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#### ON THE COVER:

Architecture major **James Poolman '23** is shown at the Hampshire Country School, an area nonprofit. James produced a conceptual design for a new barn and presented it to the school's Board. Real-world learning and projects are part of the fabric of a liberal arts education at Keene State.

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**IN THIS ISSUE** meet alumni who make a difference for Keene State College, their communities, and our nation. Enjoy a recap of accomplishments and alumni celebrations from 2022 – the points of connection we enjoy as graduates – and have a look at the College's 2023-2026 Strategic Plan – which aims to position Keene State for a robust and defining future.

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**Keene State College lore credits Margaret Sanger with giving them the College's motto, "Enter to Learn, Go Forth to Serve,"**

According to the verbal history, Principal Wallace Mason invited Sanger to speak to the students at Keene in 1912, when she was known for being a public health nurse and social reformer. During this speech Sanger told the students it was time for them to "enter to learn and go forth to serve." Mason liked this statement so much that he got the faculty's approval to paint it on the west wall of the auditorium as the school motto. Later, it was inscribed on the Alumni Gate as a gift from the classes of 1910-1925.



## GREETINGS FROM KEENE STATE COLLEGE



We are halfway through our academic year with many milestones and significant successes to celebrate. One that I am so pleased and proud to share is the tremendous work accomplished by our Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) from January 2022 until now. The SPC, led by Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. James Beeby, guided the campus through an inclusive and authentic process. This strategic plan builds on our 2021 re-affirmation of accreditation by New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE) and on the ensuing work we did to review and refresh our mission, vision, and values. It also includes success metrics to enable us to align action with accountability. After the numerous feedback forums held through December 1, our 2023-2026 Strategic Plan received endorsement by our Student Assembly and our College Senate. With these two great achievements complete, the Cabinet went on to formally approve the Keene State College 2023-2026 Strategic Plan on December 20, 2022. I welcome you to review the Plan itself available on [keene.edu](https://www.keene.edu).

We are looking forward to an exceptional 2023!

All the best,

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

KEENE STATE COLLEGE  
EARNED HIGH MARKS FROM  
**U.S. NEWS & WORLD  
REPORT'S BEST COLLEGES**

RANKINGS IN 5 CATEGORIES

*this time, as part of the media company's  
2022-23 rankings among regional colleges in the North.*

## Strategic Plan Summary

from Dr. James Beeby, *Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs*

Beginning in January 2022, a dedicated group of students, faculty and staff undertook the crafting of our 2023-2026 Strategic Plan. Through extensive listening sessions, surveys, and feedback forums the SPC proposed a framework of four pillars that represent Keene State College's institutional priorities. The pillars contain thirteen ambitious draft initiatives to achieve over the next three academic and four calendar years:

### Elevate Academics and Institutional Reputation

- Deliver a transformative collegiate curriculum of distinction
- Broaden participation in high-impact practices
- Showcase post-graduation success

### Focused Growth and Fiscal Sustainability

- Diversify new revenue streams
- Optimize enrollment opportunities
- Enhance campus buildings, grounds and infrastructure
- Grow endowment funds

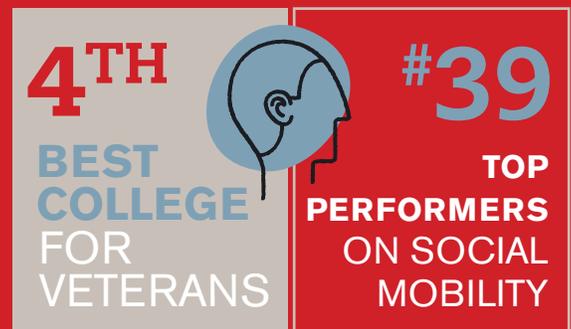
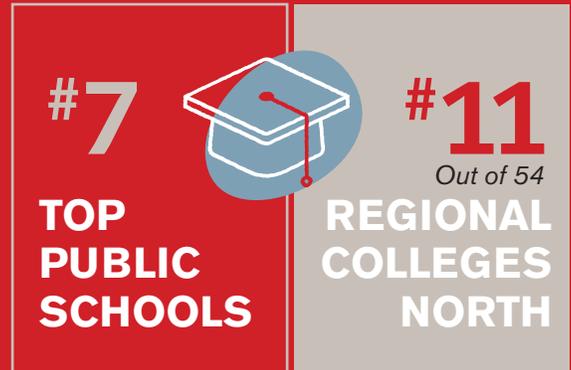
### Student Pathways to Degree and Career

- Establish a seamless advising experience
- Streamline transfer pathways
- Expand career development opportunities

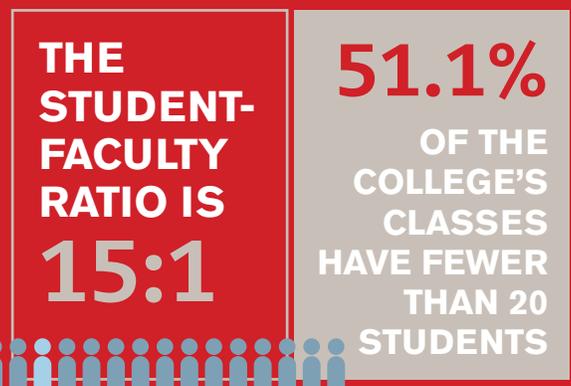
### Inclusive Community and Well-Being

- Improve equity of resources and support
- Increase support for student emotional well-being and mental health
- Strengthen campus climate of respect and openness

These initiatives, in turn, are tied to success metrics that make a measurable difference in areas where we want to see improvement for the College: financial health, student success, employee success, and equity and inclusion. Many initiatives touch on more than one of those improvement areas and every initiative is expected to demonstrate process improvements in both student experience and faculty/staff experience. The timing of the strategic planning process aligns with Keene State's work to secure strategic investments from the USNH Board of Trustees. We look forward to sharing the approved 2023-2026 Strategic Plan with our extended Keene State College friends and family early in 2023.



**67%** Of full-time undergraduates receive need-based financial aid, and the average need-based scholarship or grant award is \$7,228





# VINCENT D. RUSSELL '50 LEGACY



Frederick J. Simmons  
Ed. M.  
Sociology, Humanities

Vincent D. Russell '50 began his Keene State College education 76 years ago as an industrial arts major. It was a short-lived pursuit because Vincent soon met Frederick J. Simmons, a beloved professor, and discovered “the beauty” of liberal arts for its ability to rouse his curiosity and challenge his intellect.

Now, all these years later, Vincent is making a personal return on his college education by endowing to Keene State a

\$1 million gift to support experiential learning scholarships and the college's visiting faculty program.

**Vincent is gifting \$1 million to support experiential learning scholarships and the College's visiting faculty program.**

The inaugural Vincent D. Russell Experiential Learning Award and the Visiting Scholars Award will be chosen

beginning with the 2023-24 academic year and occur annually, said Veronica Rosa, Keene State's vice president for advancement.

“Vincent's love for education and for Keene State are genuine,” Rosa said. “You see it across all aspects of his amazing life and career. He is not shy about telling others how he felt wholly prepared to compete and thrive in the military and in helping to grow the nation's second largest teacher's labor union because of his education here.”

Vincent grew up in Troy, New Hampshire, part of a prominent Monadnock Region family, and attended local schools and a nearby Vermont high school before enrolling at Keene State. He had a successful stint in the military and a long, distinguished career as a field director for the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) at a time fraught with tumult as demonstrations and strikes raged. But it was also a time marked by massive union membership growth among teachers.

He has neither forgotten, nor wavered, in his belief that his education shaped his personal life and his professional career in profound ways.

“I wanted a liberal arts education,” Vincent says. “My gift to the college is tied to the liberal arts because that is the best education a person can receive. College for me opened an

entire world, and it changed me. It positioned me for who and what I became. I want to impact the lives of as many students as possible through my gift to Keene State.”

Today, Vincent, 93, lives in Bowie, Maryland, in a home filled with pieces of his considerable art collection — paintings and sculptures, primarily — and authentic period furnishings.

