sector, logistic/transportation sector, insurance loss prevention, entertainment/sports venues, k-12 schools, colleges/university. His training includes Active Assailant/Shooter training for houses of worship and other public/private sector entities. Marc looks forward to hearing from fellow alumni.

1990

Edward J. Sapienza '90 is currently serving as the Ward-8 Alderman, city of Manchester.

David G. Hawley '90 is enjoying life in the Southwest near Flagstaff, AZ.

1991

Robert G. Daigle '91 was named the Teacher of the Year in March 2019 by the Foreign Language Association of Maine (FLAME).

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1996

Aaron “Kay” Sales Parke ’96 writes: Hello everyone! I haven’t heard from you in a while - please send some updates and let your classmates know what you’re up to! After taking time off to care for my parents during the end stages of their lives, I returned to the Human Resources field two years ago. I am working for Tennessee Cancer Specialists, where I like to think I am playing a small role in helping those who suffer with the illness that took both of my parents. Life in the world of COVID has been a crazy one - after a year of virtual learning from home, my youngest son returned to school this year and is thriving. It’s hard to believe that my oldest son is almost finished with his first year in college! I don’t know about you, but I’m beginning to feel old! That’s all for now. Be sure to keep the Alumni Association updated with your contact information. I’d love to hear what you’re up to, so drop me a line, too!

1997

Kelly M. Elkins ’97 writes: I recently published two new books - *International Ethics in Chemistry: Developing Common Values across Cultures* with Prof. Susan Schelble, and *Next Generation Sequencing in Forensic Science: A Primer* with Prof. Cynthia Zeller. I am the Series Editor for a book series on counterfeit drugs with the inaugural volume on Trends in Counterfeit Drugs in preparation. I am Co-Director of the new Towson University Human Remains Identification Lab and a member of the Case Breakers cold case team.

1999

Professor Maureen P. Hall ’99 (STEM Education & Teacher Development) at the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth has published a new book entitled, *Academia from the Inside: Pedagogies for Self and Other* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2021). Hall is the lead editor and her co-editor is Aubrie K. Brault. This book invites readers to explore how to create deeper meaning in academic professions

through three themes: pursuing authenticity, creating creative community, and humanizing education. These themes reflect the integration of theories of Embodied Education from Dr. Parker Palmer in the West and Dr. Chinmay Pandya in the East. This is accomplished through reflective essays of 14 different experts in their respective fields. Of the fourteen contributors, two are professors from UMass Dartmouth, Professor Hall and Professor Justine Dunlap (Law School). In addition, Aubrie Brault (co-editor and chapter author) and Danielle Johansen (chapter author) are also former graduate students at UMass Dartmouth. Contributors to this book are from disciplines including Education, Psychology/ Neuroscience, Art Education, Dance, Law, Philosophy, and English, and reside in the U.S., Sweden, New Zealand, and Australia.

2000

Christian P. Rigney ’00 recently retired after 20 years of service from the US Coast Guard. **Meagan Rigney ’02** and he settled in Rochester, MI where he is coaching JV football and working at golf course.

2001

Chad M. Derosier ’01: I recently joined Flora Sophia Botanicals as the Director of Operations. I am eager to grow into this new role and energized to build on Flora Sophia’s existing success. With the cannabis industry ever-evolving, and continuous expansion, Flora Sophia Botanicals is already a leading source for the highest quality full-spectrum CBD oil. Visit our website: www.florasophiabotanicals.com. I was married in 2019 to my partner of seven years, at Brasada Ranch just outside of Bend, OR. She founded Mache Co, yoga mat storage that designed specifically to support the modern yogi and fitness buff that aims to integrate their healthy routine and sustainable lifestyle into a stylish interior, whether at home or at the gym. www.hey mache.com. We live in the Rogue Valley in southwestern Oregon with our scruffy pup Oliver. I hope you are doing awesome!



CLASS NOTES



Alexandra '18 and Justin Mahan '18 celebrate their wedding in October 2021 with fellow alumni!



Laura '12 and Haley Chandler '13, Rachel Boynton '95

2008

Laura Markiewicz '08 became the Acting Chancellor and Diocesan Archivist for the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie (Ontario).

2009

Gregory Dippell '09 and his wife, Rita, welcomed their son Joseph on February 16, 2022. They also have a two year old daughter, Charleigh.

Brittany O'Bryant '09 was selected to coach the Team NH basketball team for the 2022 USA Special Olympics Games in Orlando! Brittany is a 5th grade teacher in Concord, NH and is the head coach for the Concord Golden Eagles Special Olympics team.

2012

College Owls are competing in softball! Three of the coaches in a New Hampshire high school scrimmage played together on the 2012 KSC Owls that made the NCAA tournament. Twins, **Laura '12** and **Haley Chandler '13**, coach defending state champ Salem, and **Rachel Boynton '95** is in her second year as an assistant coach at Goffstown.

2012

Danielle Johnson '12 began a new role in November 2021 at the University of Massachusetts Lowell as the Associate Director of Residential Education for Academic Partnerships.

