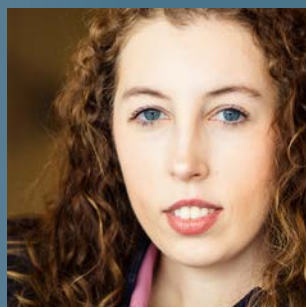
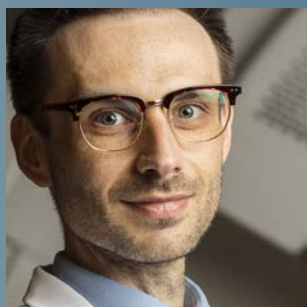


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A Campaign for Keene State College Opportunity Starts Here

Opportunity Starts Here: A Campaign for Keene State will help shape opportunities for our students to go forth and better our world, for decades to come.

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OPPORTUNITY STARTS HERE: THE FUTURE OF KEENE STATE

It is with tremendous excitement and optimism that I announce Opportunity Starts Here: A Campaign for Keene State. After years of careful and strategic community-wide planning, Keene State College (KSC) is launching its first comprehensive fundraising campaign.

Why now?

Along with many institutions of higher education, KSC has weathered unprecedented storms over the last several years. The pandemic, along with economic, demographic, and political changes, has permanently altered the landscape for colleges and universities. In this challenging environment, KSC has done the hard work to define exactly how to meet the needs of our students and maximize their impact on the world they enter upon graduation.

This work was not without pain. It took the strength of our entire community working together to ensure the Keene State College of the future embodied our core values and strengths, honored our 114-year history and looked forward, best served our students, and modeled financial sustainability.

Thanks to our community, we have emerged on the other side of this work the strongest we have ever been. We are more strategic, more focused, and more values-driven than ever before. In concert with faculty, staff, students, alumni, and other stakeholders, we have developed the 2023-2026 Strategic Plan that guides us and measures our results, with the sole focus of giving our students the best possible opportunities to learn and to make a difference.

Our greatest asset during this time was knowing exactly who we are. KSC is distinct and we are proud of it. We are a public higher education institution that is both rooted in liberal arts and career-focused. Our liberal arts orientation grants our students the greatest adaptability in a fast-changing world, and our cutting-edge, high-impact teaching and learning gives them life-long advantages. Our motto, "Enter to learn, go forth to serve," is at the heart of everything we do. From our history as a teaching college, KSC alumni are imbued with a service mindset, no matter where life takes them.

Our path forward is clear. And so are the resources we need to pursue it. Opportunity Starts Here: A Campaign for Keene State will bring our community-built vision for KSC's future to life, and will help to shape opportunities for our students to go forth and better our world for decades to come.

I am impressed every day by our community's commitment to the greater good, and thankful to each and every one of you for considering how you might play a role in Opportunity Starts Here: A Campaign for Keene State.

In gratitude, always.



Dr. Melinda Treadwell '90, President, Keene State College

OPPORTUNITY STARTS HERE

“Enter to learn, go forth to serve.”



Though what we teach in our classrooms is evolving every day, **we have always known exactly who we are.** Keene State College has existed to change lives for the better: those of our students and those of the people they impact after graduation.

Opportunity Starts Here: A Campaign for Keene State brings our community-built strategic plan to life, and will help to shape opportunities for our students to go forth and better our world, for decades to come.

Our landmark campaign focuses on three key areas:

- **Student Access**
- **Program, Faculty, and Staff Development**
- **High-Impact Learning**

These three key areas will break down barriers to access a life-changing Keene State College education for a broader range of students, will build a core education—taught by the best instructors—that will enhance Keene’s unique mission, and will create transformative academic and co-curricular experiences for students to learn about how they can make an impact in the broader world.

And these areas support and represent the pillars of our strategic plan: to build an inclusive community; to elevate academics and institutional reputation; and to forge innovative pathways to degree and career.

Please join us in transforming the lives of our students and the world they will go out and impact.



IMPACT AREAS

Student Access

Strategic Pillar: Building an Inclusive Community

Whether a student is the **first in their family** to go to college, or a **multigenerational Owl**, Keene State is where opportunity starts.

And the opportunity for these students to learn from one another is transformative.

It is key to Keene State's commitment to preparing students to think critically and creatively, to engage in active citizenship, and to pursue meaningful work.

Priority areas include:

- Scholarship and Awards – to make a Keene State education accessible to all qualified students
- The KSC Fund – unrestricted support that directly benefits students

Program, Faculty, and Staff Development

Strategic Pillar: Elevate Academics and Institutional Reputation

Keene State exists because of its people and the programs they build. From a financial aid counselor to a sustainability studies professor, **faculty and staff bring KSC's mission to life: to shape today's students into tomorrow's leaders.**

And the programs that KSC's people bring to life are what makes the College special. From the Cohen Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies to our soccer teams, **our programs are what make us, us.**

Opportunity Starts Here: A Campaign for Keene State will play to our strengths, supporting and enhancing the people and programs that make up the core Keene State College experience.

- Program and Curriculum Development – including expansion of micro credentialing, certification programs and graduate programs
- Faculty and Staff Professional Development – including conferences, symposiums, and guest speakers
- Endowed Faculty Chairs and Professorships – to create esteemed positions and boost recruitment
- Technology – to enhance our teaching and operational capabilities
- Athletics – boosting a key recruitment tool and mark of distinction

High-Impact Learning

Strategic Pillar: Pathways to Degree and Career

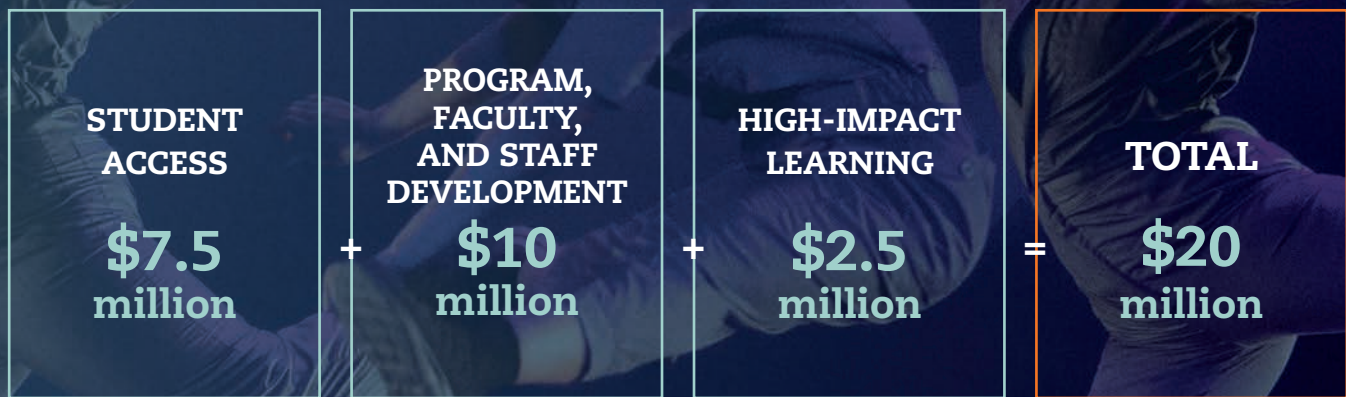
Truly transformative educational experiences so often happen when classroom learning meets the outside world. It is there that **students can see the opportunity the world can offer them—and what they can offer the world.**

With its **unique blend of liberal arts and career preparation**, Keene State's mission has always been about translating an education into real-world impact. High-impact learning is therefore a key component of Opportunity Starts Here: A Campaign for Keene State. From internships to study away, this investment will create the **margin of excellence** for our students to realize their full potential.