Vincent is blessed, he says, with a memory that allows him to recall in vividness and frame-by-frame detail so much of his past, including his childhood. He is a thinker, a playwright, a “compulsive” reader, and he believes deeply in the enduring value of the work of the AFT, it being broader than protests and politics and bargaining for better wages and benefits.

Just 17 at the time, Vincent enrolled at Keene State in 1946. All but five of the male enrollees that year, Vincent adds, were veterans receiving GI Bill assistance. The Servicemen’s Readjustment Act of 1944, as the GI Bill was formally known, aimed to provide benefits for some returning World War II veterans.

**Just 17 at the time, Vincent enrolled at Keene State in 1946.**

Vincent pledged Kappa Delta Phi and lived in the fraternity’s college-owned house, then located where Mason Library is today, and served a term as the fraternity’s president.

While at Keene State, Vincent and his Kappa Delta Phi brother and good friend, Donald Averill, created “The Monadnock,” which is now “The Equinox,” the student-run newspaper. At the time, Vincent notes, the paper was produced without college funding, but with “sponsorships from the local business community that we went out and secured.”

Soon thereafter, President Lloyd P. Young, a strong advocate for the paper, directed funds to help support and sustain the student-run newspaper.

Keene State College President Melinda Treadwell said Vincent’s gift to the college is emblematic of the enduring value of a public liberal arts education.

“Vincent’s life work has had enormous impact on so many,” she said. “His gift to Keene State will directly support student and faculty dedication to a liberal arts education as a foundation for a long life filled with meaning and purpose.”

## At Home, It Was Family First

Raised in a close family by parents who loved and supported their children, and who valued education is one of Vincent’s great life fortunes, he says.

His father, Alphonse Russell, was an industrious railroad engineer, and Alphonse’s brothers were railroad workers. That work drew good wages, Vincent says, noting that the railroad even then was a strong union-driven organization. “We’d get lots of literature, so we grew up in a pro-union environment.”

Built in the Civil War era, the Troy Railroad Depot was an often-bustling location. It was a place, too, archives show, that soldiers bid farewell to loved ones before heading off to war.

His mother, Laura Mary (LaGrenade) Russell, was a great cook, her culinary skills well-known where they lived, Vincent says. Otherwise, Laura tended to her children – four boys – and the family home. A daughter, died as an infant.

“We always ate our evening meal together,” Vincent says. “When we sat down to eat, if the phone rang, we didn’t answer it. We (the children) were never given money. Instead, we all had duties. We would always do the dishes, always do the cleaning up after dinner.”

The boys were encouraged to read the newspaper before dinner. “My father would then ask us questions, and if we knew the answers, the winner might get a penny, or even five cents.”

Vincent attended Troy schools, but attended high school in Bellows Falls, Vermont, 45 minutes from Troy, where the family moved because of his father’s work. The railroad then was a single-track line running from Ashburnham, Massachusetts to Bellows Falls. The railroads helped Bellows Falls to develop into a major mill town at the time.



Vincent’s senior yearbook photo, 1950



Omar Lassondoil, *Still Life Symphony*, Oil, 39 x 31 in., Keene State College, Vincent Russell '50 Art Collection



Adeline Tronzo, *Still Life With Reflection*, 37 in. diameter, Keene State College, Vincent Russell '50 Art Collection

A brother, Wallace '53, was a student-athlete at Keene State, excelling in class and on the basketball court. Another brother, Ronald, was also a decorated all-state basketball player. Ronald and his wife, Patricia, later owned and operated a family clothing business in Keene, and both served local and state government in elected office. Patricia was a six-term state representative and was Keene's first female mayor, who won re-election to a second term.

Gerard, the oldest brother, served in the Navy near the end of World War II.

Ron and Gerard have passed; Wallace lives in New Jersey.

Vincent describes his stint in the Army not as the wasted time he imagined it would be, but as a formative and confidence-building experience. He discovered a love and talent for teaching. Vincent impressed higher-ups with his test results, verbal skills and academic credentials. As a result, he was assigned to Army Transportation School and in time he replaced a relocated Lt. Colonel in a prominent public-speaking role. Vincent evaluated instructors and taught non-military classes, too.

**“It was my first experience leaving home,” Vincent says.**

“It was my first experience leaving home,” Vincent says. “It gave me another view of the world, and it gave me confidence to know that I could hold my own against other really smart people, some of whom were educated at Ivy League schools.”

## A Movement, A Force for Change

During Vincent's early years with the AFT, demonstrations and strikes were growing more common and frequent, and the mere sight of teachers engaged in demonstrative illegal strikes was still new to the public, Vincent says.

Collaborating with partners, the AFT was continuing to strengthen its reputation for exacting collective bargaining agreements from dug-in school boards. All the while, Vincent says, AFT membership was surging in response to the pro-union movement. By the end of the 1960s, more than 200,000 members had joined the national union, up from 60,000 at the start of the decade.

By the mid-1970s, the AFT was the fastest-growing union in the country; it had also established a healthcare division.

During the same decade, Albert Shanker, a one-time N.Y. City substitute math teacher, was elected president of the AFT. A shrewd negotiator with a confrontational side, he would become one of the nation's most powerful voices on education reform.

Vincent worked with Shanker, calling the AFT leader “a smart man and a fighter.” Shanker had a gift for recalling stories, anecdotes, and history, as does Vincent to this day.

During his career, Vincent had a reputation for applying his intellect and experience to find creative solutions, sometimes in hostile environments, and even when differences seemed deadlocked.

Vincent says he was proud of the results he helped teachers to achieve, and for assisting the union as it pushed broader societal issues, not simply better wages, and benefits.

“It was not always comfortable,” he says of the radical politics he and teachers often found themselves in. “I spent 30 years and a lot of strikes defying judges. When you give judges the (metaphorical) finger, they don’t like it.”

“But a lot of what I did was going around the country telling people to break the law.”

Big picture, he adds, the work of the AFT boiled down to one thing, “strengthening education ... for everyone.”

Vincent says he drew inspiration from American essayist and practical philosopher Henry David Thoreau, who was a vigorous champion of civil liberties. In his writing, Thoreau made the argument for disobedience to an unjust state.

Walden Pond, where Thoreau retreated for two years for a simple-living experiment, and to write, “is 60 miles from where I grew up,” Vincent says. History shows that well-known poets, including Thoreau and Ralph Waldo Emerson, would get off the train at the Troy Depot on their way to climb Mount Monadnock.

## Pearl of Wisdom: Dare to Challenge

It was Professor Frederick J. Simmons, and the introduction to humanities, which aroused and challenged Vincent’s sensibilities in a way that nothing else had before. Vincent learned to think critically, to defend views, to appreciate more deeply art and culture. Simmons wore spats and used a gold-tipped walking cane, Vincent remembers. Simmons was from Maine, attended Harvard and then went abroad to work on his PhD. Vincent took sociology, philosophy and art classes with Simmons, who battled a serious ailment that affected his vision and forced the professor to take a year off from Keene State.

“He was terribly impaired, but he changed my life,” Vincent says. “Every other week, (Simmons) would go to Harvard and drag equipment and art from there back to Keene and use it to teach his courses there.”

“I took it all in. I did the readings; I did outside readings. I learned from him how art reflects culture. And I took notes and organized it all in a binder. For my senior thesis, he told me, you’ve done something I’ve never seen. He praised me to the sky.”

The two remained good friends, Simmons once visiting Vincent while Vincent was in the Army, and Vincent visiting Simmons in Manhattan, where they would tour art museums.

Vincent has never lost sight of what Simmons and Keene State meant to him, how they shaped him and how they contributed to his growth and personal success.

The details of it all remain clear, his striking memory knife sharp.

Amid it all, including the new scholarships that will bear his name, Vincent was asked what advice he might share with today’s college student. And it is this:

**“There are three skills that a person needs to develop to be successful,”**

Vincent, spry and dapper in his tenth decade of life, says. “One, in your thinking process, it’s not only what the right issue is, but knowing the wrong issue and being able to challenge the wrong. Two, take what’s in your brain and put it on paper. And three, be able to articulate it verbally.”

“To me, that’s what a liberal arts education can prepare you to do.”

