

NHTI *alumni*

Fall 2008

NHTI Breaks Ground on New Health Education and Academic Center!



NEW Public Safety Communications Program, see page 2



Breaking ground (left to right): Bill Simonton, Margaret Walker, Anita Pavlidis, Bob Mallat, Diane Allen, Charlie Bass, Governor John Lynch, Beverly Grappone and President Lynn Kilchenstein.

On May 9, 2008, the rain held off for the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Health Education and Academic Center at NHTI, which is scheduled to open in the fall of 2009. More than 200 friends, faculty, staff, students, alumni and donors gathered to hear all about the new building, which will house NHTI's celebrated nursing programs.

Keynote speaker Governor John Lynch spoke of his excitement about the project and how important the new Health Education Center building will be in addressing the state's critical shortage of skilled nurses. "As the state's demographics change, the demand for quality healthcare will only increase over time. By expanding the nursing education facilities at NHTI, we allow more opportunity for qualified people to become nurses."

Other speakers at the groundbreaking included Robert L. Mallat, Jr., Trustee for the Community College System of New Hampshire (CCSNH); Beverly Grappone, principal donor for the Campaign and NHTI Advisory Board member; Charles F. Bass, Former United States House Representative for the Second

District of NH; William Simonton, Former Commissioner of CCSNH and Former President, NHTI; Anita Pavlidis, Head of the NHTI Nursing Program; Diane Allen, Chief Nursing Officer and Vice President of Operations for Concord Hospital and NHTI Advisory Board member; and Margaret Walker, Executive Director for the NH Board of Nursing and NHTI class of 1974.

The three-story, 34,000 square foot building will include a state-of-the-art nursing simulation laboratory with replicated hospital rooms and nursing stations, nursing classrooms, science labs, a computer lab and a 175-seat auditorium.

One of the most exciting aspects of the building is that it was designed by an NHTI alum, F. Duane Cowan, who graduated from the architectural engineering program in 1977. Mr. Cowan is the owner of the very successful firm DC Designs Architectural Studios in Concord. DC Designs is a recipient of the New Hampshire American Institute of Architects highest honor for excellence in architecture. The contractor is TLT Construction Corporation of Wakefield, Massachusetts.

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President Lynn Kilchenstein noted that the \$3 million capital campaign for the Health Education and Academic Center was a public/private partnership between NHTI and the community at large. The campaign included more than 500 contributors including private donors, alumni, faculty/staff, businesses and state and federal matching dollars. President Kilchenstein said, "Local people – you – made this happen. On behalf of all the current and future nurses and the people who will be served by them, thank you!"



Gov. Lynch, flanked by Pres. Kilchenstein, addresses the audience at the groundbreaking.



Beverly Grappone addresses the crowd. In addition to being the principal donor for the campaign, along with her husband Robert, Mrs. Grappone served as the Chair of the Capital Campaign Steering Committee. She

completed the RN re-entry program at NHTI.

Parting Is Such Sweet Sorrow

Prof. Terry Leedham Heads for Greener Pastures

Long-time Architectural Engineering Professor Terry Leedham was feted on graduation day with a quiet celebration in honor of his retirement. Flanked by his sister and mother, Terry told the assembled well-wishers that when he first arrived at NHTI, he expected to stay only a year or two. He soon discovered, however, that this school "quickly becomes like home." He stayed for twenty-seven years.

AET department chair Liaquat Khan spoke eloquently of Terry's long years of dedicated service to NHTI. But perhaps the crowning moment of the party came when VP of Student Affairs Steve Caccia and Student Senate Treasurer Heidi Schmidt presented Terry with a going-away present: an official NHTI chair.



Terry Leedham tries out his new chair, while (from left to right) VP of Student Affairs Steve Caccia, Student Senate Treasurer Heidi Schmidt, Chief Financial Officer Melanie Kirby, and Human Resources Officer Alyssa LaBelle look on.