- Internship Funding – to allow more of our students to participate in these critical experiences and bolster our industry partnership
- Experiential Learning – including travel opportunities and study away

FUNDING THE VISION

Opportunity Starts Here: A Campaign for Keene State seeks to raise \$20 million to support the impact areas that will build our vision. Ten million dollars of this goal will be in support of our endowment—a key component of long-term fiscal health and sustainability as outlined in our strategic plan.



BE SOMEONE'S OPPORTUNITY

It will take the entire community to build the Keene State College our students—and our world—deserve.

Each and every gift counts in the success of the campaign, and in building opportunities for KSC students of today and tomorrow. We would be honored to help identify an impact area that resonates with you.

We invite you to learn more about the ways you can be someone's opportunity by visiting campaignforkeene.org, emailing Marilyn.Shriver@keene.edu or calling 603-358-2371.

THANK YOU.

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GIFTS WITH A LASTING IMPACT

At Keene State, making an endowed gift is one of the most powerful ways to create a lasting impact. Endowment gifts support students, faculty, and programs—driving progress for centuries to come. Gifts made through the Keene Endowment Association (KEA) can be directed towards an area that is meaningful to the donor, and gifts of a certain size can be named to honor a family member or loved one.

Alumni Erin Black '98 and Betsy '67 and Bob '68 Coll attended KSC decades apart, but they share an important commonality: they could not have anticipated the impact Keene State would have on their lives and careers. Recently, Black and the Colls have each established endowments to ensure future Owls can have the same life-changing opportunities at Keene that they did.



Erin Black '98

Impacting a Growing Field – Erin Black '98

Erin is vice president of sustainability and risk management for Coca-Cola Beverage Florida and is regarded professionally as a visionary leader and a coalition-builder. Recently, Erin was awarded the Alumni Achievement Award. College President Dr. Melinda Treadwell '90 recognized Erin, who is also a member of the Keene State Innovation Advisory Council, which offers guidance and partnership to Dr. Treadwell and the senior leadership team.

Erin credits her Keene State education, family support, and passion for environmental stewardship as keys to her professional path and her desire to engage civically. In her work and volunteer roles, she said she can "...focus on continuing her passion to create an environmentally literate society that understands why environmental stewardship is critical now and for the generations to come."

Erin, along with her mother, Sharon, visited campus in June for Reunion Weekend. Being on campus again and seeing the quality of the students and academic curriculum filled Erin with pride for her alma mater and was the catalyst for establishing the Erin Walker Black Scholarship. The scholarship will benefit students enrolled in Keene's Safety and Occupational Health Applied Sciences Program each and every year in perpetuity—helping to build the next generation of safety professionals dedicated to protecting people and property in organizations.



Bob '68 and Betsy '67 Coll

Leaving a Lasting Legacy – Betsy '67 and Bob '68 Coll

Betsy and Bob found career paths, and each other, at Keene State and are among the College's most influential alumni. At the June Reunion, the Colls received the Sprague Drenan Award, which recognizes participation in, and support of, alumni activities.

They are ambassadors for the College for potential enrollees near and far; host and participate in numerous alumni-related events; and Betsy is a current member of the Keene State Alumni Association Board of Directors. Passion and fun are, and always will be, part of the Colls' legacy as alumni.

Betsy taught physical education for 34 years and Bob taught history for five years before transitioning into the construction field for 35 years. During their award acceptance, Bob shared, "The best thing that ever happened to me was meeting Betsy and being married to her for 52 years."

The Colls recently established the Betsy '67 and Bob '68 Coll Scholarship Fund to ensure that the next generation of Owls can come to Keene State and find all the things they did: thriving careers; long lasting friendships; and, if you are truly lucky, long-lasting love.

MORRIS-AUGUST HONORS PROGRAM AT KEENE STATE COLLEGE TURNS TEN

Black Rhinos in Nepal



Kaylea Platt '24

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Keene State College Morris-August Honors Program. In 2013, the honors program was renamed in recognition of significant support from the William T. Morris Foundation and its President, Bruce August P'13.

The primary focus of the Morris-August Honors Program is to promote a broader understanding of the world beyond the United States and to help students see their home and themselves in more global terms. The program's Global Engagement course is a cornerstone of honors students' learning experience. These types of

high-impact learning experiences are a key focus of The Campaign for Keene: Opportunity Starts Here. Students spend a semester studying an aspect of a particular country and then visit that country as a class. Over the past decade, the foundation has granted more than \$2 million to provide students with scholarship assistance, resources for travel, and high impact learning practices conducted through the program.

In May 2023, students traveled to Ireland and Northern Ireland with Dr. Niall Moran, the culminating experience of a fall seminar for honors global engagement students and sociology students investigating cultural tourism. Kaylea Platt '24 reflected on the experience:

"I wouldn't have had this opportunity if it weren't for the Morris-August Honors Program. The global engagement portion of the honors program gets you out there to experience once in a lifetime things. I learned so much on the trip. It was rewarding to learn about Ireland's culture and history in the classroom and then get to go to Ireland, and experience and see first-hand what we were taught and had discussed."

A second group of honors students studied sustainable wildlife management with Keene State lecturers Scott Semmens and Charles Kerwin, which concluded in travel to Nepal to experience that country's approach to sustaining functional ecosystems through biodiversity with supportive human communities—specifically, tiger management. As Scott explained, "Nepal stands proudly as the first country to nearly triple its tiger population in a mere 12 years. In the company of these magnificent big cats, we discovered the secrets behind this incredible feat. Our immersion within the local community allowed us to stay with welcoming families who opened their hearts, sharing their rich culture and cherished traditions with us."

For ten years, the Morris-August Honors Program has prepared hundreds of Keene State students to be future global leaders by providing them the opportunity to learn about new perspectives and diverse cultures in the classroom and then immerse themselves in an international experience.

In addition to Ireland and Nepal, students have studied and traveled to Belize, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Cuba, Ecuador, Greece, Nicaragua, Peru, Poland, Romania, and the United Kingdom.



Tiger Prints



JASON BECKTA '08 MD, PHD

"KSC changed the course of my life."

"The faculty and staff at KSC changed the course of my life. They gave me the tools and support I needed to pursue a career that seemed impossible."

—Jason Beckta '08

Jason Beckta was born and raised in Keene, and when he finished high school, he felt like a directionless teenager. "I went to Keene State because that's what it seemed like I was supposed to do. I had zero plans," he says.

Today, he's an MD/PhD on the faculty at the University of Vermont and medical director of radiation oncology at Rutland Regional Medical Center. "It's all because I went to Keene State."

Jason had a job scrubbing pots in the cafeteria at Cheshire Medical Center, and he liked working in a hospital. But as a first-generation college student, he didn't think he could be a doctor. He enrolled as a nutrition major, since he felt like it was the only subject he really knew after losing 80 pounds as a teenager.

Conversations with doctors at the hospital and professors in his classes opened his eyes to the possibility of a career as a physician, and he connected with Dr. Susan Whittemore, a pre-med advisor. She assured him it was an attainable goal, helped him craft an individualized major in behavioral biology, and connected him with a KSC grad who was enrolled in medical school. "The faculty and staff at KSC changed the course of my life. They gave me the tools and support I needed to pursue a career that seemed impossible," he says.