By Paul Miller





## Marine Officer Called A 'Natural-Born Leader'

Christopher Mallon '12 walked off the Keene State commencement stage 10 years ago and directly into the U.S. Marine Corps, as he had planned since he was a young boy.

"Most kids grow out of that phase and realize they want to do something else in life, but it never went away for me," Chris, now 32, said. "I knew that I wanted to go to college and get my education, but I was also dead-set on joining the Marine Corps after graduating."

Chris was a middle schooler on September 11, 2001, the day the deadliest terrorist act in history took the lives of nearly 3,000 U.S. citizens. "I never forgot how that day made me feel," he recalled recently, the intensity of that long-ago sentiment still strong all these years later.

His resolve cemented, Chris wasted little time seizing an opportunity he had waited for and imagined. He has scaled lofty heights in his time as a Marine.

"I have been put in the most difficult situations in my life, but I would not change anything from my career," Chris said. "I have traveled to new countries, new environments, combat deployments, ships on the Pacific Ocean, and accomplished things that most other people could not imagine in a lifetime. My time in the Marine Corps has shaped me into the person that I am today and taught me the most important life lessons."

A product design major and a standout lacrosse player when he was at Keene State, Chris is an Infantry and Reconnaissance Officer based in San Diego, California, where he lives with his wife, Michelle, and their young, well-mannered rescue dogs Waylon and Willie.

In the Infantry, Chris oversaw a rifle platoon tasked with conducting foot patrols while on deployment. He was also platoon commander of a Combined Anti-Armor Team, which featured vehicles mounted with heavy machine guns and anti-armor missile systems designed to destroy enemy vehicles and tanks that threaten foot troops.

**CHRISTOPHER  
MALLON '12  
STAYS  
THE PATH**

Four years into Chris' career, he switched to Reconnaissance – or Recon – where he earned Special Operations status and trained with special insert platforms like military free-fall and combat diving. Recon Marines insert well forward of the Infantry to gather information on enemy positions to then share with field commanders.

"It's one thing to be a Recon Marine, but he has led these elite warriors as a platoon commander in deployments and operations around the world," Colin Barnett '11, a close friend and former Keene State lacrosse teammate said of Chris. "There are a lot of things Chris won't tell you that he has accomplished in the military, that's how he is. He has always been that natural-born leader, and those that know and respect him look up to that."

Colin and Chris met in September during Keene State Homecoming, where the lacrosse program celebrated its 25th anniversary. Colin was also there to present Chris with the first Kyle Barnett Alumni Award, named in honor of another lacrosse alum. Kyle Barnett was just 31 years old when he passed in 2020 from a heart condition. Kyle and Colin are not related.

"Kyle was one of the best players that has ever come through this program," Colin said while presenting the award, "but for as good of a player that he was he was an even better person. Kyle was a winner, he was a leader, and a person that everyone wanted to be around."

"Chris, too, is a person we look to for guidance when we are in a tough spot," Colin went on. "He has represented his family, his friends, and this program in a way that we are all extremely proud of and that represent this award."

Colin told the gathered Homecoming lacrosse family that he reached out

to one of Chris' military superiors to find perspective on Chris' career.

"This," Colin said, "is what that person told me."

"To understand Chris Mallon from a military perspective, I will share a few stats: Of the U.S. population today, less than one percent serve in the military; of that one percent, just 14 percent are U.S. Marines; and lastly, only one percent of all Marines have what it takes to become Recon Marines. They represent the best of the best that the Marine Corps has to offer. They have special training as combat divers and military para-jumpers, and they are relied on for the most difficult missions."

A native of New Fairfield, Connecticut, Chris said Keene State was everything he envisioned and hoped for when he first visited campus as a high school student.

"I saw the campus on a beautiful fall day," he said, "and I could just see myself going to school at Keene. I applied later that month and was so excited when I got the acceptance letter."

Life, Chris said, is not about individual pursuits. His wife, family – including parents Mike and Debbie – and friends are what he is most grateful for.

"My parents are the reason I am the man, Marine, and husband that I am today. They raised me to be a hardworking, caring, and thoughtful person. My parents have always instilled the importance of family and being there for each other. "



Chris, his wife, Michelle, and their rescue dogs, Waylon and Willie

Both of his grandfathers served in the military and extended family have dedicated their lives to service, as firefighters, paramedics, police officers, nurses, and medical professionals.

The Marine officer is thankful, he said, that he found in Keene State "the perfect fit."

His advice for anyone thinking about going to college?

"Pick a major that you are truly interested in," he said. "Learning about things that make you excited or happy will make your college experience very enjoyable. Don't be afraid to take risks. Sometimes you are going to have to step out of your comfort zone, and that is okay. When you are young and in college you will have plenty of time to recover from things if it doesn't go the way you planned."

Chris enjoys hiking, woodworking, building projects, dirt bikes, water sports, and spending time outdoors with Michelle, Waylon and Willie.

By Paul Miller

# TIME, TALENT, TREASURE

Keene State alumni are a generous group of individuals who follow the College's motto of "Enter to Learn, Go Forth to Serve". They engage with the College from near and far, sharing time, creativity, and expertise. Whether alumni serve the college with their time, talent, or treasure, they continue to show what it means to be a proud alumni Owl.

## Golden Circle Society

If you're part of the Golden Circle Society (alumni who graduated 50+ years ago), you have probably received a birthday card. Meet Norma Walker '51 M'59 and Sue Holbrook '64 (not pictured). Norma sends hundreds of birthday and holiday cards throughout the year, with the help of Sue, reminding Golden Circle alumni that they continue to be a valued part of the Keene State community.

The Golden Circle Society got its start in 1986 by F. Marion Wood '26. In 1997, Norma Wright Walker '51 began organizing the annual series of Golden Circle luncheons throughout New Hampshire. These luncheons continue to bring Keene State connections closer to their homes. Recently, Norma has been joined by four other alumni, forming the "Golden Circle Guides", planning the luncheons and brainstorming new ways to engage the group.

## Dr. Chris Cameron '06

History Honor Society, Phi Alpha Theta, hosted the New England Regional History Conference in October 2022, bringing keynote speaker, Dr. Chris Cameron '06, back to campus to discuss "Black Free Thinkers: African American Secularism". Cameron is a highly accomplished alum who is currently Professor of History and Chair of African Studies at UNC, Charlotte.

These are examples of the many ways that our alumni keep our community thriving and connected. We thank you!

## Join us as an alumni volunteer!

Contact us at [alumni@keene.edu](mailto:alumni@keene.edu) or (603) 358-2369.



Golden Circle Guides: Kitty Maher '73, Norma Walker '51 M'59, Phil Clay '64. *Not Pictured:* Lang Plummer '60, Brian Burford '72



Dr. Chris Cameron '06

## LAUREN CAULFIELD '86



Five years ago, when Lauren Caulfield '86 was undergoing chemotherapy to treat her breast cancer, she relied on support from her husband Jim Caulfield '85 and the lifelong friends she had met at KSC. But she discovered that many cancer patients came to treatments alone, without anyone by their side. And some were even skipping their life-saving chemo appointments because they couldn't afford to put gas in their tanks or food on their tables. "The reality is, not everyone has support. And not everything is covered by medical insurance," Caulfield said.

**Lauren Caulfield '86 won the 2022 Alumni Service Award.**

After her final treatment, she wanted to make a difference for the people she left behind in the chemo chairs. So, she co-founded the Pink Revolution Breast Cancer Alliance of NH ([pinkrevolutionofnh.org](http://pinkrevolutionofnh.org)). This 100 percent volunteer alliance provides chemo care packages and gas and grocery cards to people in need in New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Vermont.

The chemo care packages help brighten the treatment experience with items like activity books, journals hand-decorated by children, blankets, hats, sleep masks, lotion, and lip balm. Pink Revolution donated 1,500 care packages in 2021.

The gas and grocery cards alleviate some of the financial stress of cancer treatment. Pink Revolution plans to distribute \$80,000 in gas and grocery cards in 2022, and oncology centers tell Caulfield that the financial support is saving lives.