On May 20th, Terry sent the following message to the NHTI community: "Hi everyone. This past week has been overwhelming, with your kind words, caring thoughts, gifts and well wishes! I can't tell you how wonderful it makes me feel. What a great way to leave. I love you all ... and thanks for so many years of joy and friendship!"

NHTI to Offer Public Safety Communications Certificate

Unique new program to prepare students for jobs as emergency dispatchers

This fall, NHTI will launch a new academic program leading to a certificate in Public Safety Communications. This program is designed to prepare students for dispatch positions with police and fire departments, emergency medical services, and 911 call handling centers. According to Prof. James Rowe, head of NHTI's Criminal Justice department, there are 112 such dispatch centers in New Hampshire, and a critical shortage of dispatchers both locally and nationwide. "You can't open a newspaper without seeing ads for these positions," he says.

Currently, most people hired for these jobs require 12-24 weeks of on-the-job training, and still may not prove suitable for the job. NHTI's program, which is unique in the northeast, aims to produce graduates who require far less training on the job, and who have a much higher rate of success.

NHTI's new program draws upon the resources of the school's well-respected Criminal Justice program, but also includes four entirely new courses. These cover topics ranging from the jargon commonly used in the field, to the art of "keeping one's cool" while handling critical situations.

The program will be offered in the daytime, and if taken full-time can lead to a certificate in only two semesters, at a cost of under \$5,000. Graduates should then be well positioned to enter the workplace. In New Hampshire, public safety communication jobs pay in the range of \$33-48K (salaries in states like California can be nearly double), and are typically full-time jobs with benefits.

"It's not a job for everyone," Prof. Rowe admits. "You may have to sit alone all day. But when you talk a hysterical mother and father through childbirth ... it feels pretty good."



Paramedic Emergency Medicine Program Celebrates 30 Years!

NHTI's Paramedic Emergency Medicine Program celebrated 30 years of educating paramedics and EMT's with a reunion party in May. All former graduates and faculty of the program were invited to attend. More than 70 alumni and guests showed up to reminisce and network with their peers.

Department Head Nancy Brubaker said, "We are thrilled to have so many graduates return and celebrate with us! We share great pride in this program and its graduates. I am thrilled to celebrate 30 years of saving lives, and the commitment graduates have made to public safety, patient care and service to the community with all of you."

Rocco Caprarello, a 1995 graduate of the program who works for Rockingham Ambulance says of the job, "It's a demanding job – we work 10 hour days and 14 hour nights on a rotating shift. Every day is different. You never know what you'll get, but it is very rewarding."

Three members of the Paramedic class of 2008 – Ben Briggs, Shauna Houghton and Melinda Weir – presented the Class of 2008 recognition awards to Shawn Haggart, Rob Atwater and Todd Donovan. In recognition of their commitment to paramedic education, the distinguished alumni awards were presented to Michelle Colton, Carol Bernier, Vicki Blanchard and Dr. Patrick Lanzetta. Nancy and Prof. Martin Jean commented on how great it was to see so many alumni of the program. With a roll call, it was determined that all but two years of program graduates had attendees at the party.

Congratulations to the Paramedic Emergency Medicine Program – here's to 30 more years!



Left to right: Nancy Brubaker, '84, current Department Head; Rocco Caprarello, '95; Steve L'Heureux, '83; and Ezekial Tappin, '99.



NHTI – On the Move!

NHTI, Concord's Community College is "on the move." In this edition of *NHTI Alumni* you'll read about some of the progress NHTI has made over the past year, including breaking ground on the new Health Education and Academic Center; a new certificate program for public service communication; and award-winning faculty and alumni.

Of the most significant objectives NHTI accomplished this year, I would place academic program approval and re-accreditation processes at the top of the list. The Teacher Education and Special Education Conversion Programs (TECP and SpEd) were fully approved and extended by the New Hampshire Board of Education. The Nursing Program was also re-accredited by the National League of Nursing (NLNAC). Accreditation for these programs is extremely rigorous and NHTI's programs received excellent evaluations.