Financial support helped Jason pay for his KSC education - he was awarded the Winona Hubbard Scholarship and a research award for academic excellence, both from KSC, and a scholarship from the Keene Police Department where his mother worked.

By studying in the summer and earning college credit by taking CLEP tests, Jason was able to graduate in 2008 after three years and continued his education at Virginia Commonwealth University, where he earned his MD/PhD. He plans to continue his engagement with Keene State to ensure that the "directionless teenagers" of future generations find the same opportunities that brought him success.





Allison Newey '23 is wasting no time putting her new degree to work. With a double major in Holocaust & Genocide Studies (HGS) and Political Science, and minors in International Studies and Theatre Arts, she is serving as a teaching assistant for the HGS 2023 Summer Institute. This fall, Allison will pursue a master's degree in Conflict Transformation and Social Justice at Queen's University Belfast in Northern Ireland.

EDUCATION AND FIRSTHAND EXPERIENCE FOSTER PASSION FOR CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION

Allison's interest in foreign service was fueled by a semester abroad at Freie Universität Berlin, Germany in 2022, where she could study the Holocaust in a place that had been directly impacted by it. In Berlin, she volunteered with Berlin Arrival Support, a student-led organization that helped Ukrainian refugees. "I could not just stand by, so I decided to contribute and do my part to help," she says. "During this semester, I learned about the history of the Holocaust and dealt with humanitarian issues first-hand."

The following academic year Allison obtained an internship with the U.S. State Department and U.S. Embassy Kinshasa (DRC) which she describes as transformative. "This internship opened my eyes to a career in the foreign service and was the perfect intersection of my interests in policy analysis and conflict analysis."

Allison's work has been recognized by the Keene State College community.

She is the recipient of both the Susan J. Herman award, presented by the Cohen Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies for leadership in promoting Holocaust education and genocide awareness, and the Hildebrandt Award, given in recognition of excellence in Holocaust Studies.

Allison's attitude toward education and the opportunities she had at Keene will undoubtedly empower her to serve the international community in invaluable ways moving forward. "Learning was not an obligation but an immense privilege for me, and Keene State fostered my love for learning and my desire to further my education. It equipped me with the skills necessary to be an active, engaged, and empathetic global citizen."

KSC ALUM USHERS IN CAMPUS MILESTONES WITH BAGPIPES

When Keene State College alumni march down Appian Way in the annual reunion parade of classes, they take part in a unique tradition. For more than a decade, Mark Polifrone '86 has led the parade, playing his bagpipes in celebration of the years that have passed.

His bagpipe music has also guided the seniors as they transition from students to graduates. He's escorted them from the Dining Commons, through the arches, and across the street to the Alumni Center, where they are welcomed as the newest alumni class.

His presence has made an impact. Said 50th Reunion Co-chairs Mike '72 and Kitty '73 Maher, "The atmosphere he helped create got people to come back."

Mark can trace the start of his path toward bagpiping back to 1978, when he graduated from high school. He was a talented singer and pianist from a musical

family who dreamed of becoming a music teacher. He didn't realize that Keene State College was known for its strong music program, but his guidance counselor knew of the school's solid reputation and encouraged him to apply. Ultimately, that nudge gave Mark the opportunity to flourish in the field he has always loved.

But Mark's career didn't follow a straight line. Worried about the job market in music, he switched his major to science and worked in engineering for a few years after graduation. The pull of music was too strong, though, and he returned to Keene State to earn his music degree in 1986.

His student teaching position brought him to Monadnock Regional High School, where he's now been teaching music for almost 30 years, with plans to retire next year. Music weaves through his life outside of teaching as well. He performs as a jazz pianist, plays the organ at church, moves and tunes pianos, and plays the bagpipes, the instrument that may be closest to his



"KSC gave me a lot of opportunities and was very supportive during my college years. They offered me a lot of guidance when I needed it."

heart. "The bagpipe is a strange, high-maintenance instrument. It was very difficult to learn, even with all my musical experience," he said.

He credits KSC with giving him the start he needed for his career in music. "KSC gave me a lot of opportunities and was very supportive during my college years," Mark said. "They offered me a lot of guidance when I needed it."

THANK YOU!

In the past twelve months, eleven Keene State College alumni and friends have committed to create new endowed funds with the Keene Endowment Association, totaling more than \$1.3 million. Endowments are a critical focus of The Campaign for Keene: Opportunity Starts Here—to ensure the College's fiscal vibrancy and excellence for generations to come.



"As a college student I found myself a bit testy. Introducing a liberal approach to the learning itinerary set in motion a maturation that later added balance to my success as a person."

—Vincent Russell '50

AGC Education & Research Foundation Endowed Construction Safety Scholarship

Funded by members of the Association of General Contractors (AGC) Education & Research Foundation. Keene State is the first in the U.S. to offer a bachelor's degree in construction safety.

Erin Walker Black Scholarship

Created by Erin Black '98 in appreciation of her experience at Keene State College.

CALL Wonderment Scholarship Endowment

Established by members of the Cheshire Academy for Lifelong Learning (CALL) at Keene State College.

Betsy '67 and Bob '68 Coll Scholarship

Established by Betsy '67 and Bob '68 Coll in appreciation of their KSC experiences as students and alumni.

Robert Cooper Gilman '46 Memorial Scholarship

Established by Patricia Gilman and her husband, Paul Minnis, in memory of Pat's father.

Wayne E. Hartz Scholarship

Established in honor of Wayne Hartz upon his retirement from Keene State College after more than a decade of teaching.

The Judy King Hodgdon '67 Memorial Scholarship Fund

Created in Mrs. Hodgdon's memory by her nephew, Travis M. Hodgdon '94, and his wife Gretchen A. Hodgdon.

The Lindberg-LaCroix Veterans Scholarship Endowment

Established by Maryann and Bob Lindberg, this scholarship honors the military service of their fathers and Bob.

Anita Rawchuck Nestor '52 Health Science Scholarship Fund

Anita Nestor graduated from Keene Teachers College with a degree in Home Economics. The scholarship in her name supports students in Health Sciences, particularly in the fields of Nutrition and Dietetics.

Vincent Russell '50 Visiting Experiential Learning Endowment

Established by Vincent Russell '50 to support experiential learning opportunities, such as alternative break, immersion experiences, and cross-discipline classroom projects.

Vincent Russell '50 Visiting Scholar Endowment

Established by Vincent Russell '50 to provide support for distinguished visiting scholars, artists and performers to present lectures, master classes, and hands-on tutorials and performances.



"We saw a lot of undergrads who worked to put themselves through school, accruing debt along the way. We hope our scholarships encourage such students to continue, finish and maybe not have to work so many hours."

—Pat Gilman - Daughter of Robert Cooper Gilman '46 (pictured above)

Giving Day KSC, March 28, 2023

\$85,652

TOTAL RAISED

840

DONORS

Fenton Family Dealerships Athletic Giving Challenge Results

Team to secure most funding

BASEBALL

\$19,102 from 155 donors

Team with the most donors

MEN'S SOCCER

\$13,171 from 173 donors

Most improved over 2022

CROSS COUNTRY/
TRACK & FIELD

Six times the number of donors,
four times the amount raised!

WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF?

