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ON THE COVER:

Men's soccer goalie and refugee
from the Democratic Republic of the
Congo Glaudi Bangasimbo '22 (left)
stands with Head Coach Rick Scott
'77 (center) and fellow goalie Nate
Howard '21.

*The photoshoot followed Keene State
College COVID-19 protocol.*

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Opportunity starts at Keene. It's something everyone in the community knows, from students and alumni, to parents and friends. In this issue you will learn about opportunities Keene has created for refugee and international students. You'll also meet four alumni pursuing wide-ranging careers supported by their Keene education. And, you'll learn how community members like Barbara Rousseau, who made a planned gift to support graduate students, make these opportunities possible.

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Keene State's Commitment to Success

MELINDA TREADWELL '90

President, Keene State College

As President of this College, I am committed to investing in the momentum that has carried KSC forward to this moment. This momentum—the driving energy of Keene State's success—generates from our amazing students, staff, faculty, and you, our alumni and friends. Your commitment to this institution strengthens and sustains Keene State. As a college community, we are committed to keeping the momentum going, with our students at the center of everything we do.

We are committed to attracting and retaining students who will thrive on our campus—and we are succeeding. The excellence of a Keene State College education is recognized by U.S. News & World Report and other sources. We are already focused on the Class of 2026!

We are committed to delivering on our promise of access and affordability, making the path to a degree smoother. As we hold fast to our distinction as the public liberal arts college in New Hampshire, we are future-focused, creating an academic experience that meets the needs of current and potential students.

We are committed to being student-centered in everything we do. With this guiding principle, Keene State made significant changes in our administrative structure, staffing, and curricular offerings in the past year. We have made these changes to align our faculty and staff to meet the needs of current and future learners while keeping our focus on the student experience.

Keene State College's history permeates our beautiful campus—in the names of the buildings and the halls we walk—reminding us that we are the people's college. As such, we remain committed to a high-quality, affordable, and meaningful education for all learners. Our ongoing work is for their success at Keene State and in the broader world.

I am humbled and heartened by the commitment, resiliency, and investment of time and energy of our campus community and our Keene State Owls.

In gratitude, always.


Dr. Melinda Treadwell

KEENE STATE COLLEGE
ONCE AGAIN EARNED
HIGH MARKS FROM
**U.S. NEWS &
WORLD REPORT**
IN SEVERAL CATEGORIES
among regional colleges in the North

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**BEST
SCHOOLS
RANKING**

#5 
**BEST UNDER-
GRADUATE
TEACHING
RANKING**


**RANKED SEVENTH
IN TOP PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

4TH 
**BEST
COLLEGE
FOR VETERANS**

 **#10**
**BEST VALUE
SCHOOLS RANKING**

Expanding Keene State's Borders On and Off the Field

Refugee and International Soccer Players Make the Team

"The value of family and community."

In a few words, Keene State men's soccer Head Coach Rick Scott sums up what he has learned from the international players he has taken under his tutelage, many with refugee backgrounds.

Scott's commitment to international and refugee players began in 2014, when, in his first year as head coach, he saw Promise Kpee '18, Jacob Chiza '19, and Samuel Masumbuko '19 playing at Manchester Central and Manchester Memorial High Schools and was struck by their athletic talent. Scott learned from the young men's coaches that all three had lived for years in refugee camps after fleeing violence in their home countries, and that they had recently relocated to Manchester, NH—a designated area of national refugee resettlement.

Kpee, a refugee from Nigeria, and Chiza and Masumbuko, refugees from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, spoke multiple languages fluently, but English was not yet one. The young men were therefore struggling academically.

"My initial reaction was, if these guys can learn six different languages while living in a refugee camp, they can be successful at anything if given a chance," said Scott.

Scott worked with admissions to determine if Keene State had the right support resources for these students. The answer was a resounding "yes," starting with Scott himself. Since 2014, Scott's door has been wide open for his players. Several players with refugee backgrounds have lived with Scott over the years, including Yusufu Juma '22, a refugee from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, who lives with Scott currently, and Masumbuko, who lived with Scott during a year off.

"When I decided to take some time off from school for personal reasons, Rick said 'You don't have to go home, you can stay with me,'" said Masumbuko. "We built up a relationship, just like father and son. I wasn't even playing for Rick at the time, but if he cares for you, he makes sure you get yourself right."

Scott says the opportunity to spend intensive time with players has transformed him. "These young men amaze me every day. They really take care of each other because that's what they had to do in the refugee camps. I want to learn and share what they've been through, and I've found after a year and a half, they start to open up about their experiences. They've been through an awful lot."

Another important resource for these players has been the soccer team itself, which has provided a built-in network of academic support. "The guys have

formed study groups, with the international students bringing their knowledge of different languages, including French and Italian, and the other players bringing English language knowledge. It's a two-way street and it's been awesome for team chemistry."

Indeed, since 2014 Scott's Owls have enjoyed a winning record and boasted an LEC Tournament Championship and NCAA Tournament appearance in 2019, along with numerous 2nd place finishes in the LEC. Scott says his diverse roster and the strong team chemistry they've developed is a big part of their success. In addition to students with refugee backgrounds, the team includes players from Armenia, Bosnia, Brazil, Cape Verde, Guatemala, and Italy. "The international guys are so personable, always the life of a party," said Scott. "We've had some get-togethers, and they will cook a lot of food that they used to live on, such as fufu, for the team. We learn a lot about each other's traditions, cultures, it's a fun group."

Perhaps the most important lesson the international players have shared is appreciating every opportunity they get. Said Scott, "The other players see that the international players appreciate things that you and I might take for granted, and that's been life changing. They are hardworking, very good in the classrooms, they don't miss a class. They're just beautiful people."

This mindset plays out both on and off the field, with the international and refugee students taking advantage of every available academic opportunity. Kpee, Chiza, and Masumbuko successfully pursued their degrees in Safety & Occupational Health Applied Sciences, and paved the way for other soccer players to follow in their path.

"These safety majors go out into the world and are dealing with people's lives," said Scott. "They have workers' lives in their hands. It's an incredible responsibility, but there is no better suited group of people for this career than these students, who

have taken care of each other and their families, many under significant distress, for their whole lives."

While many international soccer players choose to focus on Safety & Occupational Health Applied Sciences, many choose other paths as well. Take Yusufu Juma '22, who is focusing on business management; or Clinton Mungeta '21, who is studying elementary education and French in addition to safety; or Mbambi Mbungu '25, who is a studio art major. "All have unique stories," said Scott, "and all bring an incredible range of talents, even while sometimes sharing a powerful personal narrative. The thing they do share is that they are hard working in the classroom, on the soccer field, and anything they do."

So where are Kpee, Chiza, and Masumbuko now? Promise is a safety coordinator for Granite Construction, one of the largest full-service general contractors, construction management firms, and construction materials producers in the U.S.

Chiza is working on his masters in safety education and is a safety manager for Delphi Construction in the Boston area.

And Masumbuko is senior safety manager for Holder Construction in Denver, and just had a baby girl in December 2021 with his partner and Keene State classmate Brittany Gravallesse '19.

"Without the help of Rick Scott, I wouldn't be where I am today," said Masumbuko. "Rick Scott said to me years ago, 'I will make sure you have a career that will lift you and your family,' and he helped me every step of the way to get that. He and the team were always there for me. You don't look at it as a team. It's family."

"Soccer was the impetus to get these young men here," said Scott, "but once their communities, as well as the Keene State community, saw that they were doing so well, it built a pipeline. It's a great story, what they've been able to do, and all of us are the better for it.

"As much as they've gotten out of Keene State, I've gotten just as much."

Refugee and International Soccer Player Safety & Occupational Health Applied Sciences Majors

Promise Kpee '18
Jacob Chiza '19
Samuel Masumbuko '19
Blaise Masumbuko '21
Glaudi Bangasimbo '22



Promise Kpee '18

Photo Credit Luke Stergiou '19



Samuel Masumbuko '19

Photo Credit Luke Stergiou '19



Clinton Mungeta '21

Photo Credit Soren Frantz '22



Yusufu Juma '22

Photo Credit Luke Stergiou '19

Celebrating Milestones and Anniversaries at Keene State

When students and alumni talk about Keene State, they talk about their experiences inside and outside the classroom, including varsity sports, fraternity and sorority life, clubs, organizations, and community service opportunities.