2016

Perry B. Langill '16 shared an update: In May 2020, I was elected President of the Northern Appalachian Film Collective (NAFCo), a non-profit organization focusing on all aspects of facilitating resources for filmmakers and artists in the Northern Appalachian region. I have also started my own company Perry Film Co., which has become much more than a film studio, encompassing almost every form of digital media within its walls. Currently (December 2021), my largest passion has become livestreaming and adapting my film skills learned at Keene State College to the livestream format. My show, AFC East by NAFCo, has slowly become a serious production. The Northern Appalachian Film Collective website can be found at nafco.org, The AFC East by NAFCo livestream show can be found at nafco.org/afceast, and my personal company website can be found at perryfilm.com.

2018

Justin Mahan '18 and **Alexandra (Sholtes) Mahan '18** married in October of 2021. They met on the E-Board for Habitat for Humanity Sophomore year and dated throughout their time at Keene State!

STAY CONNECTED

Then and Now

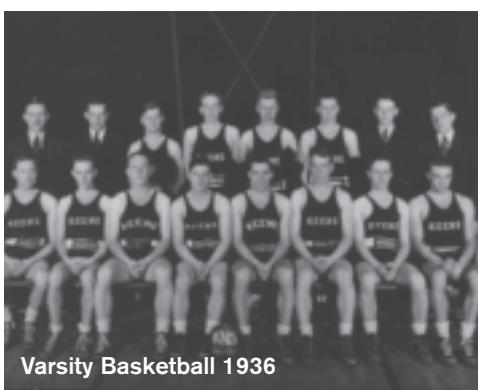
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1912 Biology Class



Freewheeling



Varsity Basketball 1936



1922 Field Hockey



Keene Normal School Students



1953-54 Baseball Team

IN MEMORIAM

Alumni and Friends who passed in 2021 and 2022. Deaths reported between December 20, 2021 and May 20, 2022

Cecile A. (Plante) Bineau '47
8/6/2021

Anne T. (Melker) Deasy '47
3/12/2022

Beatrice E. (Young) Towne '47
3/1/2021

Maurice N. Bowler '50
12/19/2021

Arlene P. (Parker) Tatro '50
1/26/2022

Mary M. (McGuirk) Clark '54
11/21/2021

Albert W. Fischer Jr '58
9/25/2021

Olga (Spanos) Pappas '58
11/5/2014

Robert E. Todd '59
6/17/2021

Roland C. Blanchard '60
11/27/2021

**Nancy K. (Kingsbury)
Deisroth '60**
12/26/2020

Travis M. Shattuck '63
4/14/2022

James P. Currier '66
10/25/2020

Richard E. Merrill '66
2/8/2022

Douglas W. Roberge '66
10/8/2021

Robert S. Russell '66
4/26/2016

Hayward Benning '67
5/1/2020

Caroline F. Polk '67
2/15/2022

Richard J. Coppola '68
9/24/2021

Ethel V. Jarvis '70
9/28/2020

Gary R. King '71
3/28/2022

Brian A. Mattson '72
1/20/2022

Richard H. Swain '72
11/20/2021

Diane L. (Begeron) Young '72
2/29/2020

Sandy L. Peace-Carey '73
3/29/2022

Leslie N. (Nelson) Haines '74
2/15/2022

Sanford M. Shapiro '75
3/2/2022

Monica Markey M'77
8/14/2020

Nicholas R. Anderson '78
1/24/2022

Diane L. (Hedenburg) Kane '78
6/17/2016

Ernie Burkhardt '80
8/8/2021

Margaret S. (Cook) Gurney '82
4/28/2022

Mark A. Schwartz '85
11/6/2021

**Michelle G. (Zeigler)
Bennett '90**
2/5/2022

Christopher E. Olson '91
4/15/2022

Gregg I. Churchill '93
8/3/2021

Richard J. Hull '00
4/9/2022

Patricia A. Bell '03
3/31/2022

Arpad J. Toth '03
3/4/2022

Evan C. LeCompte '07
11/12/2021

Selleck J. Scofield '10
6/20/2019



UPCOMING EVENTS!

Visit keene.edu/alumni/events for information about these events and more!

September 15, 2022

Golden Circle Luncheon at the Exeter Inn
Exeter, NH

September 30 through October 2, 2022

Homecoming
at Keene State College

October 29, 2022

All-Steinway, All Together Gala
at Keene State College

December 7, 2022

Holiday Jazz Ensemble Concert and Reception
at Keene State College

December 7, 2022

Red and White Night Basketball
at Keene State College

March 2023

Florida Events

April 1, 2023

Spring Fling
Owl Athletic Complex at Keene State College

Keene State College Regional Alumni Events

Do you have an idea for an alumni event in your region? Tell us about it! The Advancement/Alumni Office wants to support alumni gatherings throughout the country. Please contact us at alumni@keene.edu with your suggestions and watch for upcoming events on social media and the alumni website (www.keene.edu/alumni).

Stay Connected! Be sure to update your contact information for up to date event details at keene.edu/alumni/connect/update

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The College is building a roster of alumni and friends who are interested in sharing their skills and experience. By entering your information into the Speakers Bureau library, you will become part of a faculty and staff resource for in person or remote guest speakers.

For questions, please contact Kristin Brooks '11, Kristin.Brooks@keene.edu, or Jessica Bigaj, Jbigaj@keene.edu.

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