In May, NHTI graduated 557 students, one of the largest class sizes in recent history. Also, many folks have commented on the wonderful radio and newspaper advertisements that NHTI has been running over the past few weeks, all a part of our new branding effort. Finally, this summer, NHTI welcomed hundreds of new and returning students to our orientation programs. As we get ready for the 2008–2009 academic year, it is clear that NHTI, Concord's Community College is the place to "Start Here, Go Anywhere."

Lynn Kilchenstein

President Lynn Kilchenstein



The Men's March To Stop Rape, Sexual Assault, and Gender Violence

A Show Of Support from Men, Women, and Children for Survivors of Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence

Alumni Welcome!

Sponsored by NHTI's Violence Prevention Team to benefit the Rape and Domestic Violence Crisis Center Serving Merrimack County

October 28, 2008
11:30 am Registration
Walk, 12:00 Noon - 2:00 pm

NHTI Quad
(Dr. Goldie Crocker Wellness Center in case of Inclement Weather)

Contact Gyme Hardy at
ghardy@ccsnh.edu for information regarding registration and individual or team sponsorships

www.walkamileinhershoes.org

Coming Soon: A New Look for NHTI's Website!

NHTI is set to debut its new website, with a new look and feel, more information, easier navigation and the ability to apply online. The new site's design will also be coordinated with the sites of the other six Community College System schools.



• Alumni Updates •

1971

Paul "Poof" Tardiff

Paul graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology after returning from the Vietnam War. Upon graduation, he returned to his hometown of Berlin where he taught ninth grade shop. Today, Poof still works with Berlin's youth and runs the Berlin Junior High School "At Risk" program for seventh and eighth grade students. He also writes a column for the Berlin Daily Sun called "Once Upon a Berlin Time," and has published two books by the same name which deal with the rich history of Berlin. Poof says, "The engineering program I took at NHTI helped me many times in my teaching profession. I would like to thank NHTI for the windows of opportunity it gave me so many years ago."

1972

John Pratt

John graduated with a degree in computer information systems in 1972. John is currently a Senior Vice President and Seacoast Regional Manager for First Colebrook Bank.

1974

Cynthia Thorell

Cynthia graduated with a degree in computer information systems in 1974. She's currently a senior consultant for BDP Technology Solutions, LLC in Concord. Cynthia says, "My time at NHTI was a good building block of education and gave me many opportunities I would otherwise not have had. Being such a small school at the time, I built many relationships with fellow students which have lasted over 30 years! We got a great education and have a lot of fond memories of our time at NHTI."

1976

Erin D. Slattery

Erin graduated from NHTI with a degree in computer information systems. For the past 15 years, Erin has worked at Saint Michael's College in Vermont, in the information technology department. Erin says, "When I first moved to Vermont, I got a job at Digital Equipment, where Steve Rouse – a former NHTI faculty member – was the IT Director!" Erin and her partner are parents to twin boys who will soon be 8 years old.

1979

Kathleen A. (Merrill) Pothier

Kathleen graduated from NHTI with a nursing degree in 1979. She is currently a geriatric nurse at Bethany Homes in Haverhill, MA. In May 2008, Kathleen was inducted as a member of the National Society of Nurses ETA TAU Chapter. Along with her youngest daughter, Kathleen will graduate from Salem State College with an advanced nursing degree in 2009.

1983

Aaron T. Brown

Aaron received a degree in mechanical engineering technology at NHTI and a management degree from Drexel University in Philadelphia, PA. Aaron is now the Vice President of Global Recruiting for SunGard Financial Systems in Pennsylvania.

1992

Michael Tutko

Michael received a degree in management in 1992. Michael was recently promoted to Vice President for Commercial Lending at Laconia Savings Bank for the Concord and Dover regions. He began his career in commercial lending thirteen years ago as a credit analyst in Waterbury, Connecticut, and also worked as a commercial loan officer at Ocean Bank in Concord and Manchester.