Counting Period: July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2023

Campaign Goal

\$20M

Campaign Progress

\$13.19M

CAMPAIGN

3,311

DONORS

6,727

GIFTS

4,888

GIFTS OF \$100
OR LESS

STUDENT
ACCESS

\$5.72M

Goal: \$7.5M

PROGRAM,
FACULTY,
AND STAFF
DEVELOPMENT

\$7.39M

Goal: \$10M

HIGH-IMPACT
LEARNING

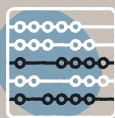
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All-Steinway, All Together Initiative to become the first All Steinway School in New Hampshire

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Donors



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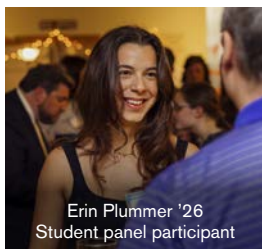
ONE EPIC GALA!



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?



Dick Dunning '73, Norma (Wright) Walker '51 M'59, and David Gagne '73



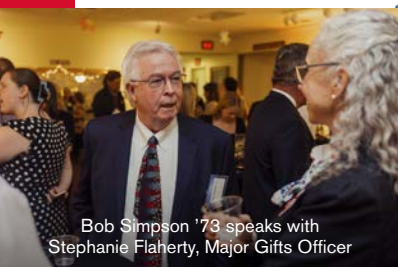
Erin Plummer '26
Student panel participant



Stacy Hannings,
Elaine Bonitatibus,
and Eric Impallomeni '23



David Costin III and Claire Costin '71



Bob Simpson '73 speaks with
Stephanie Flaherty, Major Gifts Officer



Indrika Arnold '03
KEA President

11th Annual Celebrate Momentum Event

The impact of time, talent, and treasure was evident at the 11th Annual Celebrate Momentum Event. During a panel discussion, “Experiential Learning Across the Liberal Arts,” students, Courtney Chouinard '23, Ashlyn Labrecque '24, Ray Laventure '24, Zachary Murphy '24, and Erin Plummer '26, shared a range of experiences including internships, research, extra-curricular activities, and cross-disciplinary opportunities that have significantly enhanced their college experience.

Studio Art major Ray Laventure sums it up this way, “There is so much that I’ve learned beyond being an artist, a maker. Opportunities that I’ve had as a student ambassador, a fellowship

recipient, and a scholarship recipient have made me adept at networking, finding my people, and locating future opportunities. I think that everything I’ve done here is applicable to the rest of my life.”

Norma Walker '51 M'59 was honored for her many years of deep dedication and engagement in the alumni community as the creator of the Golden Circle as well as for the endowment of a scholarship to support graduate level students of education.

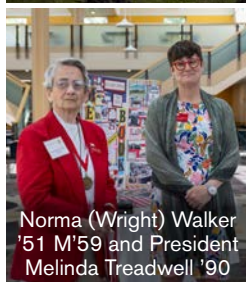
Vincent Russell '50 was honored for his commitment to the importance of liberal arts education. It was a true celebration of generosity, education, and community!

Golden Circle Society

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 M'59 began organizing a series of summer luncheons for the cohort throughout New Hampshire. **This year, members of the Class of 1973 were welcomed at the June 3rd reunion** and will be honored at each luncheon held at various locations throughout New Hampshire where they will be presented with their Golden Circle medallions.



Golden Circle Society



Norma (Wright) Walker
'51 M'59 and President
Melinda Treadwell '90



Ice Cream Social



Ruth (Blodgett)
Washburn '47

Florida Adventures 2023

In March, the Alumni office staff packed their bags and headed south to visit some of our Floridian Owls. The adventure began in Ft. Myers as we took in a Red Sox vs. Blue Jays game, moving to Naples for the annual Saint Patrick's Day parade and reception at the Glen Eagle Country Club (hosted by Bob '67 and Betsy '68 Coll). The next stop was the Marie Selby Botanical Gardens in Sarasota with brunch at Toast Restaurant, followed by a "spin" on the Orlando Wheel, lunch at the Orange Blossom Hills Golf & Country Club in The Villages, culminating with a sunset reception in Stuart. **We also met with individual alumni between events.**

Planning for next year's trip has already begun. If you didn't receive our email or postcard with information to attend, be sure to update your contact information here:

www.keene.edu/alumni/connect/update/

Or scan this QR code



Stephanie Flaherty, Betsy Coll '67, Andrea Vickers-Sivret '01 and Mackenzie Herrick



Carol Ehmling, Jan Hughill '68, David Tucker '68, Sheila Hartwell, Philip Clay '64, Roger Hartwell '72, Barbara Nevel '60, Don Nevel, Stephanie Flaherty



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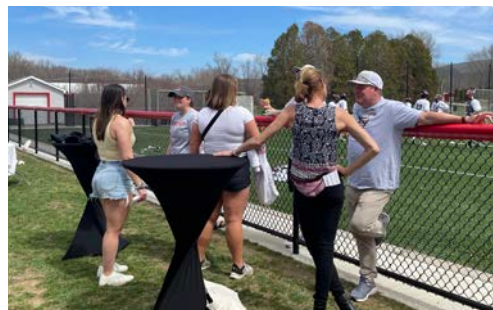
Betsy Coll '67 and Jane Batts '67



Floridian alumni enjoyed a Red Sox vs Blue Jays game

Spring Fling Athletics BBQ

In April, Men's Lacrosse, Baseball, and Softball teams hosted home games at the Owl Athletics Complex. To celebrate our spring sports, we hosted a barbeque to welcome spectators. **Over 200 alumni, family and friends joined us for a hamburger and soda to share the successes of our Keene State teams, old and new.** This has become an annual event filled with positive energy and Keene State spirit.





Bob '68 and Betsy '67 Coll with Melinda Treadwell '90



Bud Winsor, Joe Britton, and Jeff Garland



Erin Black '98 and Melinda Treadwell '90

THE ALUMNI SPOKE, AND WE LISTENED. REUNION HAS RETURNED TO JUNE!

Traditional reunion weekend events were held, including the Parade of Classes, the induction of the Class of 1973 to the Golden Circle, and a luncheon and ceremony to recognize

our Alumni Award recipients. Additionally, we held a Friday night meet-up at Fireworks Restaurant, owned by Adam Berube '06.

Pink Revolution Update

The weekend closed with a cornhole tournament on Fiske Quad to benefit the non-profit NH Pink Revolution, founded by 2022 Alumni Achievement Award recipient, Lauren Caulfield '86. The fundraiser was a huge success, raising enough funds to support 100 cancer patients. It was the perfect way to have fun and raise funds for a worthy cause.

**One thing is for certain, alumni love to be back in June.
Save the date for next year: JUNE 7-9, 2024**

*If you graduated in a year ending in 4 or 9, you will have a reunion year!
Contact us at Alumni@keene.edu or 603-358-2369 to begin organizing a celebration for your class.*





WEEKEND

Parade of Classes participants pose outside Zorn Dining Commons



Jim Berube '06 owner of Fireworks restaurant and Fireworks event coordinator. Lauren Dragon '09



Lauren '86 and Jim '85 Caulfield



President Treadwell '90 and Dave Boutin '89



Craig Slattum, Kim (Bateman) Carter, and Cheryl (Lusey) Mitchell from the class of 1973



Director of Alumni Relations, Andrea Vickers-Sivret '01 and KSCAA Board Member, Jen English '02



KEA Trustee Ray Jobin '63 and Brandon Beck '05



Class of 1973



Lauren Caulfield '86 taking a shot at cornhole



David Gagne '73, Rick Scott '77, Isaiah Lovering '21, and Ron Butcher



Norma (Wright) Walker '51 M'59 and Gloria (Jackson) Symonds '53

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING? |

ANNUAL KEENE STATE GOLF CLASSIC RAISES OVER \$50,000 FOR OWL ATHLETICS

On June 2, 2023, the Keene State community came together at Keene Country Club to play in the 32nd 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 field full of alumni, faculty, staff, friends, and sponsors on the greens followed by a lively outdoor barbecue. The \$50,000* raised for Keene State Athletics will help offset the cost of new team uniforms for our Owls.