Keene State is celebrating the milestones of several organizations, academic programs, and athletic programs between 2021 and 2022. With more than one hundred 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

Point of pride: At the club's first National Tournament in 2016, the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA) commissioner presented Academic All-American Certificates to 13 Keene players, the most of any team in the tournament. Since then, the club has continued its record of academic success and earned an invitation back to the National Tournament in 2017, 2019 and 2020.

Fun fact: KSC Hockey has several alumni who have gone on to coach hockey or become on-ice officials, but only one member, Jocelyne Cummings '09, has made it to the NHL. Jocelyne is the Director of Amateur Hockey for the New York Islanders.

Coming up: Keene will host the ACHA Northeast Regional Tournament on February 25-27 and hopes to win it, earning its fifth invitation to the ACHA National Tournament.

Varsity Men's Lacrosse – 25th Season

Point of pride: Despite being a newer program at Keene State, the men's lacrosse team has been successful, and is typically the only public school in New England ranked in the top 10 of all schools in the region.

Fun fact: Judge Judy's grandson played on the team.

Coming up: The team is looking forward to another successful year with a strong senior core of students and is in the planning process for a 25th anniversary celebration in fall 2022.

Redfern Arts Center – 40th Season

Point of pride: Over four decades, The Redfern has stayed true to its mission: to collaborate with students, faculty, staff, artists, and the community to spark creative exchange that inspire culturally rich engagement with the performing arts.





Fun fact: Keene State students can now attend any performance in the Redfern Arts Center free of charge.

Coming up: “Redfern Presenting Series: PRISM Showcase of Music Alumni,” a collaboration with the Keene State Music Department, will take place on March 25 and will highlight current and alumni music performers.

Men’s Rugby – 50th Anniversary

Point of pride: The team competed in the 2010 NSCRO nationals in Virginia Beach and placed second in the country.

Fun fact: No prior rugby playing experience is necessary and, in fact, many rugby players have never played the game before arriving at Keene State.

Coming up: The team looks forward to recruiting for the 2022-2023 season.

Film Society – 50th Anniversary

Point of pride: By including non-students as members, the original film society was one of the early ways KSC invited and welcomed the wider community to campus.

Fun fact: The first film shown was Citizen Kane.

Coming up: The society will host a celebration during Homecoming Weekend, October 1-2.

WKNH Radio Station – 50th Anniversary

Point of pride: The station’s DJs continuously impress audiences with their taste, talent, and off-the-wall creativity.

Fun fact: Over the past 50 years the station has had more than 600 unique shows on air.

Coming up: Stay tuned—the station is going to be spinning tunes and hosting several of their own events throughout the spring semester.



The Barbara A. Rousseau Scholarship: A Lifetime and Legacy of Supporting Education

Barbara “Babs” A. Rousseau dedicated her entire life to education. Born in Franklin, NH in 1938, Rousseau retired from Keene in 2004 after 19 years of service in the office of Professional Studies and Continuing Education. She is remembered by her Keene State colleagues as a kind and friendly person with a warm smile and a rich laugh.



Prior to her tenure at Keene, Rousseau taught and worked at schools including Marlborough High School, Milford High School, Newfield High School, Franklin Pierce College, NH Vocational Technical College, Plymouth State College, and the NH Department of Education. Rousseau received her Master’s Degree of Occupational Education at the University of New Hampshire in Durham in 1976.

She helped to shape countless lives through her work and, with the establishment of the Barbara A. Rousseau Scholarship, her legacy will continue. The scholarship, established with a \$75,000 gift from Rousseau’s estate, has grown to almost \$200,000, and will provide recognition and financial assistance to graduate students pursuing a master’s degree from the Educator Preparation Program, in perpetuity.

A POEM WRITTEN BY ROUSSEAU AND FOUND AFTER HER DEATH IN MARCH 2021:

She was born to loving parents, she loved and loved family, friends, colleagues, students, pets, travel and life-long learning and sharing.

Here’s hoping her life was enough for flight up and not a drop down!

The
1909
SOCIETY

You
are
invited

Keene
STATE COLLEGE

Make an Outsized Impact

More than half of Keene’s annual philanthropic support comes from 1909 Society members. We invite you to be part of this intimate circle of less than 250 people.

Join a Group of Like-minded People

1909 Society donors are loyal and generous alumni, parents, and friends whose leadership giving and deep commitment set an example, inspire others, and make a significant impact on the college.

Enjoy Special Benefits

1909 Society members benefit from amenities including exclusive communications from the president and other KSC leaders, invitations to special events and social gatherings such as Celebrating Momentum, and personal visits.

Membership Levels

1909 Society: \$1,000 to \$4,999 in cumulative fiscal year giving from to any designation(s) on campus.

Provost’s Circle: \$5,000 to \$9,999 in cumulative fiscal year giving to any designation(s) on campus.

President’s Circle: \$10,000 or more in cumulative fiscal year giving to any designation(s) on campus.

How to Give: Gifts may be made by mail:

Development Office, Keene State College,
229 Main Street Keene, NH 03435-2701.

By phone: (603) 358-2396.

Online: www.keene.edu/donate.

For more information, please contact Marilyn Shriver at marilyn.shriver@keene.edu or (603) 358-2371.

RECENT GRADUATES

are invited to join the 1909 Society at a gift level of \$100 for each year since graduation. Graduates 5 to 10 years out are invited to join at a gift level of \$500.

How will your donation impact the future?

Make a lasting impact

For sixty-four years, The Keene Endowment Association (KEA) has stewarded gifts from alumni, parents, and friends to help Keene State College students focus on their studies and their dreams, instead of worrying about financial hardships. The KEA oversees an investment portfolio of endowed funds to provide scholarships and support programs in perpetuity by making awards from interest payouts.

Create a responsible future

Introduced in 2016, the option for Sustainable & Responsible Investing was created for donors who want their funds to be invested in undervalued, high-quality companies that provide long-term competitive financial returns as well as a positive impact in the communities and environments in which they operate.

How you can make a difference

Whether you can give a one-time gift, or an employer-matched donation, or are able to remember KSC in your final arrangements, your generosity is appreciated, and needed.

Leave a bequest

Naming KSC as a beneficiary in your will or trust is an easy way to make an impact. The Marion T. Wood Society, founded in 1996, honors alumni and friends who have chosen to make a gift through their estate or have otherwise created a planned gift to benefit the College. Like Marion Wood '26, a legendary alumna, professor, administrator, and friend of the College who left a significant gift in her will, members of the Marion Wood Society choose to include KSC in their estate plans.

Establish a fund

Many alumni over the years have created scholarship funds in their name or the name of a loved one. This is a wonderful way to commemorate your own KSC experience or to honor an important person in your life. It ensures remembrance and helps future generations have a connection to alumni who have gone before them, and who continue to impact others.

Learn more by visiting www.keene.edu/development/kea/ or contact the Advancement Division at 603-358-2620.

BY THE NUMBERS | Keene Endowment Association in FY21



The endowment has more than **DOUBLED** over **past 3 years**

KSCAA AND KEA NEWS



KRISTIN MEHALICK BROOKS '11

KSC Alumni Association Board President

It has been a pleasure to serve as your Keene State College Alumni Association (KSCAA) President this past year. As we look forward to the new year, I'd like to take the opportunity to say thank you. The Alumni Association has an outstanding staff, a dedicated board of directors, and enthusiastic alumni volunteers who support the College and alumni.

Over the last year, the board has focused on specific ways to engage alumni through a variety of avenues that include volunteer opportunities, virtual communications, philanthropic giving, and events. Despite the challenges of the pandemic, we were able to connect with alumni and friends during our first in-person alumni weekend in two years, as well as several virtual and regional events. Alumni are also volunteering virtually at KSC through classroom presentations, career fairs, and mock interviews. If you are interested in reconnecting and getting involved with KSC, now is the time! I invite you to work with us in continuing to expand our outreach, our programs, and our support for Keene State College.

I am proud to be part of the KSC Alumni Association and I'm excited for the future!

Meet the Alumni Association Board of Directors and share how you want to get involved at www.keene.edu/alumni/association/



INDRIKA ARNOLD '03

Keene Endowment Association President

As the recently elected President of the Keene Endowment Association (KEA), I am pleased to share updates on the important work that the board continues in support of Keene State College students. Now in the Association's 64th year, the KEA Board of Trustees is ever committed to their mission of enabling Keene State students to reach higher, go further, and pursue excellence through a liberal arts education energized by real-world experience.