1997

Jennifer L. (Burns) Boudrieau

Jennifer graduated from NHTI in 1997 with a degree in mental health. In 2004, she received her master's degree from Antioch College in applied psychology. Now working as a social worker at Crotched Mountain in Greenfield, NH, Jennifer says, "NHTI was one of the most valuable experiences I've ever had in terms of my own growth and development. I was able to move towards my dream career. Through my time at NHTI, I was also able to gain some wonderful friendships that I still enjoy today. Thank you for the wonderful experience!"

1998

James Pratt

James Pratt was recently promoted to VP of Commercial Loans at First Colebrook Bank. Jim, a graduate of the general studies program at NHTI, has worked for First Colebrook for nearly eight years. For the past year, Jim has been an adjunct professor at NHTI, teaching courses in real estate, marketing and supervision.

1999

Amy Joyce

Amy graduated with a degree in management and received her accounting certificate. Amy is employed as a licensing specialist by Lincoln Financial Group in Concord.

2002

Jen (Metcalf) Cooke

Jen received a degree in criminal justice at NHTI and a bachelor's degree from Trevecca Nazarene University in Tennessee. She is currently a case manager for the Tennessee Department of Children's Services and lives in Clarksville with her husband, Bryce, and their young son, Riley. Jen expects to finish her master's degree in 2009.

2006

Veronica Girard

Veronica graduated with an associate of arts degree in 2006 and was the President of the NHTI Film Society in 2004 – 2005. This spring, Veronica was busy at work on musical comedy film production called MOUSSE. Veronica says, "Thank you so much for letting us use the wonderful NHTI auditorium for our full dress rehearsal. It was a great opportunity and we are so grateful to NHTI for supporting local artists."

2006

Nicole Sinclair

Nicole is a 2006 graduate with a degree in education. She joined the Holy Rosary Credit Union in January 2005 as a part time teller. In July, Nicole was promoted to Assistant Teller Supervisor. "Nicole has worked diligently to exceed her

supervisor's expectations," said Rosemary Shields, HRCU's Vice President of Branch Administration. "We are proud to have her on our team, and wish her continued success with the Credit Union." Nicole lives in Middleton and is an avid fan of the Red Sox, the Indianapolis Colts, and Dale Earnhardt Jr., and is also part of Holy Rosary Credit Union's bowling league.



• Engagements •

Boswak-Lamontagne

Justine Boswak and Seth Lamontagne plan to be married in April 2009. Seth is a 2008 graduate of NHTI and works at TC's Service Center in Pittsfield. Justine works at Bellissimo Salon and Day Spa in Concord.

Brown '05 - Schock '04

Kerry Brown and Ryan Schock are pleased to announce their engagement. Kerry is a 2005 graduate, with a degree in hotel administration. Ryan graduated in 2004 with a degree in sports management.

Carrara - Bailey

Rebekah Carrara and Peter Bailey, Jr. are pleased to announce their engagement. Rebekah plans to pursue a nursing degree at NHTI, while Peter is working towards a degree in criminal justice. A summer 2009 wedding is planned.

Danis - Doherty '02

Jennifer L. Danis and Christopher G. Doherty plan to be married in September. Christopher is a 2002 CET graduate.

Gagne - Lakevicius

Ashley Gagne and Jeffrey Lakevicius are proud to announce their engagement. Ashley is currently pursuing her degree in education at NHTI and works as a bank services representative at Laconia Savings Bank. Jeffrey is working towards a business degree at NHTI and is a manager at Home Depot.

Gordon '01 - Pride

Vanessa Gordon and Jason Pride will be married in May 2009. Vanessa is a 2001 graduate, with a degree in early childhood education. She works as a teacher at Concord's Head Start program.

Lodi - Kiernan '08

Sarah Lodi and Paul Kiernan are pleased to announce their engagement. Paul graduated from NHTI in 2008 with a degree in addiction counseling. He works for Phoenix House Crisis Center in Franklin. They plan to be married in September.

Marsh - St. Cyr '01

Kimberly Marsh and Paul St. Cyr are happy to announce their engagement. Paul graduated from NHTI in 2001 and works as a firefighter for the town of Newington. A September wedding is planned.