**Gifts-in-kind, cash, and sponsorships*



Pierre LeBlanc '78



Men's Basketball Acting Head Coach Dave Hastings and Cody Snow '12



Student James Ronning '24

Join us at next year's
tournament on
June 7, 2024



SOFIA THORNBLAD '17

Curating a More Just World

By Paul Miller

“The more Holocaust & genocide studies classes I took, the more I realized that this was my calling.”

—Sofia Thornblad '17

Sofia Thornblad '17 recently embarked on a new journey, one far from home but one that offers such personal and professional resonance she can see it only for its possibilities.

In March, she left her Monadnock Region roots and headed to Tulsa, Oklahoma, to become the curator at the Sherwin Miller Museum of Jewish Art. The museum is “dedicated to preserving and promoting Jewish heritage, culture, history and community through art and education,” including the Holocaust.

“Museums help to contextualize stories that need to continue to be told,” said Sofia. She credits access to conversations and connections from her time at Keene State, where she earned a bachelor’s in Holocaust & Genocide Studies and a minor in German, for this opportunity.

“I would not have gotten this job if it weren’t for Keene State,” Sofia said. “Dr. Henry Knight moved to Tulsa after retiring. We stayed in touch, and he emailed me the job description for this Jewish Museum in Tulsa and recommended I apply. Without his urging, I may not have considered moving halfway across the country.”

Dr. Knight is the former director of the Cohen Center for Holocaust & Genocide Studies at Keene State. The college offers the only four-year BA degree of its kind in the United States with a major and a minor, as well as an MA in genocide prevention & human security and a graduate-level certificate in atrocity prevention. The Cohen Center is one of the nation’s oldest Holocaust resource centers, which attracts internationally renowned scholars who deliver public lectures and visit classes.

Reflecting on her time at Keene State, Sofia cites three high-impact experiences that proved transformative for her: a trip to the US Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.; a study abroad semester in Krakow, Poland, that included

an internship at the Galicia Jewish Museum; and curating an on-campus exhibit titled “Visual Witness” that centered on art made in the Terezin Concentration Camp. She describes the latter as “one of the most important experiences of my life so far.”

For Thornblad, the programs and high-impact learning experiences she encountered at Keene State solidified her life’s path. “I went to college thinking I might study dance performance, but Keene State allowed me to lean into my passion for Holocaust studies,” she added. “The HGS program is completely unique, and the courses remain the most in-depth I have taken. The more Holocaust and genocide studies classes I took, the more I realized that this was my calling.”

Sofia’s TikTok account – @underthesilentbluesky – is dedicated to Holocaust education and has more than 32,000 followers.





PLAYING TO OUR STRENGTHS



Spotlight on: Men's Basketball

Owl Athletics are an important part of what makes Keene, Keene. Not only have our athletic teams enjoyed tremendous and growing success in recent years, but the program serves as a powerful recruitment and retention tool for some of our most dynamic students—including honors program students and international students, some with refugee backgrounds. As such, the program is an important fundraising priority of The Campaign for Keene State: Opportunity Starts Here, which seeks to play to Keene's strengths by bolstering programs of distinction at the college—including athletics.

Keene State's Men's Basketball had a record-breaking year. Ending the year at 28-2, the team won their 6th Little East Conference title, reached the NCAA tournament for the 8th time, and the Sweet 16 for the 5th time. The team ended up ranked 10th in NCAA Division 3—a program best.

Read on to meet two players who were critical in the team's success and have made a positive impact at Keene both on and off the court.





Jeric Cichon '23, Safety Studies Major

Jeric Cichon '23 played an integral part of the Owls' record-breaking season. A walk-on, Jeric was an impact player for the Owls as they soared to the No. 10 ranking in the NCAA Division III Championship. A Safety Studies major, Jeric says that wherever his degree takes him, he'll be able to lean on the critical thinking skills he learned in the classroom and on the basketball court. And, he added, he will have all the connections a new graduate could want. "A lot of basketball alumni majored in safety," he said, "and I communicate with them at job fairs, and look up to what they are doing."

Off the court, Jeric has worked locally as a mentor for Monadnock Developmental Services working with children on the Autism Spectrum, who deal with disabilities or who are having a hard time at home. "Probably the best job I ever had," Jeric says. Each year, Jeric also partners with his mom, Jilena Cichon, to serve meals to the homeless at a Knights of Columbus facility in their Springfield, MA hometown. "It's good perspective," he said. "You've gotta be grateful for what you have, for the situation you're in."



Jeff Hunter '24, Safety Studies and Construction Management Major

At 6-foot, 7-inches tall, senior co-captain **Jeff Hunter '24** is hard to miss. Jeff had a monster season by every statistical measure in 2022-23, garnering First Team All-America honors during the team's record-breaking year.

And the team can look forward to his presence on the court for one more season: Jeff will be using his extra year of eligibility (afforded to any student-athlete on a roster in 2020-21 during the COVID-19 outbreak) to complete a second bachelor's degree in Construction Management. His other degree will be in Occupational Health & Safety, and he will graduate with a minor in Business Management, to boot.

"I knew I was coming here after my first walk around campus," Jeff said. "It just felt so right, and it made so

much sense. I've found an identity here. Keene State will always be a part of me."

Jeff attributes some of his ambition to the connection he has with his family. His older brother, TJ, and his mom and dad, Ann and Tom, are his biggest fans. Ann makes all the home games, traveling from the family home in Hudson, Massachusetts. Everything I do is to try to help my family be in a better spot," Jeff said.

"We've always said, the best decision Jeff ever made was going to Keene [State]," Ann said. "It's a family relationship over there, and we've been made to feel like a part of that family. I know we can trust Coach Cain to be like a father to Jeff, and we know how happy (Jeff) is there...I'm so proud to watch Jeff and to see the person he's become, that I could cry."



KEENE STATE GRAD FINDS NICHE LEADING UNIQUE JOURNALISM INITIATIVE FOR KEENE SENTINEL

Olivia Belanger '18 has the best gig in journalism, as she sees it.

"I could do this for the rest of my life," she says of her role as Health Solutions Reporter for the Keene Sentinel, one of the nation's oldest continuously published newspapers. "The paper is a rare gem. We continually check on ourselves and our work, making sure the work we are doing is relevant. I'm fortunate that I get to do what I love, where innovation is valued."

Olivia graduated from Keene State with a degree in journalism and a focus on print media. She minored in multimedia journalism. Before joining the Sentinel, she was a general assignment reporter for the Watertown (NY) Daily Times.

She was confident in her journalistic abilities but feels too that she had a leg up on others when she got into her field because of the opportunities she had at Keene. She says occasionally being a "one-person band" for The Equinox, the student newspaper, was wonderful preparation.

