

# NHTI

Alumni News  
Fall 2011

## Safe at Home

### NHTI Alum at Hub of NH Homeland Security

Surveying the work stations, computers, giant monitors and other apparatus that adorn the state-of-the-art Incident Planning and Operations Center, Chris Pope reflects on what it *really* takes to fend off the multifarious threats to his fellow citizens' safety.

"It takes a lot of people with a lot of experience, expertise and skills—and commitment," says the 1979 graduate of the NHTI Paramedic Program. "From volunteers to first responders to the Governor, New Hampshire is blessed with people who are deeply dedicated and passionate about coming to the aid of their friends, family and neighbors when catastrophe strikes."

As the Director of NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM), Chris works at the epicenter when bad news hits the proverbial fan. Whether natural disasters like the 2005 Alstead floods or tumultuous 2010 tornado, or fortifying against manmade disasters such as a nuclear accident or bioterrorism, Chris oversees a complex network of local, county, and state resources, integrating them delicately with assistance from the feds, contractors and volunteer efforts.



Chris Pope, '79, in the NH Incident Planning and Operations Center.

"It's a lot of moving parts," he says. "But it's a challenge and very personally satisfying, not only to see the results, but to work with people at all levels coming together to make a difference in people's lives."

Appointed Director of HSEM (the state-level equivalent of the Federal Emergency Management Agency) by Governor John Lynch in 2006, Chris learned his trade from the ground up. He started as a firefighter and paramedic, working his way up to Chief of the Concord Fire Dept. where he managed 117 employees and a dispatch center responsible for 20,000 emergency calls each year, and led the development of the Emergency Management Master Plan for Concord.

Chris graduated from St. Paul's School in Concord and attended Bucknell University, before recognizing his passion for firefighting and emergency medical services. After completing the State

firefighter recruit academy, he entered the 3rd paramedic class at NHTI in 1978.

After graduating NHTI and completing his National Registry Paramedic certification, Chris earned his B.S. in Public Safety Administration at Granite State College and an M.A. in Security Studies (Homeland Defense and Security) at the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif. in 2006. Then, he focused specialized training and education to prepare him for his current gig. With a diverse educational background at outstanding institutions, Chris looks back at NHTI as having set a solid foundation.

"It was at NHTI, as a young adult, that I first truly understood I could directly apply what I was learning in the classroom to an actual work experience," Chris recalls. "And it was at NHTI where learning became fun."

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## Teaching to Potential

For most of his career, Joe Vignola, '00, has worked with kids who have not had easy lives. Some have been abused or neglected by their parents; others became offenders themselves.

As a student in the Criminal Justice program, Joe learned a lot about what makes people tick.

“(NHTI) Professor O’Donnell taught an abnormal psychology class that has stuck with me all these years,” says Joe, “about understanding why people behave in certain manners. There was also a sociology class that I loved, where we talked about patterns of behavior among groups of people.”

Joe never ended up working in criminal justice, but what he learned from the CJ program laid the foundation for the career he ultimately chose. Today, Joe pursues his passion for helping kids reach their full potential as the Assistant Principal at the Allenstown Elementary School and the Armand R. Dupont School.

A graduate of Bishop Brady High School, Joe attended NHTI after proudly serving in the US Army, and has continued his lifelong love of learning ever since. But it was his experience at the Robert F. Kennedy Children’s Action Corps in Massachusetts, working closely with kids ages 10 to 14, coping with challenges that most of us never face, that led to a career in education.

### Connecting the Dots . . .

“Being able to help a kid figure out how to deal with his emotions,” Joe says, “how to connect the dots about why he’s behaving the way he’s behaving – and what the consequences or impact of that behavior could be . . . well, I felt like I was really making a difference.”

Joe moved back to New Hampshire to take over the family business, Vignola’s Family Restaurant in Goffstown, which his parents ran for 22 years. But with the birth of his son, the prospect of working 60 to 80 hours per week at the restaurant was a sacrifice he wasn’t willing to make.

“I made a conscious decision that I would rather work 40 hours a week and be guaranteed to see my family,” Joe explains.



Joe Vignola

Joe needed to connect his own dots: the call to work with kids was still there. Over the next few years, Joe worked at the Pine Haven Boys Center in Allenstown and the Toby School in Concord. He took the kids on many experiential learning adventures including ropes courses, kayaking and rock climbing trips. He worked with NYPUM, the National Youth Project Using Minibikes, an innovative program to engage youth and promote positive youth development.

“After some of our adventures, we’d go back to the classroom. I’d have the kids recount everything we did, and then write a story about it,” Joe recalls. “Those were some of the best-written stories I’ve read!”

### Still Learning

Joe’s path of diverse jobs in education focused primarily on helping kids with special challenges, and ultimately led to his current position. But he continues to pursue his own academic and career goals as well. Joe earned a Bachelor’s in Behavioral Science from Granite State College in 2003, and a Master’s in School Counseling from UNH-Manchester. He’s currently working on his Principal Certification at Plymouth State University, and hopes at some point to earn his CAGS (Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study) in education, and potentially a doctorate.

In his current role at the Dupont School, Joe is part of a leadership team with the Principal, Lynn Allen, and the Director of Special Education, Anthony Blinn. The team has a “kids first” focus that pervades the culture of the schools.