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Parry - Caron

Amber Parry and James Caron are pleased to announce their engagement. James is currently working towards a degree in engineering at NHTI. A June 2010 wedding is planned.

Pearson - Broek '07

Heidi Pearson and Michael Broek are proud to announce their engagement. Heidi is pursuing a degree in early childhood education at NHTI, while Michael graduated in 2007 with a dual associate's degree in mechanical and manufacturing engineering.

Raymond - Arey

Ashley Raymond and Cpl. Harold Benjamin Avery IV plan to be married in 2008. Ashley is majoring in accounting at NHTI and works as an auditor for the New Hampshire Department of Safety. Cpl. Arey is serving in the Marine Corps and is stationed at Camp Pendelton. He is scheduled for a second deployment to Iraq.

Stimmler - Matte '05

Candace M. Stimmler and Jonathan R. Matte plan to be married in the fall. Jonathan is a 2005 graduate of NHTI, with a degree in sports management. He now works as an accounting manager for PC Connection in Merrimack.

Withers - Keeler '00

Sara Withers and Jason Keeler plan to be married in September. Jason earned a degree in criminal justice in 2000 and currently works for the Pepsi Bottling Company.

• Weddings •

Bates '04 - Chandler

Jessica Bates and Jeffrey Chandler were married in March in North Carolina. Jessica graduated in 2004 with a degree in marketing management and sports management. She works for Lowe's in Troutman, NC, where the couple now resides.

Boucher '03 - Osgood

Melissa Osgood and Paul Boucher were married at the Granite Rose in Hampstead. Melissa is a graduate of Manchester Community College and Paul received his degree in criminal justice from NHTI in 2003. He is a firefighter with the Manchester Fire Department.

Hanson '06 - Gauntt

Charilyn Hanson and Nathan Gauntt were married in October 2007. Charilyn earned an associate's degree in liberal arts with a concentration in health science in 2006.

Marquis '01 - Wheeler

Sarah Marquis and Bradley Wheeler were married in September 2007 at the Rosewood Country Club Inn in Bradford. Sarah earned her associate's degree in radiology in 2001 and works for Alliance Imaging in Nashua. The couple lives in Andover.

Percy '04 - Hartford

Kathryn Percy and Nathaniel Hartford were married at the Courtyard Marriott in Concord. Kathryn is a 2004 graduate of NHTI, earning a nursing degree. She is pursuing a bachelor's degree in nursing from Franklin

Pierce University and is a registered nurse in the intensive care unit at Concord Hospital. Nathaniel is a US Army veteran and is currently attending NHTI.

Vega '04 - Tupman

Addie Vega and Matthew Tupman were married in December 2007. Addie is working as a dental hygienist after graduating from the dental hygiene program in 2004. Matthew plays baseball for the Kansas City Royals.

• In Memorium •

Beaudoin

Stephanie Beaudoin, 34, died in June in a boating accident on Lake Winnepesaukee. Stephanie received her NHTI degree in travel and tourism in 1996. The youngest of five children, she was raised in Laconia and attended Holy Trinity School at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, followed by Laconia High School. For most of the last dozen years, Stephanie worked at the Laconia Clinic, where she was a patient relations manager. She was an athlete who enjoyed hiking, cross country skiing and swimming. Ms. Beaudoin also loved to travel and had recently returned from a trip to the Cayman Islands.

Gullage

Thomas A. Gullage, 88, died in April at the Merrimack County Nursing Home. Thomas graduated from Concord High School in 1938 and married Faith Johnston, his wife of 57 years. Thomas retired from NHTI where he worked as a "jack-of-all-trades." A master carpenter and sign painter, he loved carpentry and horticulture.

King

Ethel M. King, 81, died of natural causes at her home in Florida. Ethel was born in Simsbury, Connecticut on December 6, 1926, a daughter of Ora L. Price and Elsie (Folkins) Price, originally of Norton, New Brunswick, Canada. Ethel and her family moved to New Hampshire during childhood, and she spent much of her life in the Hopkinton, Contoocook and Concord areas. She graduated from Hopkinton High School in 1944.