"My Keene State experience prepared me well, but also helped me to understand what would be expected of me."

She adds: "I would tell today's college student to just relax. I put so much pressure on myself. Let the universe do what it's supposed to do and enjoy the ride."

By Paul Miller

SKILL-BASED LEARNING AND SUPPORT FUELS A SUCCESSFUL CAREER IN MEDIA

Sam Coupe '04 credits skill-based learning as a film studies and production student at Keene State with preparing him for a successful career in media, from his first job after graduation to his current position as the Head of Digital Video Operations at NBC News.

"I was in the first class taught at KSC in non-linear video editing. I got one-on-one training with James Steelman '98. At the time, James was a certified Avid instructor, today he is an accredited editor. I learned a craft in how to edit with the new technology and gained a trade with the introduction to digital media. After graduation, I landed a job as an Avid Editor. Twenty years later, I don't edit anymore, but support the teams that do with emerging technologies. This would not have been possible without the foundation built at KSC."

Even the old-school method of editing film

with a splicer and tape provided Sam with hands-on experience that taught him a valuable lesson that continues to influence the way he works. "When you made that cut you really did not want to have to do it again. It was agonizing having to manually undo what you just did. You learn quickly to be methodical and think your decisions through. I have known since then, the fastest way to get something done is to take your time and do it right."

Sam also found value in the way higher level film classes at KSC were designed to mimic real-life experiences in the industry which required students to work together.

"We were graded on our work as a production team and needed to depend on one another to complete our projects. It was not just my project and my grade; it was the whole class's. It's the same with a job in media. No one is larger than the story."



Sam Coupe '04 speaks with film and journalism students on a recent visit to campus.
Photo Grace Guerin '23

KSCAA NEWLY ELECTED BOARD

During June Reunion Weekend, the newly elected members of the Keene State College Alumni Association (KSCAA) were welcomed to the board. Six alumni, ranging from the classes of 1986 to 2013, joined the returning seven board members.

The mission of the KSCAA is to promote the welfare of alumni and KSC through committee and regional activities, College involvement, alumni events, programs, benefits, and services. We are excited to welcome our new board of directors who will help us set new goals to engage alumni and promote the well-being of the College.

Welcome

Colin Barnett '11, Jen English '02, Chris Gray '86, Matt Kocyba '98, Katje Mickola '97 M'05, and Shane Norris '13

Returning board members include:

President Kristin Brooks '11, Betsy Coll '67, Stephanie Giang '17, John Johannesen '18, Katie Morris '12, Lang Plumer '60, 2nd Vice President April Pongitory '96, 1st Vice President Erin Zoellick '13.



Re-elected USNH Trustee

Introducing your newly re-elected USNH Trustee, David Westover '72. Dave is thrilled to serve the College for a second term in this position. He continues to be a dedicated alumnus, volunteering as a coach for the Cross Country and Track & Field teams, as well as attending numerous events on campus to engage with current and prospective students.

CONGRATULATIONS DAVE!

NEWS FROM THE NEST

IN ATHLETIC OWL NEWS

Keene State Athletics had another terrific year in 2022-23. Last fall, the Women's Cross Country team reclaimed the Little East Conference (LEC) championship for the first time since 2019, and the Women's Volleyball team won its first LEC title since 2008. Jacob Pearl '23 became the first Men's Cross Country runner to qualify for the NCAA Championships since 2015, and varsity golf also debuted this year, with freshman Caden Capaldo '26 being named LEC Rookie of the Year. In the winter, Men's Basketball had a fantastic year, reaching as high as No. 4 in the national rankings, setting a school record for wins with 28, and reaching the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Division III Championships. Meanwhile Women's Swimming and Diving claimed an LEC title for the 19th time overall and the 16th year in a row. In the spring, senior Haile Ratajack '24 became the seventh athlete in the history of the Women's Lacrosse program to reach 200 career points.

Owl action resumes this fall. Hope to see you there!



Caden Capaldo '26



Haile Ratajack '24



Jacob Pearl '23



Men's Basketball



Women's Volleyball



Women's Swimming

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IN ACADEMIC OWL NEWS

Keene State faculty and students are bringing recognition to the College with book publications, research, and more—a wide-ranging showcase of the opportunities that start at Keene. Congratulations to all who have been representing Keene State College with their outstanding work!



- The Washington Post highlighted research by Keene State exercise professor **Dr. Melanie Adams** and math professor **Dr. Caitlyn Parmelee**, who worked with a student research team. The study examines gender-based scoring in standardized fitness tests including the American College of Sports Medicine push-up test. They conducted research that suggests female students should be given the option to be tested doing standard push-ups versus modified versions from the knees, and that these students should be graded on an updated scale that was developed as part of the work. These changes may potentially contribute to the reduction of gender bias and stereotyping in fitness testing.



- Communication professor **Dr. Nigel Malcolm** published his latest work, "Rethinking Racial Uplift: Rhetorics of Black Unity and Disunity in the Obama Era," with University Press of Mississippi. Focusing on six best-selling books during the Obama presidency, in this book, Malcolm analyzes rhetoric around Black unity and disunity. He looks at the complexity of Black identity and shows that in our current era it is worth exploring disunity among Blacks.



- **Dr. Brinda Charry**, professor of English, also launched her new book, "The East Indian." The novel follows the life of the first native of the Indian subcontinent to arrive in Colonial America. Dr. Charry was born and raised in India and came to Keene in 2005 to teach early modern British literature and culture, and creative writing. She has been the recipient of numerous literary awards including the Folger Shakespeare Library Research Fellowship, India Plaza Golden Quill Award for Fiction, Katha Award for Creative Fiction, and the BBC National Short Story Award.



- Film production major and entrepreneurship minor **Emily Christian '24** worked with a group of classmates to produce a short-format documentary on dance professor Cynthia McLaughlin. The video explores the success of Cynthia's teaching approach that incorporates freedom to express and willingness to take risks. It also delves into the making of Evening of Dance, an annual dance showcase that features the work and talents of Keene State students. Emily worked with Sydney Gemme '24, Sierra MacIntire '24, Benjamin Shapiro '24, and Thomas Parisi '23 on the video. Emily's long-term goal is to own her own film production company.



- Keene State academic scholarship was showcased this spring at the International Council on Archives Conference in Dublin, Ireland. Students **Kyleigh Eyl '23 M'25** and **Mary Meagher '24**, along with Keene State Mason Library's Assistant Archivist **Caitlyn Dionne**, presented "Balancing the Need for Access and Privacy: Holocaust Studies Collection and Orang Asli Archive at Keene State College." Kyleigh and Mary serve as student archives assistants at the Cohen Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies.

CLASS NOTES

1944

Our sympathy goes out to the family of **Constance Riley Fullam '44**. Her daughter Diana sent a note saying her Mom passed away in May. She stated that her Mom had dealt with dementia for many years. In 2009 Norma Walker received a letter from Constance saying she loved Rose Night and skating on the tennis courts.

1946

Pauline Dionne and **Norma Wright Walker** (who had Doris and Breezy as her teachers in Hancock) were treated to lobster rolls for lunch when they visited Breezy recently. The next time, they plan to treat her.