Over the past three years, the KEA's investment portfolio has grown from nearly \$8 million to nearly \$19 million with a total of 79 endowments that support scholarships and programs. The portfolio is comprised of three funds – the Total Return Fund, the Sustainable and Responsible Investment Fund, and the Income Only Fund. Throughout the past fiscal year, Keene State students have benefited from more than \$310,000 in KEA scholarship awards. The KEA is committed to setting aspirational goals that expand student access to an education in which they can learn creatively in college programs that incorporate leadership projects, undergraduate research, internships, study away in the US and internationally, and professional experience. With this in mind, the board plans to revisit KEA's strategic plan to align with the broader College strategic planning process beginning in 2022.

We invite you to join us in supporting current students and future alumni! Please contact the Advancement Division at 603-358-2620 to learn more about donating to existing endowments or creating your own.

EDUCATION FACULTY FELLOWS PROGRAM

We are excited to tell you about Keene State College's Educator Preparation Program and a special opportunity to add even more value to the college's curriculum for aspiring teachers. As teachers ourselves, we understand the need for the program to grow and adapt to new classroom challenges.

Thanks to an initial gift of \$120,000 from a generous Keene State alumnus, the college is launching an Educational Faculty Fellow program, with the specific goal of bringing teachers to campus who have demonstrated successful classroom management skills. The fellows will share their knowledge with KSC students and earn credits toward their doctorate degree.

We invite you to be part of this new initiative with a gift to Keene State College!

Successful classroom management can mean the difference between students learning in school and merely marking time until the bell rings. Today's students may be faced with food insecurity, homelessness, mental health issues, and belief systems that don't honor differences among individuals. The teacher must not only deliver educational content, but navigate the microcosm of their local community that their students represent.

More is being required of educators across the board. Welcoming a dedicated fellow to our campus will enhance the pipeline of well-rounded critical thinkers for which Keene State is known.

Can we count on you to help make the faculty fellowship program soar? Many thanks for your consideration.

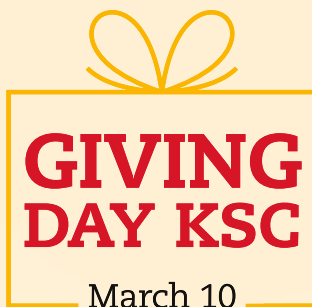
Sincerely,

Norma Wright Walker '51, MEd '59

Raymond Jobin '63, MEd '70



**On March 10, 2022,
Keene State College
kicks off its first
dedicated day of giving!**



Giving Day KSC is your day to "give a hoot" for Keene State!

Want to support student musicians?

A gift to All-Steinway, All Together will help!

Interested in easing student loan debt?

Gift to the KSC Fund or a scholarship.

Or, honor a beloved professor or favorite course with a gift to an academic department.

We are OWL in this together to help KSC fly high!

For more information about the Giving Day KSC or to give an early gift, please visit:

[Keene.edu/GivingDay](https://www.keene.edu/GivingDay)

FIRST PERSON PROJECT

Our Education Graduates Inspire the Dreams of the Next Generation



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

MADISON OLSEN '20, BA English/Education

Sixth Grade Language Arts Teacher, Woodbury Middle School, Salem, NH

Maddy Olsen was practicing her lessons with her little brother and her teddy bears by the time she was six. And she grew up with Keene State in her veins—both of her parents are alumni. So, when it came time for her to pick a college, the choice was clear. “I knew I wanted to study education, and there was no better school to go to than Keene State,” she said.

Now she’s in front of her own sixth grade classroom, and she knows she made the right choice. “Keene State prepared me so well. I learned all the dimensions of being a teacher, even the ones you don’t really see, from assessments to talking to parents to working with administrators,” she said. “I feel comfortable in my classroom.”



FIRST PERSON PROJECT

Our scholarships create space for students to focus

Maddy said she was grateful for the Presidential scholarship and several endowed scholarships she received at Keene State. “They helped take the burden off of financial stress, so I was able to focus more on what I’m doing in school,” she said.

Financial support is crucial for the academic success of students who don’t come from economic privilege. “With support, student teachers can focus on grading that stack of papers rather than waiting tables. They have a little space to reflect. That ability to focus on their development as teachers is big,” said Christopher Parsons, PhD, coordinator of secondary English education.

At Keene State, mentoring builds leaders

The solid, supportive mentoring relationships forged at Keene State are crucial in helping students like Maddy thrive in their careers.

Dr. Parsons mentors just seven to 10 students in a cohort—at some schools that number climbs as high as 90.

He advises those students from day one, and teaches them during every semester for their final two years. “This consistent mentoring of students sets Keene State apart. I’m able to develop close relationships and really help students develop themselves into great teachers,” he said. “Those consistent, long-term relationships are just not something that often happens in other places.”

Our graduates bring breadth and depth to their careers

With Keene State’s liberal arts focus, teachers bring a well-rounded education to their classrooms. “Schools who hire our graduates get real content experts. They are getting people who have a broad background, but also a deep background in their content area. That’s really valuable,” Dr. Parsons said.

“Schools who hire our graduates get real content experts.”

—Dr. Christopher Parsons
Assistant Professor and Coordinator of Secondary English Education, Keene State College



FIRST PERSON PROJECT

We Prepare Leaders for Opportunities in the High-Demand Healthcare Field



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

BRETT ROBERTS '20, BS Nursing

Registered Nurse, Amoskeag Health, Manchester, NH

At Amoskeag Health, it takes most new nurses a month to get up to speed in their jobs. Not Brett Roberts. Thanks to his solid start at Keene State College, he was trained within a week. “You would think he has years of experience,” said his boss, Minersa Taletovic.

Brett credits his success to his education. “Keene State College prepared me with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes I need to be a professional nurse,” he said.

Less worry about cost gives students room to concentrate on classwork

Financial support helped free Brett to focus on academics. He earned a scholarship that covered his educational costs in exchange for a commitment to work in a region where health professionals are in short supply.



FIRST PERSON PROJECT

"The financial burden tends to be the biggest issue for students. The more help they can get overcoming that, the more relaxed and at ease they feel. They can perform better and have more time to focus on their studies rather than work," said Lynn Lagasse, assistant clinical professor of nursing.

Keene State's programs build leaders

Brett points out the key ways Keene State prepared him to succeed:

- Real-life experience. Brett worked as a medical assistant at an urgent care center when he was an undergrad, and in a Veteran's Affairs intensive care unit for his final summer before graduation. That firsthand contact with patients taught him how to communicate effectively with them and how to convey their needs to their doctors.
- Small class sizes. The 13 students in his class worked together and built relationships with their instructors. "Our students get a lot more personalized attention. We're right with them every step of the way. Typically, in a large setting you just can't foster that," Lagasse said.

- Hands-on instruction. Students train in Keene State's simulation laboratory, a true-to-life art replica hospital room complete with lifelike mannequins. There, students start IVs, practice CPR, and even take part in delivering babies. "Everything you need for your foundation of understanding is there," Brett said.

First-generation students find a home at Keene State

"Many of our students are first-time college-goers in their families," Lagasse said. "It's a whole new world where there's no one in their immediate family who can help them navigate."

Brett was one of those first-generation college students, and he was apprehensive about attempting a four-year degree. But now, with his Keene State bachelor's degree in hand, he has big plans for his future. He's working toward his graduate degree and aims to become a nurse practitioner.

100% of Keene State's nursing graduates are employed one year after graduation.



ALUMNI WEEKEND 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.

Director of Alumni Relations Bethany Morin '12 was thrilled the College was able to welcome alumni and friends back to campus with safety in mind. "Having alumni on campus reconnecting with one another and with students felt wonderful. There were so many activities and opportunities to see what happens at Keene State—athletics, arts, student groups, and more. It felt good to have them back on campus."

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 Illustration Collection, and much more.

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





FIRST PERSON PROJECT

We're Building the Skilled Manufacturing Workforce the Local Economy Needs



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

MAXWELL TUCKER '20, BS Sustainable Product Design

Mechanical Engineer, Turmoil Manufacturing, W. Swanzey, NH

Max Tucker is quick to admit that he wasn't a great student in high school. But he was always working on cars and motorcycles, and he wanted to learn more about how things were designed and created. So, he enrolled in community college. "I was set on a two-year degree. That's all I was going to do," he said.

There, he saw his grades skyrocket. "If you're actually passionate about what you're learning, you do much better," he said. He found community college "too easy," and he decided to switch to a bachelor's degree program.