Ethel worked as a secretary for several Concord firms and as a dormitory supervisor for the New Hampshire School of Nursing and NHTI. She enjoyed an active and independent life: reading, golf, sewing, knitting and travel were lifelong hobbies.

Kirste

Donna E. Kirste, 44, died in June at her home in Hollis, Maine. Donna earned her nursing degree from NHTI in 1992 and served on the nursing staff of Monadnock Community Hospital in Peterborough. She enjoyed quilting, gardening, skiing, animals, homemaking and learning how to play the piano. Above all, she was very family oriented and was an exceptional mother, wife, daughter, sister and friend.

Matchem

Darlene A. Matchem, 66, formerly of Concord, died in June at the Kate B. Reynolds Hospice House in Winston Salem, North Carolina. In her earlier years, Darlene worked for the New Hampshire Department of Education, NHTI and

part-time at her favorite store, the Chandler Shop on Main Street in Concord. She loved to sew, crochet, garden and travel on the train with the love of her life, James R. Matchem, whom she married in 1983.

McLeod

Daniel B. McLeod, 61, died in April at Concord Hospital. He was one of the founding coaches of Concord's Youth Soccer program and was its first all-star team coach. Dan was an accomplished athlete, with a great love for skiing and kayaking. He played the guitar, composed songs and had a deep appreciation for music. A lifelong proponent of education and strengthening NH's workforce, Dan served as the vice chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Community College System of NH.

Oliveria

John R. Oliveria, 62, died in May at Huggins Hospital in Wolfeboro after a long illness. John was a 1988 graduate of NHTI, with a degree in radiologic technology. He was employed as an X-ray technician for Huggins Hospital and Parkland Medical Center in Derry before retiring in 1999. John was a lifelong member of the NRA and enjoyed target practice. He was also a avid history buff of the Old West.

Runde

Warren Adam Runde, 35, passed away in June, as a result of catastrophic head trauma sustained during a skateboarding accident. Born in Concord on March 8, 1973, Adam was the son of Warren and Sandra Runde.

He graduated from Concord High in June 1991 and received his Associate of Arts from NHTI in May 1995. Warren completed his Bachelor of Science at SNHU in May 1999. He moved out west and became a staff accountant with Harley-Davidson Financial Services. On June 17, 2006, Adam married his girlfriend of eight years, Susan Ebberson Runde, in a beautiful ceremony at Lake Tahoe.

Adam was a wise and gentle spirit for whom the rewards of living were worth the risks.



Seidel

Raymond T. Seidel, 83, died in June at Hackett Hill Nursing Home after a long illness. Raymond attended NHTI to learn about electrical engineering and served in the US Air Force from 1946 to 1949. Raymond enjoyed reading, traveling, sports and ballroom dancing. He leaves his wife of 57 years, Claire A. (Boudreau) Seidel.

Svenson

Charles F. Svenson, 47, died in April at the Merrimack County Nursing Home. He received an associate's degree in electrical engineering in 1986. Charles was employed as an electrical project engineer by Heidelberg Web Systems Inc. now known as Goss International in Dover. He enjoyed golfing, boating and hiking.

Alumni Office Welcomes Lee Ann Lewis

In April, NHTI welcomed Lee Ann Lewis as the school's new Director of Institutional and Alumni Development. Although she comes to us with an extensive resume, Lee Ann says she sort of "fell into" her career.

Lee Ann earned her bachelor's degree at Framingham State College, and immediately started on a graduate degree. After just one semester, however, she concluded that graduate work was not for her – and that meant she had to find a job.

With the help of a headhunter, Lee Ann landed a job in the development office of Beth Israel Hospital in Boston. This was a large department of nearly 40 people; for the first year Lee Ann did little more than enter data and send out thank you notes. Still, "I learned two amazing things on that job," she says. "There are people out there who have lots of money. And they are willing to give."