Caulfield shares the story of one cancer survivor who called her to say thank you: "She had missed three of her treatments because she couldn't afford to get to them. When she got the gas gift cards, she said, 'Christmas came early.'"

To meet demand, Pink Revolution is aiming to donate \$150,000 to \$200,000 worth of cards in 2023. Caulfield is collaborating with the Alumni office to hold a corn hole tournament during Reunion that will benefit the non-profit.

# GIVING DAY KSC IS COMING MARCH 28!

**Join us on March 28, 2023 for Keene State's second-annual Giving Day KSC!**

Last year, you showed that you give a hoot about our students, and we are so excited for this year! Support your favorite Keene State program, department, team or organization and the money you donate will directly impact students' lives. Your gift will help provide Keene State with the resources necessary to make huge and lasting impacts on the lives of our students.

**VISIT [KEENE.EDU/GIVINGDAY/](http://KEENE.EDU/GIVINGDAY/) TO PARTICIPATE**



## MEET SHARON CONFESSORE '75

New Keene Endowment Association  
Board Member

**“Her vision will help to ensure that opportunities persist for Keene State students to have long-term and impactful outcomes.”**

—Veronica Rosa,  
Vice President of Advancement,  
Keene State College

Sharon Confessore’s resume and professional experience are ranging, to say the least.

Once a chief learning officer for a health care organization serving the Mid-Atlantic states, Sharon '75, is a change agent, a strategic planner, and a team-builder. Her expertise is in leadership and talent development, and organizational change, areas of specialty that she continues to work in as a semi-retired consultant.

Sharon is by nature an optimist who believes strongly in the power and enduring value of education.

“Set yourself up to learn continually,” she advises. “The world will always continue to change and the only way to keep up, to stay ahead, is to be ready to learn and to know how to learn.”

She says higher education would serve itself well to keep a strong focus trained on adult learners, acknowledging that, “College is not just for 18- to 22-year olds anymore. It is critical that colleges and universities not lose sight of this demographic.”

Society’s ability to continue to thrive hinges on having an educated populace, she said. “People who decide later to go to college, or who are ready to return and finish something they started, need flexibility and options.”

Sharon’s parents – Robert '42 and Alice '43 – met while students at Keene State and both

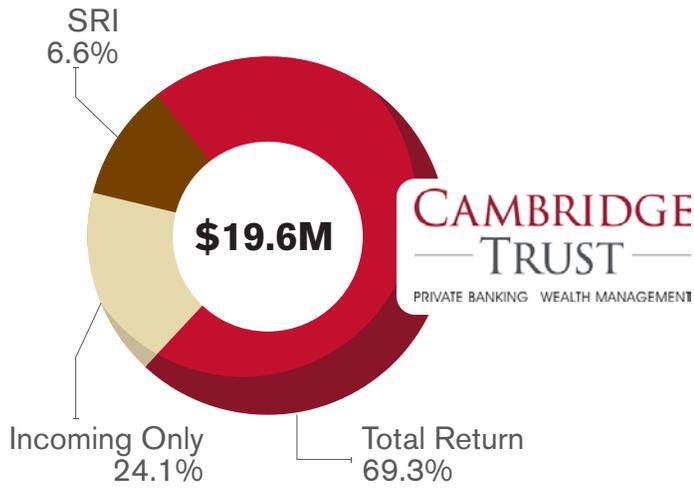
are alums. In 2015, Sharon and her husband of 42 years, Gary Confessore, endowed a scholarship in Robert and Alice’s names. The scholarship helps to underwrite tuition and fees related to the student-teaching practicum required of students studying to be educators.

Sharon has indicated that she and Gary intend to continue to honor her parents this way, aware of the critical need for scholarship assistance amid today’s soaring higher education costs.

Sharon earned a bachelor’s in education from Keene State, a master’s in educational administration/gifted & talented education from Johnson State College, and a PhD in adult learning & corporate training from the University of Oklahoma.

“College helped me to learn how to get along in the world beyond the terrific grounding that I got from my parents,” Sharon said. “My parents prepared me to go out in the world; I think Keene State College was the bridge between ready to go out in the world, and then go out into the world.”

Her role with the KEA will help to hold Keene State in good stead, Veronica Rosa, the college’s Vice President of Advancement, said. “Her core professional skills will help to guide investment thinking and her vision will help to ensure that opportunities persist for Keene State students to have long-term and impactful outcomes.”



**Types of Funds**

	Market Value	% of Mkt Val
KEA Total Return Fund	\$13,567,341	69.3%
KEA Income Only	\$4,717,308	24.1%
KEA SRI	\$1,286,042	6.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$19,570,691</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Total Return Fund - Core Equity Strategy:** Provides preservation and growth of capital by investing in equity securities, primarily in the US. The focus is on high quality, large capitalization companies, and may include a modest allocation to select medium and smaller-sized growth companies. The Core Equity strategy aims to balance risk and reward at both the stock and portfolio levels.

**SRI Fund - Sustainable & Responsible Investing Strategy (SRI) – Equities:** Invests in 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.

**Income Only Fund - Equity Income Strategy:** Provides above-average current income with lower volatility than the benchmark, while generating long-term capital appreciation. Our equity strategy prioritizes dividend sustainability, growth potential, and yield, driven by proprietary bottom-up fundamental analysis. The focus on high-quality companies offers a mix of current income and capital appreciation opportunity.



**Investment Philosophy**

The Investment Committee of the Keene Endowment Association (KEA) is committed to prudent, time-tested investment strategies and fiscal policies. Funds are managed by Cambridge Trust and in adherence to New Hampshire's Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (NH RSA 292-B:3). The Investment Committee of the KEA is charged with overseeing the investments and measuring the returns they produce against nationally recognized standards and metrics for investment performance.

**BY THE NUMBERS** | Keene Endowment Association in FY22

**165**  
 Students who benefited

**\$368,518**  
dollars awarded

**\$2,280,408**  
**NEW**  
endowed dollars

**8**  
New funds endowed



# HOME COMING

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The weekend kicked off Friday with two exciting events: the 2022 Keene State Hall of Fame induction, and the Keene State Men's Club Ice Hockey win over Southern New Hampshire University.

The weekend was full of events recognizing the accomplishments of our alumni and celebrating important milestones in Keene State's history. The Alumni Awards Luncheon honored four alumni and one friend of the College for their achievements and dedication to Keene State.

There were many milestones to celebrate, including the 50th anniversary for the Class of 1972, the 50th anniversary of Men's Rugby as a club team, the 30th anniversary of the Center for Research and Writing, and the 25th anniversary of Men's Lacrosse. The oldest milestone honored was that of our College mascot, Hootie, who turned 100!

In addition to milestones, the talents and creativity of our artistic alumni were showcased during Homecoming weekend in the annual Owl Artists Fly Home exhibit. Saturday night closed with alumni bands jamming out, while alumni and students enjoyed what some alums report that they miss most after graduating: a Sizzler.

**Save the date for next year's Homecoming Weekend:  
SEPTEMBER 29 - OCTOBER 1, 2023**

*If you would like to be on the planning committee or you'd like to plan a gathering, email [alumni@keene.edu](mailto:alumni@keene.edu).*



Men's Hockey played an alumni game the Sunday of Homecoming Weekend



Alumni award winners pose with Interim Alumni Director Andrea Vickers-Sivret '01: Paul Henkel from Electronic Imaging Materials, Inc., Justin DeFlumeri '11, Lauren Caulfield '86, Ed Wojenski '87, Ian Kaplan '19, and Julio Del Sesto '07



Kyle Wood '06, Jason Lombardo, Ron Butcher



Little East Conference Hall of Fame Inductee, Matt Johnson '12, LEC Associate Commissioner Darryl Konicki, and Athletic Director Phil Racicot



Dave Westover '72



Inductee, Lauren Sawyer, Coach Katie Clark and Athletic Director Phil Racicot



Finley Morgan '21, Mitch Hale '18, Joe Nutting '22, Palmer Belowski '22



Dot Jobin '62 and Ray Jobin '63 M'70 at the Alumni Awards Luncheon



Soccer and Softball Hall of Fame Inductee, Katie Bradford '12



President Melinda Treadwell '90, Dot Jobin '63, Kitty Maher '73, Norma Walker '51 M'59, and Mike Maher '72



This future KSC Men's Lacrosse player is claiming number 44 for when he hits the turf



Dominic Lynch '23 and VP of Enrollment and Student Engagement, MB Lufkin



The 80's came to represent at the Homecoming Parade of Classes



Rugby coach John Johannesen '18, President Melinda Treadwell '90, and Bill Baker '94 at the 50th Anniversary dinner



Students Emma Cahoon '24, Paxton Blanchard '23, & Maggie Cahoon '22



Over 75 Rugby alumni players came back to celebrate 50 years at Keene State

**HAPPY  
100<sup>TH</sup>  
BIRTHDAY,  
HOOTIE!**

WINTER 2023 | 17



1957

1972

1960

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# REUNION RETURNS

JUNE 2-4, 2023

# REUNION RETURNS TO JUNE!

*The alumni have asked, and we have answered!* Join us for a weekend in June with the campus to ourselves. Events will include a luncheon, Ice Cream Social, and outings in the city of Keene.