FIRST PERSON PROJECT

As a Keene native, he didn't have to look far to find the right four-year school. Keene State offers the only program in New England that combines industrial design, project management, and manufacturing engineering technologies.

Max researched the sustainable product design and innovation program at Keene State and liked how the coursework was split between classroom work and hands-on experiences. "It was focused toward a career and getting a job right out of school," he said.

Working students succeed at Keene State

Max was the first person in his family to earn a four-year degree, and he paid for his education himself, working 30 to 35 hours a week. "That pushed me to do a little bit better," he said. Scholarships also helped him pay for his education.

He loved Keene State's small classes, where his professors let him explore his interests. "They let you make out-of-the-box decisions. They really let you be creative. They're always open to new ideas," he said.

And he appreciated how Keene State brought back graduates to share what they learned and what their current jobs were like. "It was nice to see how much you can achieve if you push forward and work hard," he said.

We train our students to excel in the workforce

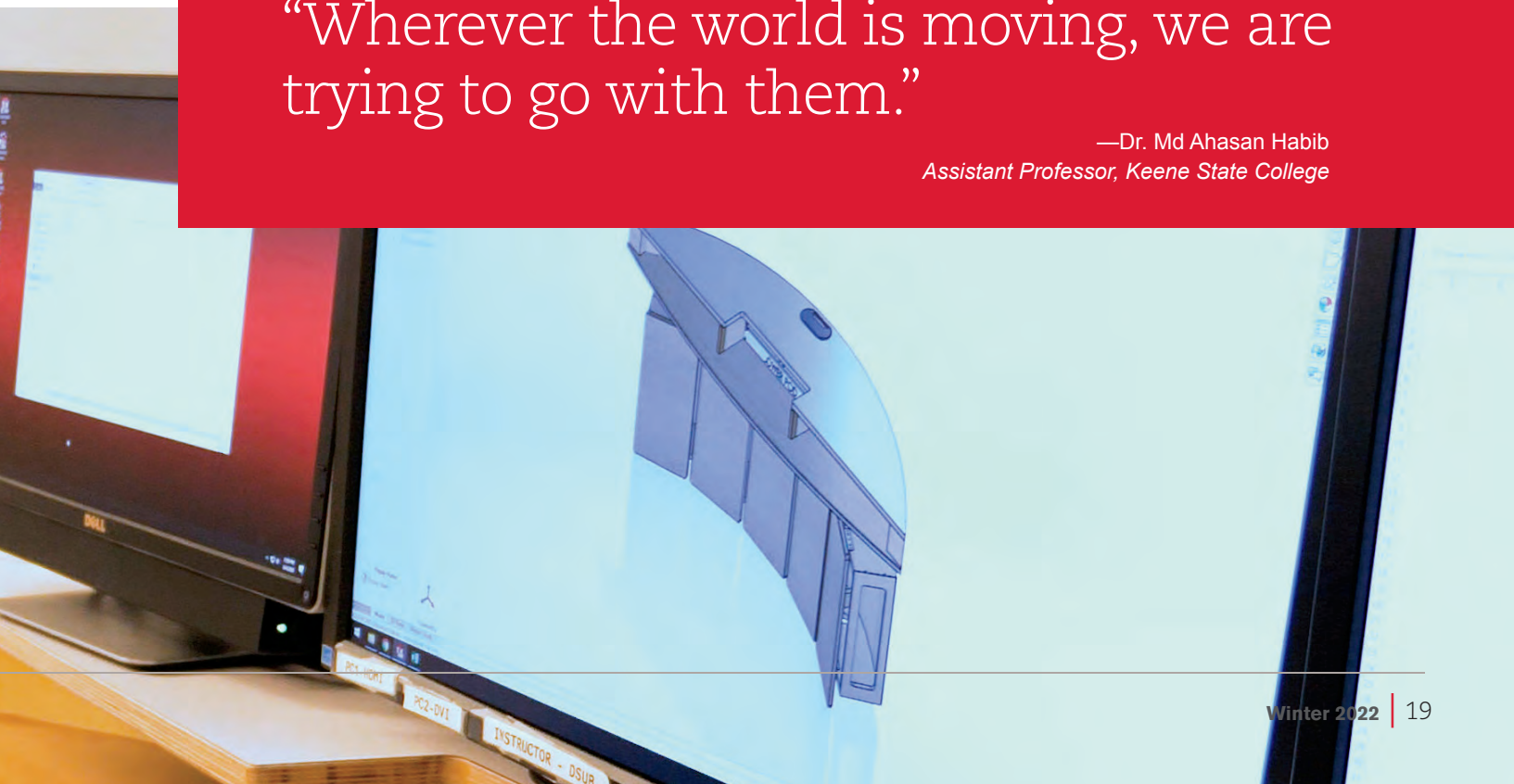
Graduates like Max don't have to move out of state. They have their pick of good jobs at manufacturing companies in and around Keene, and those companies can find smart, talented workers close to home.

Md. Ahasan Habib, PhD, assistant professor of sustainable product design and architecture, said, "Wherever the world is moving, we are trying to go with them." That forward-looking focus means the program adds classes like biofabrication to prepare students for their evolving careers.

Max said, "You can sit in a classroom all day but if you can't apply it to an actual physical job, it's not worth it. At Keene State, they really prepared you for getting a job right out of school. You can impress somebody who's hiring."

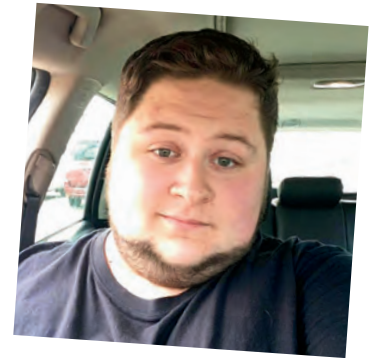
"Wherever the world is moving, we are trying to go with them."

—Dr. Md Ahasan Habib
Assistant Professor, Keene State College



FIRST PERSON PROJECT

Our Unique Opportunities Prep Students for Graduate School



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

DERRICK HEGEMAN '20, BA Music Composition

Derrick Hegeman Studios, Rochester, NY

As a music composition student, Derrick Hegeman grabbed every opportunity that could help him hone his craft and build his career. And studying at Keene State College meant a lot of those opportunities came his way.

The biggest one? He could hear his work performed live and see how it resonated with the public. Christopher Swist, former KSC music professor and resident artist, said, "The orchestra played his pieces. The concert band played his pieces. The faculty played his pieces. The students played his pieces. Community members played his pieces. He put on a recital."

Those are opportunities Derrick likely wouldn't have had at other schools. "For an undergraduate student to hear large ensembles playing your compositions in the main stage concerts, that's unique to Keene State. You'd have to be a graduate student or even a doctoral student at other programs," Swist said.

FIRST PERSON PROJECT

Our music students learn how to build their careers from the people who have done it

At Keene State College, Derrick learned firsthand from music faculty members who aren't just teachers—they are successful professional musicians. "You have one-on-one interaction, and the entire music faculty pushed you to do better," Derrick said. "I fell in love with what I was doing."

And along with playing and composing music, he learned life skills he's using as he launches his career. "Students also have to do their integrative studies, find time for their homework, play in various ensembles, and maybe have an outside job," Swist said. "Anyone with a diploma from us has focused on how to manage their time, how to achieve, and how to balance everything while being creative on top of it."

Keene State prepares students for graduate study at top universities

With his diploma from Keene State College in hand, Derrick was accepted at the highly selective Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY. "I wouldn't have gotten into a school like Eastman without what I got out of Keene State," he said. At Eastman, he earned his master's degree in music in contemporary media and film composition.

Mark Watters, associate professor at Eastman, said, "I could immediately tell when Derrick came in for his interview that he had been thoroughly trained. It was obvious that Derrick had a lot of support at Keene, and he clearly got the most out of this small school."

Watters said Derrick was the first Keene State College student admitted at Eastman. "But I would sure keep a watch out for them now," he said.

"Anyone with a diploma from us has focused on how to manage their time, how to achieve, and how to balance everything while being creative on top of it."

—Christopher Swist
Former Professor and Resident Artist, Keene State College

Keene State College has one of the few National Association of Schools of Music—accredited music programs in New England.

CLASS NOTES

1943

Norma Walker '51 and **Pauline Dionne** (former Keene State College staff member) have made frequent visits to **Dr. Christine Sweeney**. On her 100th birthday they delivered a certificate from the Alumni Association and signed by **Dr. Melinda Treadwell '90** along with some gifts. Christine is living in a retirement community and was delighted with their visit.