Lee Ann moved on to a series of development/fundraising jobs with various nonprofits in the Boston area, including the Archeological Institute of America, the Island Alliance (a group dedicating to preserving islands in Boston Harbor), and Boston University.

The BU job was a real eye-opener, she says. She was impressed by how passionately the alumni felt about their school (and how much they would give to support it). She was also reminded of how much she herself enjoyed working in an academic environment.

Lee Ann and her husband Chris moved to New Hampshire five years ago in search of an affordable house. Ironically, her first job in the state was with CATCH Neighborhood Housing, an organization that works to find affordable

housing for New Hampshire families. She also worked for Family Strength, a support program for families with at-risk children.

But when she heard of the opening at NHTI, Lee Ann recalled how much she had enjoyed working at BU, and eagerly applied for the position. She is "thrilled" to be back in an academic environment, working with students and meeting alumni. "Ever since I moved to New Hampshire I've heard great things about NHTI." She's impressed by how many NHTI students write back to tell the faculty and staff how the school set them on a successful life path.

In her new position, Lee Ann will be helping with the Alumni Newsletter, and planning events such as the Health Building Groundbreaking and the Mohegan Sun Trip. She'll be organizing phone-a-thons, and helping out with marketing. In more general terms, she'll be working to help faculty, staff, students and alumni connect with the college and develop a greater sense of community.

Outside of work, Lee Ann devotes much of her time to her family. "We're all education oriented," she says. Husband Chris is director of special education at the Rundlett Middle School in Concord, while children Graham (age 5) and Bethany (age 3) "both already have college funds."

In her spare time, Lee Ann is "trying to learn how to manage a garden," and loves to read. "I'm not afraid to admit that I'm a complete and total Harry Potter nut!" We're talking the kind of nut who stands in line at midnight waiting for a new book come out – once even dressed as a witch!



Hail to Gale

Gale C. Hall, Department Head of the Early Childhood Education program at NHTI, was recently awarded the 2008 Exemplary Leadership Award for achievement in academic child care by the New Hampshire Division of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF). Professor Hall was the first in the nation to bring Strengthening Families protective factors, principles, strategies and activities into early childhood education courses. Her vision of transforming early childhood practice will be realized because of the seeds she plants with her students, and the support she provides to the community. Congratulations to Gale!



Gale Hall (center), with Governor John Lynch and Maggie Bishop, Director of DCYF



Gotcha, Phil!



Dave "Curly" Curtis from the Class of '74 has identified this individual from our 1976 "blast from the past" yearbook picture (see the Spring 2007 *NHTI Alumni*) as Phillip L. Wassell, an EET major from the Class of '77. Dave says Phil was "a wonderful, fun-loving guy" – sounds like somebody we'd like to know! Hey, Phil, if you're out there, drop us a line and let us know what you're up to.

Will the *Real* Richard Heath Please Stand Up?



In our last issue (Spring 2008) we published an article titled "What's in a Name" by Richard M. Heath '69, President of the NHTI Advisory Board, and NHTI President Lynn Kilchenstein, along with photographs of both authors. Unfortunately the picture of Richard Heath ... wasn't. With our humble apologies, we wish to set the record straight. *This* is Richard Heath, as he appeared in the year of his graduation.

Congratulations to all of the graduates of the Class of 2008!



By the Numbers

Total number of graduates in 2008:	557
Total number of programs of study represented in 2008 graduation:	32

Associate Degrees in Arts

Education	1 graduate
Liberal Arts	13 graduates
Visual Arts	3 graduates

Associate Degrees in Engineering Technology

Architectural Engineering Technology	17 graduates
Computer Engineering Technology	11 graduates
Electronic Engineering Technology	6 graduates
Manufacturing Engineering Technology	12 graduates
Mechanical Engineering Technology	16 graduates