This Reunion Weekend, the Alumni Office is partnering with fellow alumna, Lauren Caulfield '86 (pictured on page 13) to host the Pink Revolution Corn Hole Tournament. Proceeds will benefit Pink Revolution, a nonprofit founded by Lauren to support cancer patients undergoing treatment with gas cards, grocery cards, and chemo care packages. We are excited to join Lauren to support those in need.

**Mark your calendar for June 2-4 and keep your eyes open for how to register!**

## What's the difference between Homecoming and Reunion?

### Homecoming

Happens in the Fall

Centered around campus events

Celebrations include current students & classes

Athletic games

Club and organization gatherings

### Reunion

Happens in June

Centered around alumni events

Class Anniversary Celebrations

On campus housing

Alumni meet-ups



- ☑ Traditional Reunion Activities
- ☑ On-Campus Housing
- ☑ Cornhole Tournament to benefit Pink Revolution, Lauren Caulfield's nonprofit to support cancer patients

## Join our Reunion Committee

Some of our tried-and-true Reunion planners want YOU to join them!

**Interested in helping to make Reunion's return to June a spectacular one?**

**EMAIL [ALUMNI@KEENE.EDU](mailto:ALUMNI@KEENE.EDU)**



A major gift from a Keene State College graduate will be used, in part, to endow experiential learning opportunities for Keene State students starting in 2023-24.

Vincent D. Russell is a 1950 graduate, Army veteran, and a one-time field director for the American Federation of Teachers, one of the nation's largest union organizations. His \$1 million gift, announced in November 2022, will also underwrite a visiting faculty scholarship each year. *(See a full story on Vincent – his life and his generous donation – on page 6.)*

Real-world learning is a staple of a Keene State education, and at the heart of the intent of the liberal arts experience. That multi-dimensional experience includes creative expression, interdisciplinary learning, internships, study-away opportunities and rich curricular and co-curricular offerings.

Deeper intellectual, cultural and professional experiences of these kinds equip Keene State students to do meaningful work, during and after their education, and often result in direct internship-to-employment opportunities.

When Josh Bailey '23 graduates in the spring, a full-time job with Clark Construction will await the construction safety sciences major. During the summer, Bailey interned with Clark as a member of the firm's safety team on a jobsite at the U.S. Capitol's Cannon Office Building in Washington, D.C.

James Poolman '23, an architecture major, spent a large part of his summer working with a local nonprofit, the Hampshire Country School, a boarding school for 4th-9th grade boys who have difficulty in other educational settings, but who are high-ability by many measures. The school features a functioning, small-scale sustainable farm.

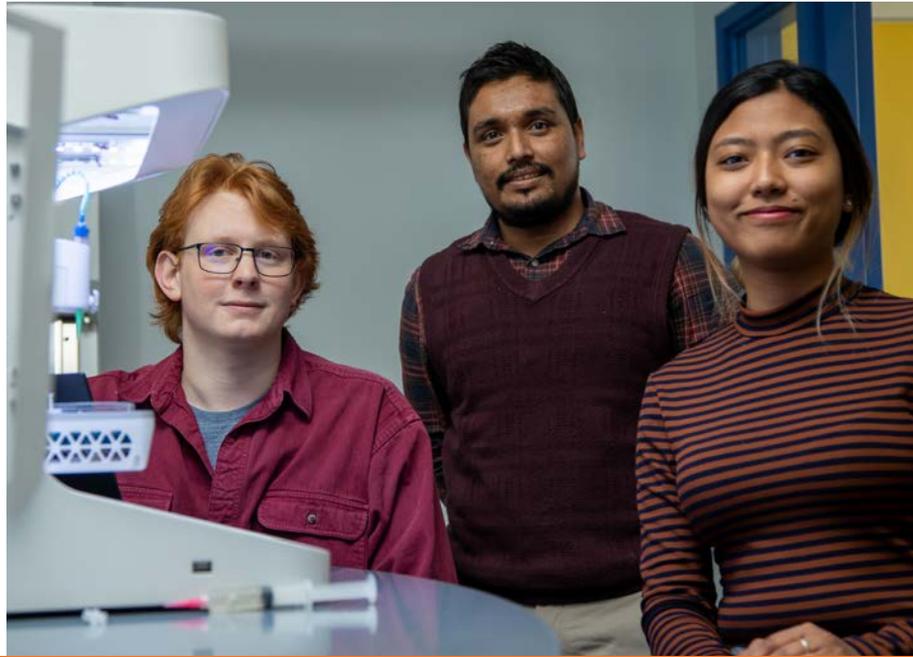
Collaborating with school officials, James produced a needs assessment, design options and a conceptual design for a new barn. In November, James presented his design and scaled model to the school's Board of Trustees.

"It's gone further than I thought it would go," James said. "There is always more to be done

# EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR KEENE STATE STUDENTS



James Poolman '23, an architecture major.



From left, Carter Nelson '22, Professor Ahasan Habib, and Slesha Tuladhar '23 appear together outside the Shared Cell Culture Lab at Keene State.

with a project like this, but everyone has been helpful and engaged. My entire project is made to be strong and simple, that feels safe and that features familiar materials, for both the animals and the boys.”

Bringing studies out of the classroom and into the real world is a big focus not just for architecture students, but across majors and areas of study at Keene State.

“Not a lot of people in college get the opportunity to do something that has a chance of being built, like I have now, or presenting a project to a client. It puts me ahead of other students, especially in competing for graduate schools.”

Jim Draper, a trustee of the school and a former longtime Keene State employee, called James’ work and design “innovative and well thought out.”

“There is a lot to consider and factor in,” Draper said. “A cost-effective steel building, housing for animals, classroom and lab space, running water

for animals. There is a lot to it, and it matters because 70 to 80 percent of the food grown on the farm is consumed by the people on campus.”

Research alongside faculty members, performances, clinical placements and student teaching are part of Keene State’s high-impact curriculum, which also helps to prepare students for success.

**In the past year alone, other Keene State students have done amazing things:**

Environmental studies students researched invasive species during a summer internship at the Harris Center for Conservation Education.

Students majoring in sustainable product design & innovation joined a research team focused on testing biological materials for bioprinting.

A sport and recreation management major completed a game-day operations internship this summer with

the Keene Swamp Bats of the New England Collegiate Baseball League, which features 13 teams and boasts of nearly 150 Major League alumni.

Film studies students worked alongside Keene State alums on camera and lighting crews on the set of an independent film.

Fifty-five percent of Keene State seniors participated in an internship or field experience in 2021-22; 60% of Keene State seniors have participated in service learning, and 33% of Keene State seniors have participated in research with a faculty member.

This engaging, full-immersion component that is baked into Keene State’s learning culture enables the college to maintain and strengthen relationships with local and state employers, helping to address workforce challenges, and amplifies the value of students’ degrees.