1946

Breeze Saladino Mosley received several visits from **Norma Walker '51** and **Pauline Dionne** (former Keene State College staff member). They bring a sandwich so they can enjoy sharing lunch with Breeze. Her daughter always has a variety of ice cream "goodies" in a cooler for dessert waiting for the group to enjoy.

1951

From Class Secretary **Norma Walker**:

Our class was saddened to read about the passing of classmate **Mark Cross**. He was a veteran of WWII and had fought in the North African and Italian Campaigns. After receiving his education at Keene Teachers College he taught for two years. Then he went into Human Resources where he was well received because of his excellent work. Mark and wife Janet were married for 62 years.

Back in July I started a project to encourage my classmates to return and celebrate our 70th anniversary since graduating from KTC. The responses were much as I expected because of age, distance and health. However, one classmate did return and it was **Ralph Dwire**. He came to the Golden Circle gathering at the college camp in August.

Several felt uncomfortable in attending due to COVID. I went because it was held outdoors in the August sunshine. Those who could not attend were: **Irene McAlister Wilkins** (VT), **Carol Jones Jackson** (FL), **Pauline Bullard Brown** (NH), **Barbara Sullivan Brooks** (NH), **Margaret Rhoades** (NH - had broken her wrist), and **George Lewis** (VT). Those that said distance was a problem: **Dorothy Zekos MacPherson** (MD) and **Elsie Bowes Brenner** (UT - staying married sixty years, with two daughters, three grandchildren and one great grandchild).

Also at the same time I received a note from **Sherry Banfill Delahunt** saying Ellie, who was still living at home, had passed away in June 2020.

Nancy Clonaris Coldwell wrote that her mom **Althea Roy Clonaris** had died on March 12, 2020 from throat cancer.

Earlier in the spring I had heard that **Elaine Schmidt Chelsey** had left us. She was always a hostess when the Golden Circle met for lunch at Hart's Turkey Farm along with **Moe Bowler '50**.

Our class is down to 28. Some of you I haven't heard from in a while or at all. Please drop a line to let me/us know how you are and what you are doing. Now that we are in our 90's I realize we aren't as active as we used to be but that's okay. I enjoy hearing from/about you. If you would rather not have your news shared just say so.

At Christmas I got carried away and added information about you on your holiday card. It took time and some searching to find you and what you did at KTC for fun and activities. I think I might have gotten carried away with what I learned to do as an elementary school teacher but I had fun and I hope you enjoyed a trip down "Memory Lane." Those that responded enjoyed the trip and shared it with their children. I think it was Dottie who noticed (in a group photo) that all the girls in the front row had on saddle shoes. Some of the classmates that responded were **Polly, Barbara, Irene, Margaret, Rachel Plimpton**, and others. If some of you haven't let me know your thoughts I would love to hear from you and it makes no difference whether you think that it was too childish or if it was fun. I enjoyed revisiting each of you and our days at KTC.

1956

The class sends its deepest sympathy to the family of **David Costin Jr.** who was a long time faculty member of Keene State College, an active alumni, a wonderful father and husband plus a faithful friend to many. He will be missed.

Norma Walker '51 received her annual holiday phone call from **Cliff Boivin**. They met at a Golden Circle Luncheon that was held in the North Country several years ago. They caught up on family news, classmates and mutual friends. **Alice Lewis Wilkinson** lives up that way, too. She and Norma email frequently.

Ray Richard attended the Golden Circle gathering at the college camp last August. Recently he and Norma were at the same dentist office. Ray had taught at Con Val where her children were students. He told her that one of his daughters is a children's author and has published several books. Ray sent the greatest holiday card that just listed how many crossword puzzles, hidden word puzzles, TV programs, etc., he had done in the last year. The list was something we could all relate to.

Betsy Chickering called Norma asking about David Costin back in the spring. She had been a caretaker for a very dear friend of Norma's. They became friends when Norma went to visit. Betsy and her daughters work as caretakers but they are also involved in horses. They give riding lessons.

CLASS NOTES

1960

Gail Sheldon, the Class of 1960 Class Secretary shares the following note from her class: Greetings! Hope you enjoyed the holidays and are looking forward to a NEW Year! To inform you: KSC Advancement Office sends yearly reports of YOUR Endowment Scholarship recipients' letters of heartfelt appreciation for Scholarship aid. Thankfully students are pursuing teaching careers in difficult times and our class is helping them. Classmates who have been in contact with me: **Irene Plourde, Carol Vorce Fletcher, Bob "Lefty" Joy, Kathy Bergeron Macdonald, Jo Ann Dailey Demars, Sr. Claire Coll, Sr. Kathryn LaCasse, and Joe Dutile.** Sad to report - **Roland Blanchard** died Nov 27, 2021. Please contact me or the Alumni Office to inform of new addresses. Looking forward to seeing your response. Let's communicate!

Charles Regan shared an update with the College: I have been dividing my time these days between Connecticut and South Carolina. Been retired now for 20 years from Manchester Community College, Connecticut, as Director of the Business Careers Division. However, my wife is still working as a professor and department chair in the College of Engineering and Computing at the University of South Carolina. I was saddened to lose my brother **John Regan '68**, who was also a Keene State alum, four years ago. I am a strong Keene supporter and am always grateful for the many opportunities that my education at Keene has afforded my over the years.

1961

Class Secretary **Dotti Simpson** shared the following news from her class:

The Class of 1961 held a successful 60th class reunion this Fall with a great help from the Alumni Office. **Dr. Melinda Treadwell '90**, President of KSC, came to our class meeting along with a recipient from the Class of the 1961 scholarship fund. Our attendance was small but our friendships are still strong and fun. COVID-19 was a deterring factor! KSC was especially careful. We are so proud of what KSC is today. Beautiful campus as well. We will try to get a scholarship report out to classmates soon. **Bob Saulnier** has done an excellent job communicating

and keeping a watch over the endowment fund established through KSC. Last report we were giving out three \$1,000 scholarships a year. Bob is hoping for four a year. It makes such a difference to these young struggling students wanting to be teachers. Be sure to mark Class of 1961 fund on any of your donations. We lost more classmates this past year—**John Letourneau, Susan Freeman, and Tom Kalampalikis.** We currently have 107 active class members and 68 deceased. We have 42 with email addresses and 65 without. Please share your contact information so we can stay in touch. Many of us are traveling, enjoying our grands and great grands, replacing knees, hips, and anything else that is wearing out. Please let us know of your current situations.

1963

Julie Worchester Hopins Swan shares: Many of us have turned eighty this year. Seems significant, with so much living to review with classmates. I loved my career in education. KSC prepared me well. Also got a MEd from Antioch along the way. Taught grade 1, remedial reading, coordinated district competency and accountability office, and worked at high school guidance, then elementary guidance. Loved that the Con Val District with eleven schools, let me make judicious shifts. Twice married, now alone. Two daughters, three grandsons, and three great-grandchildren so far, and they all live nearby. So fortunate! Travels have taken me across country, many winters in Caribbean, a tour of USSR in '85, and a leave of absence to spend with a family in Kenya in '89. Miss Keene's geography class came in quite handy, as did so many classes at KSC.

1969

Sherman Williams recently shared an update with the College: I retired from the USAF as a LtCol. I went on to serve as a middle and high school guidance counselor. I completed my work experience as a transporter at a 400 bed hospital. I completed a Masters of Education in Counseling from Boston University. My first tour with the Air Force was as an English Language Instructor in Saigon. We have been married for 52 years. We have four children, 11 grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.



Curtis Lambombard '97



Maureen Moran '17 and
Ryan Marquis '19 Wedding



Jennifer Lynn Neumann '05 M '10 and
Vincent Morey '06 Wedding

CLASS NOTES

1972

Peter Brown and his wife, **Suzanne '73** have relocated from New Hampshire to East Tennessee for retirement and are now 2.5 and 3 hours from their grown children and their families. They share "We are blessed and life is good."

Brian Burford retired after 26 years with the New Hampshire State Archives. He continues to serve as Acting State Archivist temporarily on a part time basis. He looks forward to hearing from classmates interested in commemorating the 50 years since his class graduated from Keene State at the next alumni reunion. He writes "Where has life taken you for the past half century? If you haven't been on campus lately, you really should come back to see how it has changed—but also remained the same!"