Associate Degrees in Science

Accounting	19 graduates
Addiction Counseling	9 graduates
Animation and Graphic Game Programming	2 graduates
Business Administration	43 graduates
Business Admin. / Concentration in Sports Management	2 graduates
Criminal Justice	54 graduates
Dental Hygiene	36 graduates
Early Childhood Education	7 graduates
Education	20 graduates
General Studies	53 graduates
Health Science	7 graduates
Hotel Administration	5 graduates
Human Service	16 graduates
Information Technology	30 graduates
Nursing	70 graduates
Paralegal Studies	11 graduates
Paramedic Emergency Medicine	8 graduates
Radiation Therapy	5 graduates
Radiologic Technology	32 graduates
Real Estate	1 graduate
Travel and Tourism	5 graduates

Diploma in Practical Nursing	14 graduates
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Professional Certificate in Dental Assisting	22 graduates
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Professional Certificate in Diagnostic Medical Sonography	7 graduates
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From Heartbreak to Graduate School

On the day she moved into her dormitory to begin her freshman year at the University of Vermont, Sarah Arnold learned that her best friend from high school had died in a car accident. Sarah immediately returned home — putting off her college plans for a bit. After spending a few weeks at another school where she was very unhappy, Sarah enrolled in NHTI's criminal justice program in 2004 – 2005. Sarah says, "The professors were amazing and all of my classmates were engaged and excited to be there."



During her time at NHTI, Sarah joined the softball team. She flourished under the attention of her coaches and professors. Elibet Chase, an adjunct Professor of English at the time, said, "Sarah quickly showed herself to be a competent and conscientious student. She strives for excellence and I expect she will thrive in her future educational plans."

Indeed she has. In May 2008, Sarah graduated from UNH with a dual bachelors degree in sociology and justice studies. This fall, she'll begin a masters program in crime and justice studies and public administration at Suffolk University in Boston. Ultimately, Sarah plans to become a probation and parole officer, working with adult offenders. It is not an easy career choice but Sarah is up to the challenge. "It's just something I know I can do, and it's how I can make a difference."

Looking back, Sarah says, "If it wasn't for NHTI, I could not have gone on to get my bachelor's degree. For me, NHTI is where it all began."

Run, Alumni, Run!

The Fifth Annual NHTI/Delta Dental 5K Road Race will be held on Friday April 24th at 6:00 pm. This year's race will feature a category for NHTI graduates. The course is flat and fast. It starts in front of the Student Center. This year's race is a part of the Capitol Area Race Series (CARS). For more details contact Perry Seagroves at pseagroves@ccsnh.edu.



David J. Desfosses, 1993, Wins Award

David J. Desfosses, a 1993 graduate of the architectural engineering program at NHTI, recently received the Rotary Vocational Award from the Rotary Club of Portsmouth. David, a resident of North Hampton, was honored for vocational excellence in the public sector.



This honor from the Rotary Club includes a \$500 charitable contribution to be given to a non-profit organization of David's choice. In this case, NHTI's architectural engineering program is the lucky beneficiary.

Congratulations, David!

**Attention NHTI alumni! Did you land a new job?
Get married? Win an award? Publish a book?
Send us your news so we may share it with your
fellow alumni: NHTI Alumni Affairs Office,
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New Programs at the Business Training Center

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The Business Training Center (BTC) at NHTI is offering several new programs for the general public this fall.

Integrated Landscaping Series: Following Nature's Lead

- Inventory, Observation & Sense of Place - 9/27, 9 am to noon
- Function & Purpose, Commercial & Residential - 10/18, 9 am to noon
- Plant Systems & Habitat - 11/1, 9 am to noon

Home Energy Efficiency Series

- Effective Home Energy Upgrades & Weatherization Strategies - 9/25, 6-8 pm
- Understanding Your Energy Bill and How to Lower It - 10/2, 6-8 pm
- "Green Building," What is it? - 10/9, 6-8 pm

Emerging Technology Series (*Free!*)

- On-Demand Computing/Business - 10/1, 6-8 pm
- Nanotechnology - 10/15, 6-8 pm
- Bioinformatics - 10/29, 6-8 pm

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