*Q&A with James Poolman on page 25*

# AN EPIC GALA!



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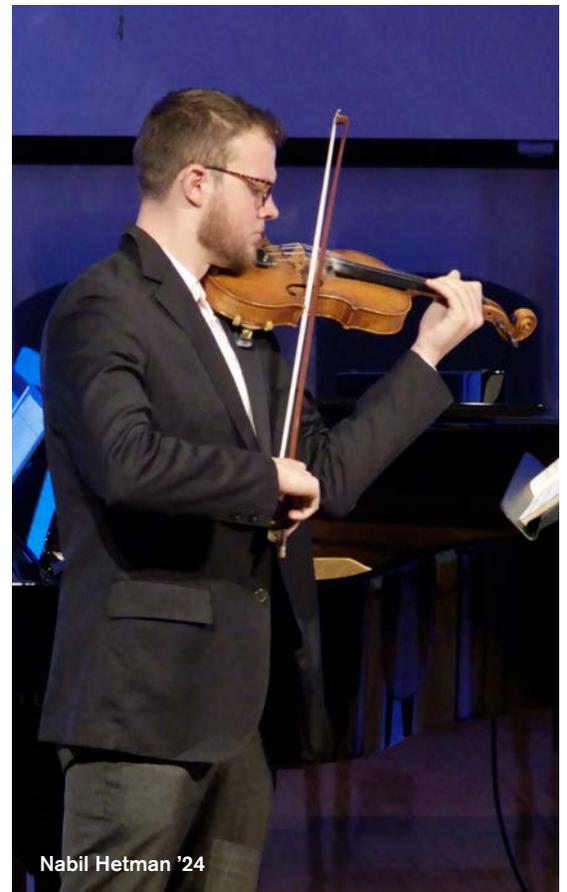
Alexander Royce '25

You can help the All-Steinway, All Together Initiative reach its goal. Visit [keene.edu/development](https://keene.edu/development) or scan the QR code below!



Keene State College is closer to earning the prestigious All Steinway School designation, following the All-Steinway, *All Together* Gala and Celebration! More than 200 friends of Keene State College Music gathered to celebrate musical excellence and hear students and special guests perform a variety of pieces for two, four, and eight hands. The event raised \$35,000 toward the final instrument to be purchased: a nine-foot long Steinway & Sons SPIRIO | r, the world's finest high-resolution player piano capable of live capture and playback.

To demonstrate the revolutionary capabilities of the Steinway SPIRIO | r, junior Piano & Violin Performance major Nabil Hetman demonstrated one of the special features of the instrument. He pre-recorded the first movement of Cesar Franck's famously complex Sonata for Piano and Violin, then at the Gala he performed on violin, accompanying himself at the piano!



Nabil Hetman '24



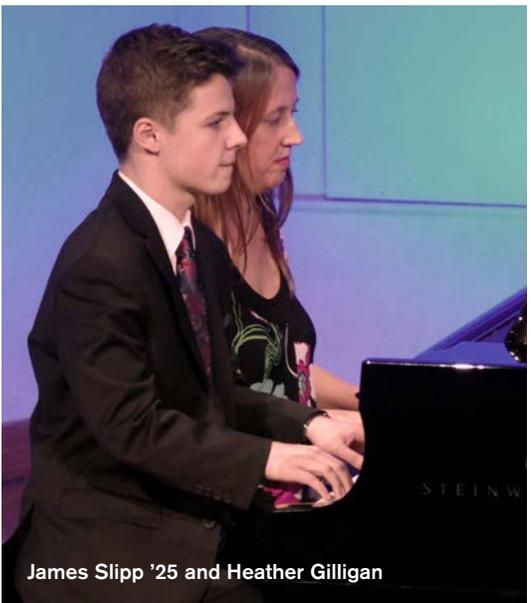
Christina Wright-Ivanova and Cailin Marcel Manson



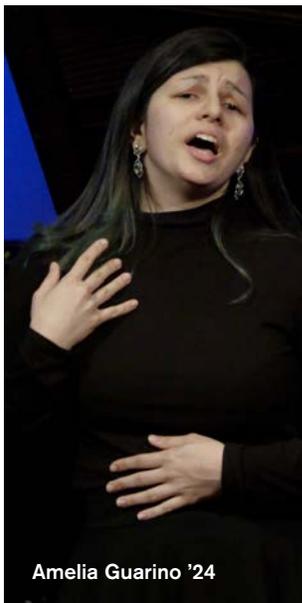
Simon Furze '24



Kirsten Becker '20 and Nathan Bridges '22



James Slipp '25 and Heather Gilligan



Amelia Guarino '24

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## DR. KATE DECONINCK

New director of the Cohen Center  
for Holocaust and Genocide Studies

**“I believe Kate brings the necessary skills as a servant leader that will work well with all constituency groups on campus, throughout the community, and indeed across the region and the state to make the world a better place.”**

—Dr. James Beeby,  
Provost and Vice President of  
Academic Affairs

It has been a busy, event-filled start for Dr. Kate DeConinck, new director of the college's Cohen Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies.

A trained anthropologist of religion with expertise in religion in the wake of mass tragedies, Kate stepped into the role in July, replacing Peter McBride, who left Keene State to return to his native Ireland.

**Since arriving, under Kate's direction, the Center has hosted high-profile events open to the campus, the greater local community, and audiences beyond. Those events include:**

The 2022 Holocaust Memorial Lecture, a well-attended virtual conversation with award-winning documentary filmmakers Ken Burns and Sarah Botstein, September 22. The discussion focused on the filmmakers' latest documentary, a three-part film co-directed with Lynn Novick titled “The U.S. and The Holocaust,” which premiered in September on PBS. The film explored America's response to one of the greatest humanitarian crises in history and how it tested the ideals of democracy. The lecture drew more than 800 attendees.

The annual Kristallnacht Remembrance at a full Colonial Theatre in downtown Keene, November 9. This year's theme was “Building Resiliency Through Memory,” and the always-powerful community ceremony featured remarks from a Holocaust survivor, Kati Preston, and concluded with a candle recession and a departure in silent remembrance.

An interactive discussion titled “Reporting on War” with Peabody award-winning journalist Jason Beaubien, live from Ukraine, where the reporter was on assignment, November 14. *The Boston Globe* covered the virtual program. An NPR correspondent, Beaubien has filed stories from more than 60 countries across the globe. His reports often highlight inequities, injustices, and abuses of power, and he regularly writes about natural disasters, war, and human conflict.

“I believe Kate brings the necessary skills as a servant leader that will work well with all constituency groups on campus, throughout the community, and indeed across the region and the state to make the world a better place,” Dr. James Beeby, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, said.

Keene State is the lone institution in the country that offers an undergraduate degree in Holocaust and genocide studies.

The Cohen Center serves as a research and resource center for the teaching of the Holocaust and genocide through the College's academic programs. The center also provides materials for educators at the elementary, middle school, and high school levels.

Kate said she is thrilled to join the college community in this meaningful role because she believes “this is a crucial time to be engaging campus and community members in dialogue about the motivations that drive hatred and genocide, the realities of antisemitism today, and the importance of civic responsibility.”

She said she believes in the power of democratic collaboration with wide-ranging stakeholders to create lasting change.

**Dear KSC Alumni and Friends,**

I am proud to be part of the KSC Alumni Association and I'm excited for the future! This upcoming February, positions for the Keene State College Alumni Association Board of Directors will be opened for nominations. We are seeking enthusiastic and dedicated alumni to join the working board of directors.

Elections will occur in May and new board members will be welcomed to the board during our All Campus Alumni Association Meeting when Reunion returns in June! If you are interested in learning more or submitting a nomination, please contact [alumni@keene.edu](mailto:alumni@keene.edu).

It has been a pleasure to serve as your Keene State College Alumni Association 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.

All the best,

Kristin Mehalick-Brooks '11  
*KSC Alumni Association Board President*



**“I’d like to take the opportunity to say thank you.”** —Kristin Mehalick-Brooks '11



**Q&A With...**

**Name:** James Poolman  
**Hometown:** South Windsor, CT  
**Age:** 22  
**Major:** Architecture  
**Minor:** Construction Management

**Q: Why Architecture?**

A: “Growing up I was big into Legos and building things out of scraps of cardboard, as well as building Pinewood Derby cars. My dad also has some model ships and a model railroad that I took interest in as a kid. One architecture course in high school and a change in majors got me to apply to a program and it took off from there.”