Gary Parnham shares "Been a long and crazy road since graduation. Taught bio at Portsmouth High for 18 years; went on to hold Director positions in Human resources in colleges in Boston and in Connecticut. Now living in CT and looking at the possibility of relocating to New Mexico (who knows?). Hope all my classmates are well and happy."

1973

Suzanne Brown and her husband **Peter '72**, have relocated from New Hampshire to East Tennessee for retirement and are now 2.5 and 3 hours from their grown children and their families. They share "We are blessed and life is good."

1984

Karen Cherella Haining recently shared with the College: I've lived in the UK for the last 33 years having come over with an American company in 1989. I still manage to keep in touch with my Kappa Gamma sorority sisters and other college friends. A few reunions have taken place over the years and some have even made it over to London! Would love to hear from anyone wanting to reconnect.

John Uniack Davis and his wife, Jennifer are in our sixth year living in Dakar, Senegal, after previous posts as a family over the years in Niger, Mali, Ghana, Madagascar and Turkey. He is currently West Africa Regional Director for the public health non-profit Helen Keller International, and Jennifer is a private sector social performance consultant with the International Finance Corporation (World Bank Group). Their son, Moussa, graduated last year from California State University at Fullerton; son Zachary is at Clark University in Worcester, Mass.; and daughter Abigail ("Biba") is at Endicott College in Beverly, Mass. Their ties to New England remain strong, and they look forward to moving back to New Hampshire in the next few years. Fond regards to all of his Keene State classmates and friends!

Jody Barstein Dietch is thrilled to announce the birth of her first grandchild, Noah Dietch, son of **Howie** (Katie) **Dietch '15**. Jody lives in Orange, CT and is an Executive Director for Congregation Beth El in Norwalk, CT. Howie is a high school history teacher in Manchester, CT and Head Varsity Baseball coach at Tolland (CT) High School.

Mary Lavoie took advantage of the USNH COVID Early Retirement Program and retired from her job as an Academic Advisor at Granite State College in early March. Since then she has been working on completing the memoir that she started writing 5 years ago. She plans to self publish (under a pen name) and has recently sent her manuscript to an editor. She's excited to see this through to completion!

1986

Leslie Ringuette was laid off in 2020 from her previous job of 14 years due to COVID-19 cutback and spent the year in confinement looking for a new job and enjoying the time off which was the first since college graduation. She now works for Millipore Sigma and loves it! She also welcomed her first grandchild (a girl named Aisling), whose mom and dad are also KSC graduates.

1987

Dave Bringham lives in Newton, Mass with his wife and two children, and recently published his third book, a memoir, *Great/Dismal: My Four-Month Tour of Duty on the Battleship Patchouli*.

Gayle Patria DiMasi shared her granddaughter, Norah Isobel MiMasi was born on March 10, 2021.

1988

Donna Treat retired from teaching Art K-12 (and adult classes) in 2021. She is still active in the community, and her gallery/studio in her home.

1993

Sue Clark McLain lives in Washington state with her husband of 28 years and four children. She continued on with her education degree and became a certified Montessori teacher. She loves working with young children and spending time with family and looks forward to traveling again. She would love to connect with old friends and sisters from Kappa Gamma.

CLASS NOTES

1997

Curtis LaBombard recently accepted a position with the USGS to be the next curator of the National Science Foundations-Ice Core Facility in Lakewood, Colorado.

1999

Greg Brown was selected as the New Hampshire Assistant Principal of the Year by the New Hampshire Principal's Association for 2022-23. He will be invited to attend the National Association of School Principals Conference where he will have the opportunity to engage with school leaders from across the country, gain unique recognition before a national audience, and benefit from complete access to premier professional learning offerings. He will also receive recognition at this year's NH EDies Awards ceremony and at NHASP's Annual Leadership Academy, scheduled in June 2022.

2000

Katherine Leftowski has missed working in the theatre so much that she now volunteers at the Shubert Theater in New Haven, Connecticut. If you go to a show there, look for her!

Jennifer Mendicino defended her dissertation in August 2021 from the University of New England.

2001

Aimee K. Nastu has a 3 year old son, Brody, and just had a baby girl, Blake, in June.

2005

Jennifer-Lynn Neumann Morey and **Vincent Morey '06** married on June 26, 2021! They celebrated with family and friends along with some KSC alumni! They honeymooned in Cozumel, Mexico & Orlando, FL before returning home to their home in Keene, NH! They are expecting their first baby in April 2022!

2008

JJ Prior and **Emilia Whippie Prior '11** welcomed their first child, Eleanor Sage Prior, in November. Emilia and JJ are both fifth grade teachers in Keene area elementary schools.

From **Megan M. Mohlmann**: Since graduating Keene State College in 2008, I started dating José but knew I wanted to keep traveling. I then taught at Shanghai American School in Shanghai, China for three years from 2014-2017. Jose and I did two years distance and then he moved my last year to Shanghai to be with me. We had lots of fun traveling China and it was an amazing experience. I then moved back to Guatemala to be with José and went back to working at The American School of Guatemala. I love living in Guatemala and experiencing a different culture. Jose and I tied the knot by getting legally married on September 6, 2021! We are very happy to start the next chapter in our lives. I hope to visit Keene State College with Jose and take a walk down memory lane to show him a place so close to my heart!

2009

Ali Heinonen Kreutz's family grew from three to five in April 2021 when her family welcomed the arrival of identical twins - Annika and Louisa. A high-risk pregnancy during COVID was not a picnic, but Ali had the opportunity to discuss her journey in an NHPR broadcast in March, and they all made it through and all are happy and health!

Have you recently married, added to your family, received a promotion, entered retirement, or accomplished a life goal?

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



Ryan and Erica Achambeault
Kelley '15 and Family



Sue Clark McClain '93 and Family



Ali Heinonen Kreutz '09 and Family

CLASS NOTES



Josh and Jacklyn DiGiovanna '14 Wedding



Kathleen and Ross Anderson '15 Wedding



Rachel and Brian Hoglund '15 Wedding

2010

Kenneth Wright recently deployed to Afghanistan and helped thousands of Afghanistan evacuees escape the Taliban.

2012

Laura Bedus earned her architect license in New York in July of 2021. Laura works for the architecture and engineering firm edm, and successfully completed her AREs, the architect registration exams, a multi-division exam used to assess knowledge and skills in order to gain licensure. Laura joined edm in 2016. With over five years of experience at edm managing and developing projects, she helps advocate our sustainability and innovation initiatives. A proponent of healthy building design and sustainability, Laura is also a WELL accredited professional. "We congratulate Laura in becoming a licensed architect and are thrilled to watch her continue to grow," says Tim Eagles, edm's Principal and Director of Architecture.

2013

Jaime Del Pizzo was featured in the mini documentary "I Still Hear You," sharing the trials and tribulations as an individual hard of hearing navigating the pandemic. One of Jaime's video projects at Keene was about living with a hearing disability and she continues to share her experiences and challenges via blogs and vlogs. Jaime was successful at Keene State with support from many staff members, has continued to build her career on skills acquired at KSC, and continues to live KSC values by encouraging those who are hearing impaired and educating those of us who are not. Now, Jaime is living and working in Washington State using photography and video production skills learned at Keene.

2014

Josh DiGiovanna and **Jacklyn Bunch DiGiovanna** married on June 5, 2021! Many alumni attended the wedding including **Jesse Stirtan, Dan Aune, Myles Dumas '16, Bryan Fusco, Augustus Stahl, Annelise Kloster '15, Kyle Richardson, Kelsey Osbourne, Andrew Wallace** and **Greg Shannon, Emily Potoczak, Allison McCadden, Sam Strubel Coulter '15, Matt O'Rourke '16, and Jess Pierce.**

2015

Rachel and **Brian Hoglund** met and started dating their senior year. After graduating, they settled in Keene and are local teachers part of SAU 29. They were married in August 2021, surrounded by Keene State friends!

Kathleen Kanaley and **Ross Anderson** got married on July 31, 2021 in Mt. Snow, Vermont with many close friends from Keene State College in attendance. They met freshman year and have been together for 9 years.

Ryan and Erica Archambault Kelley welcomed their baby, Blakely, on July 2, 2021.

2017

Maureen Moran and **Ryan Marquis '19** married on July 24, 2021 with a number of alumni from the 1980s and 2010s in attendance. Maureen and Ryan met at Keene State, and Ryan proposed on Oya Hill in 2020 (also where they had their first date!). Maureen shares "We wanted to share this special moment with the Alumni Association to show how much Keene State means to us for our careers and our relationship."