Doris Blanchard sent Norma a photograph of all the Hancock High students that was taken when she did her practice teaching in Hancock back in 1946. She even sent a list of the names of each student in each row. Also, included were photos of some of the buildings in Hancock and the winners of the fishing derby that was held each year. "One photo was of my cousin Bill Weston who was holding a nice string of fish. Think that was the year he won the basket from Mr. Morrison who came out from KTC to check on the student teachers."

1947

Ruth Blodgett Washburn: It is very difficult for me to realize my younger daughter, Diana, 72, died on September 14. Her 73rd birthday was on October 26. I find it difficult to accept. I have been class secretary for many years, but I'm turning 98 in February so will continue as long as possible.

Shirley (Rolston) Martell has been in assisted living for over a year now. She loves to hear from people, so drop her a card at: Shirley (Rolston) Martell, Pine Point Center, 67 Pine Point Rd., Scarborough, ME 04074.

Elizabeth Pruington enjoys being able to continue to live in her own home with some of her family living with her for assistance when needed. She no longer drives, and cut back on some social activities, but still enjoys attending a few of her favorite ones. Go, Betty, go!

1949

Eleanor Hughgill Muldoon lives in a retirement community and said that Covid had made the rounds several times there. She also talked about going to England with **Ray** and **Dot Jobin** years ago and it was a wonderful trip.

1951

Several letters have arrived from **Elsie Bowes Brenner** who is living in Utah now with one of her daughters. In one of her letters, she said it was snowing and they had 8 inches. She and her daughter have had all of their shots, but both ended up having bad cases of Covid. She said it took a while for their taste buds to start working again.

1954

June Hesse Haymon and her son Kris journeyed to Keene State College for the 2023 Alumni Reunion. They were last here four years ago. June is planning to come in 2024 for her 70th Reunion. We'll be looking for you and Kris.

1956

Margaret Russell Ramsay and her daughter joined other alumni at Alumni Reunion in June. Everyone was pleased to see her, especially those of us who had worked with her when she was a very active member of the Alumni Association.

Several members of the class returned to enjoy the Alumni Reunion in June. Class secretary for many years; **Cynthia Randall Faust** drove over from Peterborough. **Barbara Ryans Brackett**, a longtime volunteer, was joined by her son Steven. The ever-devoted alumni **Constance Collias Trembly** joined her classmates for the luncheon and conversation.

Barbara Ryans Brackett received a short visit (it was lunchtime) from **Norma Wright Walker**, who had been invited to a special Brunch at Langdon Place. She was joined by **Katy Peery Traquair '96**. Norma had taught in Peterborough with Barbara's sister **Dorothea Somero '38**. Barbara is planning to attend the 2023 reunion.

1958

It was so good to have **Carol Gatcomb Riel** at the Keene State Alumni Reunion. She joined her college and alumni friends for lunch.

1969

Donald Nelson writes that he's been a resident of Florida since 2010 and in Nokomis, FL since 2017. However, in 2022, they bought a new summer home in Meredith, NH to be close to family and friends. Prior to the home in Meredith, they summered in an RV park on Cape Cod for 40-plus years.

1973

Frederick Jenne shares that though he is a retired CFO, he stays busy as the current President of the Fawn Lake Performing Arts Club in Fawn Lake, Virginia.

Bob Simpson sent in two photos he recently re-discovered from a road trip he and other members of TKE took to Washington D.C. in the spring of 1970. In addition to Bob, other participants in the road trip were **Jon Zedalis '73**, **Tom Kralovic '73**, **Mark Sowa '73**,

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Ray Bibeau '71 (deceased), **Armand Vien '71**, **Bob Merritt '74** (deceased), **Stan Garczynski '73**, **George Nostrand '70** (deceased), **Gerry Eckman '72**, **Jack Kane '73**, and **Dick Uncles '71**.



1980

Joanne (Agosta) Mead writes, "I am so thrilled to be using all of the important skills that I learned while earning my degree at KSC! I am often vocal coaching or music directing area shows and on the staff at MOCO Arts in Keene as a vocal coach. A few years ago, I had the wonderful opportunity to music direct "Little Women" at KSC which was a collaboration between the music and theatre departments. I continue to serve as an adjudicator for NHMEA, NEMFA, and NATS. In November, I will be presenting a workshop for the Keene State music students on how to work with the young singing voice. I take great pride in preparing area vocal students for their college careers and send them off to some great schools! Thank you Keene State for all you have done for me!"

1988

Picture from **Chuck Kabat** - Skiing photo (Arapahoe Basin, CO)



Left to right: Greg Urbaniak '85, Phil Pitts '85, Joe Carlin (eventually graduated UNH), Chuck Kabat '88, Ed Namath '87, Scott Nathan '83, Benny Fischer '87, Bob Earle '88

1989

James Hogg writes that after more than 31 years as an Army Aviator flying Apache attack helicopters, he has retired to the Lakes Region of central New Hampshire with his wonderful and supportive wife of 24 years along with their children. He states "It's great to be living back in NH with friends and family!"

1990

Emily Moody shares that after working in healthcare out of state for the last twenty years, she's back in the 603! She's so happy to be following her true passion of esthetics, and she and her husband have settled into their new town of Rochester. They both love being involved with the local high school and yes, "long walks on the beach." She would absolutely love to connect with her KSC peeps!

1993

Alison Adams has published two works of children's literature. Having served as a student representative at the annual Children's Literature Festival at KSC, she met with many

famous authors and illustrators which continued to fuel her lifelong dream. A now retired Kindergarten teacher of 30 years, and a past Adjunct Professor in the Education Department at KSC, she is now both an author and illustrator. Her first book "Taking God to School" was released in June of 2021. This work is both written and illustrated by her. It shares the important message of sharing your faith all day, everyday, educating children, families and schools to the rights of religious expression. Her second book, "Abraham's Adventure" was released in February of 2023. It tells the tale of her beloved class pet of many years, Abe the tortoise, who escapes her yard during the summer and meets many animals along the way of his travels. As he collects various items he feels will give him 'a better life' he comes to realize there is no place like home. Donated copies can be found in KSC's Mason Library, and are for purchase online through most major booksellers.

Robert Crawford (Submitted by Amy Roberts-Crawford)

Rob was diagnosed with brain cancer in 2013. Although the medical care received at UMass Worcester was and continues to be phenomenal, Rob lives with a terminal diagnosis. He lost his eyesight and has brain injury, but continues to live happily in a home with 24 hr supervision and care. He loves to listen to music, reminisce about college days and beyond, and any emails sent will be sure to get read to him. We are divorced, but very much still best friends. We have 3 strong, beautiful children ranging from age 16-26 and we continue to travel this journey together. Friends, reach out, he'd love to hear from you, and say a prayer.

Send our best, Amy & Rob
maplenut15@gmail.com

Susan (Bowman) Rolke shares that she is currently the chemistry and physics teacher at Conant High

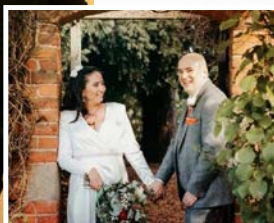
School in Jaffrey. She's excited to share that she was featured in *Radiations*, the magazine for the National Physics Honor Society. The article was about her experience with NASA's Airborne Astronomy Ambassador program and her flights on SOFIA (the telescope on a 747). Visit www.sigmapisigma.org/sigmapisigma/radiations/fall/2022/lessons-stratosphere to read the article!