**Q: Why Keene State?**

A: “Their emphasis on sustainability in the architecture program and the distance from home were the school-specific things I liked. Keene State does an excellent job in allowing you to emphasize your interests. All my professors have respected what I am trying to do, my self-expressionism,

even if it goes a little against the grain. Here I've found a love for art, design, and architecture.”

**Q: What is your career aspiration?**

A: “I want to become an architectural designer in a setting that maximizes my ability to positively impact the world around me. My studies now are not as much about getting things done, or for a grade, but for the sake of making cool things. For all my projects now, the driving force is just architecture. I see architectural design primarily as something made to change how people feel.”

**Q: To The Person Considering Studying Architecture, What Would You Say?**

A: “The best give advice is to just start thinking about architecture and what you like about it. Most of the work in architecture is about being creative and thinking critically, and the learning comes from your own thoughts. Start drawing or building or whatever you like related to the field to get your creative juices flowing ahead of time.”

**“I want to become an architectural designer in a setting that maximizes my ability to positively impact the world around me.”**

— James Poolman '23  
 Architecture Major, Keene State

# Class Notes

## [1944]

**Janet Joslin Chin** lives in Burlington, MA with her son and his family. Janet did her practice teaching at Hancock High School when Norma Wright Walker '51 was a student. They exchange holiday cards.

**Rosina Digilio Stark** turned 100 this year and received a certificate from the Alumni Office to celebrate the event. Rosina and her husband attended several Golden Circle luncheons.

## [1946]

**Doris Johnason Blanchard** responded to Norma Walker with her memories of practice teaching at Hancock High School. Norma called her teacher who lives in Kingsport, TN and they had a wonderful conversation about her time at the high school.

**Brigida Saladino Mosley** (better known as Breeze) frequently entertains Norma Walker '51 and Pauline Dionne (former KSC staff) for lunch and conversation. Breeze's husband Al was Norma's teacher and later he became principal of the high school and Breeze was the basketball coach.

**Elizabeth Purington Straw** lives in Weare, NH and was Norma's teacher at Hancock High School. Betty had loads of memories of her days in Hancock, living at a boarding house, doing lesson plans around a table every evening plus many others. She and Norma have kept in contact every Christmas through the years.

## [1951]

**Pat Parent O'Donnell** lives in a retirement community in northern Florida. She often calls to check on what is happening on the college campus and if there is news of classmates. Pat was safe from the storms this past fall, thank goodness.



## [1960]

### **Gail Spevack Sheldon**

Class Secretary  
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sheldon-sheldon@comcast.net

Sadly, **Nelson Aldrich** of Newport, NH passed away Nov. 12, 2022. He & Sandy attended several class celebrations.

**Bob "Lefty" Joy** died Oct 2, 2022. Lefty regularly attended our class gatherings. When he was unable to attend due to his involvement with National Math League activities, he nevertheless drove 3 hours from CT on Saturdays to help in our phone attempts at KSC to reach as many "mates" prior to those gatherings.

Four classmates - **Lang Plummer, Irene Plourde, Norma Turcotte McShane**, and I attended Golden Circle gathering in June at Common Man Restaurant in Concord. Although unable to attend, Lefty helped our class to be represented.

Recently I met **Joe '60 & Priscilla '61 Dutile** while grocery shopping. They are well and regularly attend Hart's Restaurant Golden Circle Luncheons.

Your help is needed. Due to the past 3 years our class list may not be up to date. You could help either by notifying me or KSC Alumni Office of address changes/passings that you know.

Thanking you in advance for helping and looking forward to your suggestions as to a possible class gathering in 2023!

## CLASS NOTES *Continued*

### [1961]

Congratulations to **Betty Schofields** on her fourth great grandchild.

**Pat** and **Ray Clark** ventured north in August to enjoy KSC classmates, NH and Maine.

**Nance Kidder Howe** came from Florida to enjoy KSC and NH.

A large crowd of KSC 1961 grads gathered in August at Hart's Turkey Farm Restaurant for the Golden Circle meeting. Come join us next summer.

**Bob Saulnier** writes "I am quite pleased with the performance of our Class Scholarship. This year for the first time, we were able to give 4 student scholarships. This means we have given 27.5 \$1,000 scholarships to different KSC students from New Hampshire.

The fund has done well over the past 11 years (no results for 2022 which are due in March /April). We started with \$40,000 at our 50th Reunion and as of 12/31/2021, we have \$125,411, for a gain of \$85,411. Our fund is managed by the Keene State College Investments. We only use the interest from the fund for scholarships. Any donations or gifts are added to the principle of the fund.

Those who have contributed hopefully will continue. I hope other classmates will see the benefits of the fund and join their classmates for a bigger and better fund which greatly enhances the KSC students' opportunities.

Thank you and keep the donations/gifts coming.

If you have any questions about these funds, do contact Dot or myself. Here's hoping you all have a HAPPY and HEALTHY New Year."

A BIG THANK YOU to **Bob Saulnier** for his diligent and accurate supervision of our fund. His time and talents should be appreciated by all KSC Class of 1961 members. Many scholarship recipients have expressed their gratitude in person or by notes. THANK YOU CLASSMATES for making a difference for many KSC students.

**Barbara Greenough Mackie** passed away in December. A sweet, lovely lady. She will be missed by her family and friends.

### [1966]

**Roberta "Bobbie" (Luce) Barry**

Class Secretary

43 Blair Drive

Rochester, New Hampshire 03868

First, let me offer condolences to family and friends of **Nancy Coutts**. Nancy passed away a couple of years ago after an extended illness. She volunteered her secretarial services to our class of 1966 for several years. Nancy was a theatre major and friend of mine from our KSC production of "Blythe Spirit" (1964) and onward through the years to her continued work with local/Keene productions.

I have volunteered to take on the role of Class Secretary. You can send any notes to me at the address above or email me at: [barry\\_roberta@yahoo.com](mailto:barry_roberta@yahoo.com)

My husband, **Jack '65** and I retired from the Keene and Monadnock School systems, and after decades of a great life in Keene, now live in Rochester, NH. We decided to be closer to our daughter, Elizabeth's (1993) family, and one granddaughter who is almost 14 years old. We have new adventures discovering the gifts of living closer to the coast.

**Richard Swasey** and wife, Lisa spend time at their home in Wolfboro and winters in Florida where they meet with others of the class of '66 (**Hank Douton, Bill Haggerty, John Bennett** and wives). Hope you recognize the characters in this photo from Swasey.



## CLASS NOTES *Continued*

**Ellen (Sullivan) Moynihan** lives in Keene, now retired as KSC adjunct English professor, and enjoys her grandchildren who are now teenagers.

**Tess (Leslie Wolcott) Buswell** also shares time between Northern Maine and Florida. Here's her clan gathering at her summer camp.



*50 years "UPTA Camp" at St. Froid Lake! We had a special gathering for family and friends! What a fun time!*

Looking forward to hearing from more 1966 KSC class members.

### [1968]

June Reunion is back!! This will be our 55th year which isn't as big as our 50th, but the campus is open for housing so please come! It's the first weekend in June and registration will begin in April. You'll hear more soon.

**Jan Temple Metoxen**

### [1971]

From **Maureen Hall** - What wonderful events arranged by the staff of the Alumni Office at Keene State College. The parade was led by our Class Secretary, Maureen and our delicious luncheon was enjoyed outside with a Fall Feel for the day! Enjoy the pics and the list of the attendees who came for our 50th.