CLASS NOTES/STAY CONNECTED

2018

Heather and **William Wilde** met each other while at Keene State College as first years, and were married October 10, 2020. They welcomed their first child on October 11, 2021. Heather shares, "I wouldn't have the family I do now without my time at Keene State. I am forever grateful for my connections and education that I received at Keene."

CELEBRATING KSC CENTENARIANS!

Keene State College and its Alumni Association are thrilled to recognize the following alumni who celebrated their 100th birthday in 2021!

Marguerite S. Campbell '42	Christine M. Sweeney '43
Marjorie Bolter '43	Andrew J. Lavoie '44
Helen C. Burnett '43	Barbara J. Gingras '63
Louise W. Perkins '43	

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IN MEMORIAM

Alumni and Friends who passed in 2020 and 2021. Deaths reported between January 2020 and December 20, 2021

**Ruth F. (Richardson)
Johnston '39**
6/12/2020

**Claire C. (Paddleford)
Moore '39**
4/30/2020

**Frances E. (Day)
Bolles '41**
9/4/2020

**Lillian M. (Grossman)
Grossman-Strater '42**
5/24/2020

**Louise (Moses)
Lawrence '42**
3/25/2020

Howard W. Smith '42
8/17/2020

Barbara L. Adams '43
1/1/2021

Alice G. Johnson '43
7/25/2021

**Marcella (Douphinett)
Dufour '45**
2/14/2021

**Thelma (Follansbee)
Lovell '45**
1/3/2021

**Isabelle E. (Emond)
Alix '47**
7/20/2020

**Mary E. (Fisk)
Thickstun '47**
4/2/2020

**Jane C. (Hermsdorf)
Hayes '48**
2/19/2021

**Jean (Harding)
Maxwell '48**
8/13/2021

**Shirley (LaBounty)
Burt '49**
11/19/2020

**Elizabeth (Berry)
Manos '49**
12/20/2020

Jane (Hall) Gifford '50
5/26/2021

Paul E. Hewitt '50
3/8/2020

**Eleanor A. (Drowne)
Banfill '51**
6/26/2020

**Ruby M. (Lapointe)
Brannen '51**
2/22/2020

**Elaine J. (Schmidt)
Chesley '51**
12/21/2020

Mark J. Cross '51
9/22/2021

Marilyn K. Wilcox '51
2/8/2020

Charles J. Mitchell '52
10/26/2020

**Dean C. Corrigan '53
H'77**
11/7/2021

**Lillian (Koivula)
Martin '53**
4/15/2021

Julia L. (Day) Zarek '53
7/5/2020

**Jane (Kingsbury)
Corrigan '54**
1/12/2021

**Jean (Waterhouse)
Edgerly-Saladino '54**
12/23/2020

Jesse G. Evangelou '54
10/30/2020

James "Bill" W. Parker '54
7/17/2020

**Leila "Duffy" (Wirkkala)
McDanolds '55**
1/20/2020

**D. Patricia (Therrien)
Perry '55**
1/1/2021

Kent F. Bailey '56 M'62
3/31/2021

**David E. Costin Jr '56
M'59**
9/19/2021

Edward J. Croteau Jr '56
10/19/2020

**Robert "Crow" H.
Enderson '56**
11/22/2020

Ann (Hansis) Flynn '56
5/29/2020

**Jean L. (Worth)
Lancaster '56**
1/31/2021

Minot H. Parker '56
7/6/2020

John D. Summers '56
7/15/2020

**Janice (McNamara)
Towle '56**
11/6/2021

Paul J. Wilkinson '56
9/25/2020

Richard P. Dowd '57
3/11/2021

**Theresa A. (Martin)
Dunn '57**
8/11/2020

John D. Field '57
3/22/2021

Kenneth E. Heath '57
3/27/2021

**Virginia (Pritchard)
LeClere '57**
10/1/2021

Mary Martin '57
7/2/2020

Frederick A. Norris '57
9/23/2020

Mary M. Nelson '58
3/18/2021

Vytautas Ulcickas '58
12/23/2020

Carl J. Britton Sr '59
1/22/2021

**Diane (Dearborn)
Daley '59**
4/29/2021

Malcolm L. Goodell '59
8/28/2020

Ronald M. Whittum '59
4/4/2020

Natalie (Field) Bevis '60
1/20/2020

**Katherine (Day)
Bourne '60**
1/31/2021

**Janice (Scott)
Hazelton '60**
4/7/2021

Perley Henderson Jr '60
7/26/2020

**Kathleen (Lowell)
Hobel '60**
6/16/2020

Lewis D. Major '60
4/27/2020

Stuart F. Bevis '61
2/19/2020

Clarence P. Blanchette '61
6/5/2020

**Susan (Whitlock)
Freeman '61**
8/7/2021

**Jean (Letourneau)
Hampsey '61**
9/15/2021

**Thomas E.
Kalampalikis '61**
5/4/2021

**Dorothy (Gosselin)
Kinaci '61**
8/14/2020

IN MEMORIAM

John A. Letourneau '61
1/19/2021

**Richard A. Neilsen '60
M'70**
2/27/2021

Rinald G. Precourt '61
9/29/2020

William L. Tyler '61
6/26/2020

**Robert "Rusty" W.
Blossom '62**
3/9/2020

Edwin T. Boyer '62
11/4/2021

J. William "Bill" Ellis '62
4/24/2020

John L. Muller '62
4/26/2021

Peter D. Scripture '62
2/19/2021

**Judith G. (Parody)
Seaver '62**
6/6/2021

Richard M. Wood '62
6/22/2020

**Jacqueline (Bergeron)
Caron '63**
7/18/2021

**Barbara A. (Noseck)
Gendron '63**
6/26/2021

Lois (Baldwin) Kenan '63
4/1/2021

Ronald L. Rush '63
2/16/2020

Joan (Beasley) Gibala '64
8/1/2021

**Dorothy (Farrar)
Howard '64**
9/30/2020

Wanda M. Johnson '64
8/15/2020

Bruce G. Mitchell '64 M'73
11/5/2021

Geraldine (David) Dunn '65
8/28/2020

**Geraldine E. (Brosius)
Gassek '65**
2/10/2021

Thomas G. Lavell '65
5/25/2020

Philip A. Lyster '65
5/25/2021

Carol M. (Lanza) Sierk '65
6/29/2021

Linda A. (Morrill) Wood '65
8/30/2020

**Joseph W. Cournoyer '66
M'74**
2/13/2021

Caroline S. Gardner '66
9/30/2021

Faith Lang '66
4/27/2021

**Elizabeth A. (Ewing)
Fox '67**
8/30/2020

Peter D. Koson '67
9/24/2020

Paul F. LaPerriere Jr '67
8/13/2021

**Elizabeth (Tolman)
Skinner '67**
4/20/2021

Beverly (Littauer) Allred '68
7/20/2020

**Pamela L. (Howe)
Annotto '68**
2/21/2021

**Marcia A. (McFarland)
Blood '68**
12/1/2021

Samuel T. Hicks III '68
10/25/2021

Norma Hillier '68
10/19/2021

Richard C. Lecuyer '68
3/19/2021

Kenneth W. Whitaker M'68
11/8/2020

**Georgia L. (Sintz)
Chapman '69**
3/30/2021

David N. DeCoste '69
6/12/2021

**Nancy D. (Sarner)
Kenney '69**
9/8/2020

Glenn W. Page '69 M'78
8/21/2021

Roland E. Ambiehl Jr '70
5/25/2021

Martin B. Kallio Jr '70
2/5/2020

**Francis L.
L'Hommedieu '70**
7/28/2021

**Marjorie (Anderson)
Johnson '71**
10/1/2021

Robert M. Langdon '71
4/3/2020

**Catherine (Fugere)
McNally '71**
6/24/2021

**Florence (Cloutier)
Pardus '71**
11/3/2020

Allen J. Swiesz '71
5/31/2020

**Anne S. (Morissette)
Williams '71**
7/6/2020

**Susan E. (Bourke)
Bobbin '73**
10/24/2021

Nancy E. Gagne M'04 '73
6/12/2020

**Linda (Reynolds)
Gorman '73**
1/4/2021

Thomas C. Minard '73
8/6/2021

**Nancy (Perkins)
Rickard '73**
5/17/2020

Rae C. (Noonan) Stack '73
12/4/2020

David E. Atwood '74
6/18/2021

Dominick V. Bonura M'74
10/9/2020

**Shirley (Hannon)
Crowley '74**
12/14/2020

Robert P. Jones '74
7/12/2021

Geoffrey M. Robarge '74
9/8/2021

David N. Smith '74
4/9/2020

**Ann (Underwood)
Wheeler '74**
10/31/2020

Neal E. Blaiklock '75
6/3/2020

Sandra (Holmberg) Hall '75
3/3/2021

Phyllis A. Hofmeister '75
8/27/2021

Jeanne M. Lavoie '75
1/21/2020

Deborah P. Higgins '76
10/27/2020

Deborah J. Snyder '76
11/6/2021

Linda M. (Bach) Stone '76
7/29/2021

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Claude L. Allard '77
5/13/2021