Classes of 1997, 1999 and 2000

On October 7, 2022, Keene State alumni reunited to celebrate the marriage of KSC international student **Lee Attwood '97** and his beautiful partner, Jana, in Shrewsbury, UK at Netley Hall.



From the Left: Amanda (Noyes) Cassidy '99, Lee Attwood '97, Kimberley (Hannuksela) Russo '99 and Jay Russo '00



Classes of 2012 and 2015

Amanda Torrellas (2015) married **William (Billy) Waitt** (2012) on October 29, 2022.



2019

Jason Charbonneau writes that though currently employed as a product specialist for the American subsidiary of a French microfluidics company (employing his scientific and engineering backgrounds), he recently signed a contract with the United States Army and will be transferring jobs, reporting for duty as of July 10, 2023. From that point on, he will be in the employment of the United States Military, pending extraordinary circumstance.

Have a class note to share?

Submit your update to classnotes@keene.edu or by mail to: Alumni Office, 229 Main Street, Keene, NH 03435-2701

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Academic Owl News From The Nest

Two faculty members were celebrated for excellence in teaching in May 2023. **Dr. Chris Parsons**, Associate Professor of English Education and Coordinator of Secondary English Education, received Keene State College Alumni Association's 2023 Distinguished Teacher Award. The award recognizes excellence in teaching, encouragement of independent thinking, rapport with students in and out of the classroom, and student advising. Students and colleagues who nominated Dr. Parsons describe him as student-centered, lauded him as innovative, caring and creative, and genuinely student-centered and a conscientious collaborator with his colleagues.

Dr. Kate Tirabassi, Professor of Communication, Director of the Center for Research and Writing, and Affiliate Faculty in English, was recognized with the Faculty Distinguished Service Award. Roles such as Integrative Thinking and Writing Coordinator and Director of the Center for Research & Writing are part of her service work. Dr. Tirabassi's participation on multiple College committees supports faculty and student writing with roles including the Integrative Thinking and Writing Coordinator and Director of the Center for Research & Writing. In response to the award, Dr. Tirabassi said, "My motivation in any of the service work that I do is to seek out opportunities to enrich, enhance, and improve the teaching and learning community that I've come to know and love at Keene State, and to make meaningful and lasting connections with the wider local community."



IN MEMORIAM

Alumni and friends whose passing was reported between December 11, 2022 and June 14, 2023.

Mr. Jason F. Crook '73
8/10/2016

Mr. Robert P. Bushey '56
12/5/2017

Mr. Peter Janosz Jr '73
6/20/2018

Mr. Ken Asker '74
9/8/2018

Mrs. Althea (Roy) Clonaris '51
3/12/2020

Mrs. Nita (Frangos) Stewart '70
4/11/2020

Ms. Madeline (Welch) Bernard '50
10/30/2020

Ms. Pearl A. LaValley '63
10/8/2021

Mr. Bryant E. Anderson '68
12/17/2021

Ms. Carolyn R. Lorandean '77
12/25/2021

Ms. Judy (King) Hodgdon '67
4/18/2022

Mr. Delma A. Langille '51
5/15/2022

Mrs. Louette (Danner) Bartol '56
6/25/2022

Mrs. Sandra (Hale) Aldrich '60
6/26/2022

Mrs. Gloria (Richardson) Matthews '53
7/6/2022

Mr. George P. Danforth '69
8/1/2022

Mr. Sydney W. Lorandean '58
8/11/2022

Ms. Barbara (Davis) Knox '51
8/27/2022

Mr. Robert Matthews '70
9/1/2022

**Ms. Rosalynn (Santacroe)
Tarpinian '70**
9/7/2022

Mrs. Mary (Pickett) Hopwood '57
10/4/2022

Mr. Charles C. Sipe '81
10/10/2022

Mrs. Carole (Tolman) Beauregard '62
10/23/2022

Mr. Richard C. Stratton '76
11/20/2022

Mr. Gregory F. Sullivan '62
12/4/2022

Mrs. Joan (Hurst) Dimeglio '63
12/8/2022

Mrs. Mary (Dargie) Moe '62
12/10/2022

Mrs. Barbara (Greenough) Mackey '61
12/15/2022

Mr. Kenneth E. Gile '58
12/18/2022

Mr. Walter J. Czarnec '60
12/20/2022

Mr. John E. Joslin '65
12/20/2022

Mrs. Carol (Jones) Jackson '51
12/23/2022

Mr. Paul F. Silva '62
12/27/2022

Mrs. Linda (Roberts) Candela '65
12/30/2022

Mr. Robert E. Williams '59
1/1/2023

Ms. Sylvia A. Blanchard '72
1/8/2023

Mr. Robert E. Dearborn '65
1/19/2023

Ms. Linda M. Dionne '73
2/1/2023

Dr. Roland V. Stoodley Jr '56 H'80
2/3/2023

Ms. Jane (Post) Allen '74
2/18/2023

Mrs. Patricia (Colby) Krueger M'81
2/20/2023

Dr. Richard F. Doble '67
2/20/2023

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Join us for one of our many opportunities to gather and celebrate Keene State College.

SEPTEMBER 14

Golden Circle Luncheon

at the Common Man, Concord, NH

SEPTEMBER 29

Hall of Fame Induction

SEPTEMBER 29-30

Homecoming Weekend

OCTOBER 18

Golden Circle Luncheon

at Newick's Lobster House, Dover, NH

DECEMBER 6

Holiday Reception and

Jazz Ensemble Concert

JANUARY 24, 2024

Hootie's Red & White Night:

KSC Basketball vs Plymouth

at Keene State College

MARCH 15-22, 2024

Florida Owl Alumni Gatherings

Coming to a City Near You

APRIL 11-13, 2024

50th Evening of Dance - Dressed in Blue

MAY 4, 2024

Commencement

JUNE 7, 2024

33rd Annual Chartwells Golf Classic and Raffle

JUNE 7-8, 2024

Reunion Weekend

50th

EVENING OF DANCE - DRESSED IN BLUE

Featuring Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue* with Pianist and Coordinator of Keyboards, Christina Wright-Ivanova and the Keene State College Concert Band, and an original score by Heather Gilligan, Coordinator of Composition, Theory, Aural Skills.

Save the Date!

April 11, 2024 - April 13, 2024

Redfern Performing Arts Center



THE COHEN CENTER FOR HOLOCAUST & GENOCIDE STUDIES

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OCTOBER 3

Holocaust Memorial Lecture

Featuring Dara Horn



Internationally acclaimed and the award-winning author of six books and the recipient of three National Jewish Book Awards, Horn received her doctorate in comparative literature from Harvard University, studying Yiddish and Hebrew and has taught courses in these subjects at Sarah Lawrence College and Yeshiva University. She

has lectured for audiences in hundreds of venues throughout North America, Israel, and Australia, has successful podcasts and is a frequent contributor in the *New York Times*.

NOVEMBER 9 – 15

Kristallnacht (11/9) and series of events

Featuring Sue Hampel



A Kristallnacht Remembrance will be held on November 9, and the following week, we'll welcome Sue Hampel to deliver a lecture as part of a Kristallnacht series. Co-president of the Jewish Holocaust Centre in Melbourne, Hampel also serves on the Australian delegation to the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) as an expert in Holocaust

education. As the daughter of Holocaust survivors, she has focused on the importance of memory and its transmission to future generations in the hope that no nation, people, religion, or race will have to endure the tragedy that befell the Jewish people and others during the Holocaust.

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