**Alan Cohen, Jackie Price Rzasa, Bernice Burnham, Christine 'Kiki' Smith Branley, Paula Ware Gregory, Louise Martineau Gustafson, Gail Bennett Lynch, Donna Nickerson Gallas, Joanne Valvane Chabot, Janet Dietz Miller, Karen Denholm LeDuc, Maureen Sheehan Hall.**

### [1979]

Attention Class of 79ers! I'm trying to plan a casual get together in the summer of 2023 at Fenway Park for a Red Sox game. If you are interested send me an email and I can give you the details. Thanks!  
williamreed3@comcast.net

**William Reed '79**

### [1982]

Hello Classmates,

I wanted to share with you that my husband, Bob, and I have moved to Pensacola, FL. We are new grandparents to a beautiful baby boy and not being closer wasn't even an option. We had lived in the Tampa area for 33+ years and made the move in April. This was the best decision as we had unexpectedly lost our middle child at age 26 in December of 2019. I hope everyone has a beautiful holiday season and stays safe. **Janet Carsten Shaffer** class of 1982.

### [2006]

**Aaron Sanborn '06** recently joined the communications team at Mass General Brigham. "I work in external communications and assist with media relations for four community hospitals. I majored in journalism while at KSC and previously worked as a news reporter and editor for multiple New Hampshire newspapers."

# IN MEMORIAM

*Alumni and friends whose passing was reported between May 20, 2022 and December 10, 2022.*

**Jeryl K. Bacon '75**  
10/12/2017

**Richard I. Sawyer '66 M'77**  
10/2/2018

**Sara R. (Brodsky) DeMonti '06**  
8/30/2021

**Harvey L. Smith M'74**  
4/25/2022

**Norman R. Cain Jr '65**  
5/19/2022

**James R. Barry M'70**  
5/25/2022

**Nancy (Mullen) Dufour '71**  
5/29/2022

**Rebecca E. Center '92**  
6/1/2022

**Russell M. Saulnier '65**  
6/2/2022

**Clyde G. Lower Jr '68 M'80**  
6/3/2022

**Cynthia (Glover) Ouellette '78**  
6/8/2022

**Kernell G. Ries Jr '78**  
6/9/2022

**Louis G. Armstrong M'56**  
6/10/2022

**Clarice (Martin) Hinson '49**  
6/11/2022

**Jeffrey C. Hewitt '83**  
6/21/2022

**Mary L. Forbes M'90**  
6/22/2022

**Dorothy M. Barrows '59**  
7/2/2022

**John S. Salo '57 M'68**  
7/2/2022

**Richard C. Butterfield '66**  
7/3/2022

**William J. Remick '51**  
7/4/2022

**Judy L. Dubriske M'96**  
7/10/2022

**Priscilla Tidd '69**  
7/15/2022

**B. Tracy (Juday) Hanson M'89**  
8/1/2022

**Michael J. Bourque '05**  
8/4/2022

**C. Murray Ramsay Jr '52 M'62**  
8/8/2022

**Brian M. Hanson '78**  
8/28/2022

**Marlene A. (Nason) Morse '68**  
9/6/2022

**Dorothy (Robertson) Arwe '51**  
9/8/2022

**Frederick W. Fenton '64**  
9/9/2022

**Catherine E. Bergeron M'98**  
9/20/2022

**Robert L. Joy '60**  
10/2/2022

**Jacob F. Skinner '72**  
10/2/2022

**Jacqueline G. Williams '70 M'80**  
10/8/2022

**Winston A. Wright '60**  
10/9/2022

**Jean Diamond '03**  
10/17/2022

**Donna R. Remy-Powers '75**  
10/23/2022

**James C. Ashworth '69**  
10/25/2022

**Paige M. Cianciolo '22**  
11/2/2022

**Dr. John H. Moody '71 M'76**  
11/6/2022

**Sara H. Shepherd '77**  
11/8/2022

**Michael E. Reny '88**  
11/10/2022

**Dr. Christine M. Sweeney '43**  
11/12/2022

**Nelson H. Aldrich '60**  
11/12/2022

**Judith A. (Kempton) Lepine '63 M'79**  
11/22/2022

**Timoleon N. Chakalos '53**  
11/28/2022

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

**Mary (Dargie) Moe '62**  
12/10/2022

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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

**FEBRUARY 1, 2023 | 7:00 p.m.**  
**Hootie's Spirit Night, Men's Basketball**  
**vs. Middlebury College**  
*at Keene State College*

**MARCH 10 - 16, 2023**  
**Florida Alumni Tour**

**MARCH 23, 2023**  
**Day of Giving**

**APRIL 15, 2023 | 12-2:00 p.m.**  
**Spring Barbeque**  
*Owl Athletic Complex at Keene State College*

**MAY 6, 2023 | 1:00 p.m.**  
**Commencement**  
*at Keene State College*

**JUNE 2, 2023**  
**Chartwells Keene State College**  
**Athletic Golf Classic**  
*at Keene Country Club*

**JUNE 2-4, 2023**  
**REUNION RETURNS to JUNE!!!!**  
*at Keene State College*

**JULY 12, 2023**  
**Golden Circle Luncheon**  
*Town and Country Inn and Resort, Gorham, NH*

**AUGUST 2, 2023**  
**Golden Circle Luncheon**  
*Hart's Turkey Farm, Meredith, NH*

**SEPTEMBER 14, 2023**  
**Golden Circle Luncheon**  
*Common Man, Concord, NH*

**SEPTEMBER 29 - OCTOBER 1, 2023**  
**Homecoming Weekend**  
*at Keene State College*

**OCTOBER 18, 2023**  
**Golden Circle Luncheon**  
*Newick's Lobster House, Dover, NH*



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# WHERE WE HAVE BEEN, AND WHERE WE ARE GOING...

## 2022

July | Washington D.C.  
October | Burlington, VT

## 2023

January 11-14 | San Antonio, TX  
January 16-17 | San Francisco, CA  
January 14 | UMass Boston vs. Keene State, 1:00 (W), 3:00 (M). Boston, MA  
March 10-14 | Florida  
April | Massachusetts, TBD  
TBD | New York  
TBD | Rhode Island

We could be poppin' up at a place near you!



## CAN'T MAKE IT TO ONE OF OUR CAMPUS OR REGIONAL EVENTS?

Invite fellow alumni and host your own Keene State College party. To receive your KSC Party Box, **email [alumni@keene.edu](mailto:alumni@keene.edu)** and we'll send you everything you need to celebrate Keene State in style.

- Keene State poster (3X2)
- Six vintage Owls cups (16 oz)
- Six KSC Alumni lanyards
- Six "Proud Alum" pins
- Six glow-in-the-dark KSC Alumni Koozie® Can Koolers
- Pack of cocktail napkins



All we ask in return is that you send us your group photos!



KSC Safety alum gather in DC | James McLaughlin '19, Shane Molloy '21, Kyle Gavey '20, Charlie Molloy '19, Josh Bailey anticipated '23, Matt Hardy '09, Noah DeGoursey '20



Alumnus Shane Norris '13, hosted an alumni meet-up in Burlington, VT



**ANNOUNCING THE  
Keene State Speakers Bureau!  
An Invitation to Share Your Skill**

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

*For questions, please contact Kristin Brooks '11, [Kristin.Brooks@keene.edu](mailto:Kristin.Brooks@keene.edu), or Jessica Bigaj, [Jbigaj@keene.edu](mailto:Jbigaj@keene.edu).*

**For more volunteer options, please visit our  
Volunteer Opportunities webpage.**

[keene.edu/alumni/association/volunteer/](http://keene.edu/alumni/association/volunteer/)



**Support the Owls during the  
Athletic Giving Challenge!**

**This year, KSC Athletics is joining in on the Giving Day KSC fun by seeing who can raise the most money for their team during the month-long challenge!**

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 donors, will unlock additional prize money for their program. **Help your favorite team(s) win!**

**FORE! 32nd Annual Golf Classic  
on Friday, June 2, 2023**

Join Keene State for a fun day of golf at Keene Country Club to support KSC athletics! Featuring a four-person team scramble format, sponsorship opportunities, lunch, raffle, and fun games on the course, the Chartwells Golf Classic is one of our favorite events of the year. **If you're interested in sponsoring or playing in the tournament, please visit [www.KeeneOwls.com/2023Golf](http://www.KeeneOwls.com/2023Golf) to register, or call 603-358-2385.**



**If you would like to support the event but are unable to attend, use the QR code to purchase a raffle ticket. One ticket for \$20 or six for \$100.**