Wendy A. Caswell '77
12/17/2020

Sherry L. Currier '77
12/2/2021

Wayne C. Mohr '77
12/30/2020

**Jean (Magilligan)
McKenna '78**
3/28/2020

**Deborah (Quilliam)
Mesick '78**
4/4/2021

**Gerard "Jay" D.
Mousseau Jr. '78**
10/5/2020

Carol A. Tucker M'78
9/9/2020

Thomas A. Churas '79
9/8/2020

Reba E. Filiault '79
6/28/2020

**Carol (Nowill)
Goodwin '79**
1/29/2021

Karen H. Gordon '79
1/1/2021

**Margaret "Peggy" A.
Lynch '79**
5/18/2020

Jackie A. Myers M'79
11/1/2020

Hazel Redlands-Pyle '79
3/26/2020

Stephanie L'Heureux '80
5/24/2021

**Christine M. (Geisman)
Archer '82**
10/10/2021

**Stephen R. Morris
M'06 '82**
6/19/2020

**Lucille M. (Squillante)
Polifrone '82**
11/14/2021

Michael O. Rogers '82
11/26/2021

Mario A. Sica '82
4/25/2020

**Dianne (Kathan)
Lawrence '83**
10/27/2020

Dana A. Taylor '83
5/7/2021

**Patricia A. (Sanders)
Blodgett '84**
9/19/2020

Robert A. MacLellan '84
5/29/2020

**Victoria A. Blodgett '85
M'98**
11/4/2020

Dennis M. Emberley '85
10/18/2020

**Deborah L. (Lawson)
Greeley '85**
6/22/2021

John Smith '85
6/14/2020

Deborah H. Staas M'85
7/15/2021

Michael P. Trabucco '86
8/20/2021

Richard M. Foley '88
5/16/2020

Andrew M. Filiault '89
5/10/2021

John J. Schrogie III '89
11/15/2020

**Nanette J. (Reckart)
Reckart-Eaton '90**
9/11/2020

Robert G. Winchell '93
5/12/2020

Kathryn A. Mead '94
3/8/2020

**Loren B. (Weis)
Wilder '95**
6/30/2021

Ronald W. Koski Jr '96
5/30/2020

Deirdre M. Walsh '00
11/15/2021

Michelle A. Comeau '03
12/23/2020

**Jonathan C. Cheney '04
M'10**
2/9/2021

**Donna J. (Dillabaugh)
Dick '04**
1/25/2020

Barbara J. Schweigert '05
9/9/2020

Amy A. Holt '09
7/25/2021

Susanna W. Ayers '10
1/25/2020

Kyle A. Barnett '10
1/15/2020

**Philip "Dale" D.
Pregent '11**
3/16/2021

**Benjamin P.
Charbonneau '16**
1/29/2020

**Former Faculty and Staff
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Robert C. Andrews
2/13/2021

Thomas M. Antrim Jr
10/5/2021

Helen Z. Babonis
8/18/2021

Gary J. Bonitatibus
7/7/2021

Donna L. Coty
9/6/2021

Donald E. Gillis
2/4/2020

Jerry P. Jasinski
4/12/2021

Gloria (Wenblad) Lodge
4/3/2021

Wendell L. Pollock
9/15/2021

Barbara A. Rousseau
3/20/2021

Robert L. Sherry
11/8/2021

Susan M. Sielke
9/20/2020



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR KEENE STATE COLLEGE ALUMNI AND FRIENDS!

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

April 23, 2022

**Academic Excellence Conference
at Keene State College**
keene.edu/aec

April 29, 2022

Celebrating Alumni at the Palace Theatre
Manchester, New Hampshire

May 7, 2022

**Class of 2022 Commencement
at Keene State College**
keene.edu/commencement

June 2 & 3, 2022

**Golden Circle on Campus
at Keene State College**

June 3, 2022

**The Keene State College Golf Classic
at Keene Country Club**
keeneowls.com/2022golfclassic

July 12, 2022

Golden Circle Luncheon at the Common Man
Concord, New Hampshire

**Stay Connected! Be sure to update your contact
information for up to date event details.**

www.keene.edu/alumni/connect/update

August 10, 2022

Golden Circle Luncheon at Hart's Turkey Farm
Meredith, New Hampshire

September 15, 2022

Golden Circle Luncheon at the Exeter Inn
Exeter, New Hampshire

September 30 through October 2, 2022

Homecoming
at Keene State College

October 29, 2022

All-Steinway, All Together Gala
Redfern Center for the Arts

Keene State College Regional alumni events

The Advancement/Alumni Office is looking towards gathering with alumni and friends throughout the country! We hope to host a variety of events in the future; visiting museums, happy hours, seeing performances, and more. We will be traveling throughout New England and beyond. If you have a group of alumni in your neck of the woods, or have an idea for an alumni event, please let us know! Contact the Alumni Office at alumni@keene.edu.

The Keene State College Advancement Division strives to deliver the highest caliber of programming and events. The health, safety, and welfare of every member of the Keene State and surrounding community is our priority. Activities, programs, and events are subject to change as we keep compliance with health and safety guidelines set by the College.

ALL-STEINWAY, *All Together* A Campaign for Musical Excellence

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**Keene State College is only one piano away from earning
the prestigious "All-Steinway School" designation!**

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Help Keene State College put a thousand-pound cherry on top of the All-Steinway, *All Together* Initiative with a gift toward purchasing a Steinway Spirio | *r* concert grand piano. At nearly nine feet long, the piano will provide an exceptional performance experience for audiences. And with groundbreaking technology, students will be able to hear and see every note.

The Spirio | *r* is the world's finest high-resolution player piano, capable of live performance capture and playback. A revolutionary blend of artistry, craftsmanship, and technology, Spirio | *r* provides powerful new tools of expression and new ways to access, share and experience performance and student instruction.

With a lifespan of half a century, your gift will support the next fifty years of musical excellence at Keene State College.

*For more information on how you can become involved,
contact Marilyn Shriver at 603-358-2371
or marilyn.shriver@keene.edu*

LIVE FREE AND DRIVE *and help Keene State students.*

Show your **OWL PRIDE** with a Keene State license plate decal: purchase a special decal-designed license plate at your local town hall or DMV, then purchase a Keene State decal, for a \$55 fee, from the College.

The fee goes toward a scholarship fund for deserving Keene State College students from New Hampshire. The plate with decal goes on your vehicle!

For more information and to order a decal visit www.keene.edu/KSCplate

(Available only for vehicles registered in New Hampshire)



Support the Owls during the Athletic Giving Challenge!

For the seventh year, Keene State varsity athletic teams are competing against each other to see who can raise the most money for their team during the month of February.

Thanks once again to our friends at **Fenton Family Dealerships**, our varsity teams have something on the line: the team(s) with the most overall dollars raised, as well as the highest number of alumni donors will unlock additional prize money for their program. You can make this happen!

Every donation to Owl Athletics goes directly to the team you choose to support. Our student-athletes rely on outside support from YOU to keep them on track and able to focus on what matters most: the classroom, and not how their season is going to be paid for. Please visit KeeneOwls.com/2022AGC to make your gift today.

Join us at Keene Country Club for the 31st Annual Keene State College Golf Classic

The Keene State College Golf Classic, sponsored once again by **Chartwells Higher Ed**, is back for the 31st time on June 3, 2022 - submit your foursome, or pledge your support with a sponsorship today!

We hope that you'll be able to join us for a fun day of golf to support Keene State College Athletics. Enjoy a day on the course with friends, alumni, faculty, staff, and community members, all to benefit the best student-athletes in the game, **by par**.

You can register for the 2022 Golf Classic by visiting www.KeeneOwls.com/2022GolfClassic