Meanwhile, Joe and his wife of 12 years, Allyson, are busy helping their own three children (Zach, 11, Emma, 8 and Molly, 2) reach their own potential. Allyson works as a consultant for the NH Department of Education. Joe says, “Allyson is the smart one in the family. She’s been an educator for longer than me, and really, she makes it all work.”

“When I talk to kids about college,” Joe adds, “I often encourage them to check out NHTI to begin their college career. I always tell them, it worked for me.”

The Center for Nursing Professional Development, in partnership with the NHTI Student Nurses Association, is proud to bring you:

## Nurses as Role Models: Finding Inspiration, Energy, and Balance

A networking and lecture event featuring:

**Patrick Hickey**



**Friday September 30, 2011  
9:00 am - 2:00 pm**

Patrick Hickey, RN, BSN, MS, MSN, DrPH, CNOR is a Clinical Assistant Professor in the College of Nursing at the University of South Carolina, and is the Faculty Principal for the Capstone Scholars Program at USC in Columbia, SC. Dr. Hickey has dedicated his 35 years of nursing experience to creating positive experiences for patients and their families as he has advocated for safe, efficient, and quality nursing care.

In his spare time Dr. Hickey is an avid adventurer who enjoys camping, hiking, and travel. On May 24, 2007 Dr. Hickey completed the 7 Summits of the World (highest mountain on each of the 7 continents) when he stood atop Mt. Everest. Dr. Hickey is the author of *Seven Summits: A Nurse’s Quest to Conquer Mountaineering and Life*.

In April 2011, Dr. Hickey co-presented the keynote presentation “Defy Gravity: From Mountain Summits to Wicked Realities” at the National Student Nurses Association conference in Salt Lake City, UT. A group of NHTI nursing students in the audience that day were so inspired by Dr. Hickey’s address that they invited him to New Hampshire to share his message.

**Price for NHTI Alumni: \$49**  
(a 50% discount)

Lecture, panel discussion, book signing, and lunch are included. Contact hours for professional development credit: 2.5

## • Alumni Updates •

**1968**

### **Dan Cleveland**

served in the military, worked abroad for Michelin Tire Corporation and is now retired. He lives in Simpsonville, South Carolina, and started his own company this year. He travels, writes a blog and photography is his passion.

**1977**

### **Deborah Sampson**

graduated from the Nursing program. Deborah has taken a faculty position at Boston College Connell School of Nursing. She will teach in the family nurse practitioner program and research historical perspectives on race, class and gender in nursing practice and patient care policy. Deborah's prior position was as a Senior Advisor at the US Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA of the US Department of Health and Human Services), and she was on the faculty of University of Michigan. Deborah has been named a Fellow of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners and received the 2010 NH Nurse Advocacy Award. "This has been a wonderful and exciting career journey that began at NHTI."

**1979**

### **William Martling**

graduated with a degree in Manufacturing Engineering Technology and Architectural Engineering Technology. William got married on December 26, 2010 to Susan Hardy in Brewster, Massachusetts and will be residing in Cotuit.

### **Connie Robillard**

earned her Master's degree from Rivier College, Nashua, NH in 1991. Connie is co-publishing a fourth book with Marcel A. Duclos, M.Ed., M.Th., former Mental Health Department Head of NHTI. Connie and Marcel have specialized in Internal Family Systems Therapy. Connie is in private practice in Londonderry, NH, and Marcel is an Agency Department Head at The Northern Family Help Center in Flagstaff, Arizona.

Connie and Marcel have developed an educational program on the treatment of trauma, In the Safe Place Seminars, with which they have conducted workshops in the United States and abroad. They have co-authored, *Common Threads: Stories of Life After Trauma*; a documentary by the same title, with film producer Amber Ward; and *A Doorway in the Desert*, with photographer Ernie Gault of Gilford, NH (husband of NHTI graduate Edie Gault). Connie's and Marcel's new books, *Necessary Illusions*, *Jottings by a Man & Woman* and *Cultivating Hope With Abuse Survivors* will be available October 2011.

**1980**

### **Stephen Carter**

graduated with a Paramedic degree, and is a Fire Chief / Emergency Management Director for the Littleton Fire Department. Stephen has been married to Susan since 1985 and has two grown

sons. Stephen says of his education at NHTI, "We were a very early class but it proved to be one of the highest quality programs I've come across in 30 years now!"

**1981**

### **John Sawyer**

graduated with an Electronic Engineering degree. John furthered his education at Merrimack College and earned a Bachelor's Degree in 1996. He is employed at Varian Semiconductor and is a Principal Software Engineer. He designs and develops control systems software for ion implanters. He is married to Linda and they have 2 grown children.

**1984**

### **Gail (Desrochers) Bartz**

earned an Information Technology degree. Gail just got back from a spectacular vacation cruise of the inside passage in beautiful Alaska. "It was a triple celebration vacation: my 25th wedding anniversary to Roy, daughter Kristina graduated from Syracuse University in May with a dual major in Math and Economics, and Nicholas graduated from high school. Glacier Bay National Park should be on everyone's 'bucket list'."

### **Helen Norton**

is a graduate of the first Registered Nursing Program. Helen is interested in having a class reunion. She resides in Concord.

**1986**

### **Cindy Watson**

graduated with a degree in Nursing. Cindy is a second shift nurse for the New Hampshire Veteran's Home in Tilton. She has two grown children, Stephanie and Erin.

**1988**

### **Dan Cartier**

took advantage of the 2+2 program and transferred his credits to the UNH College of Engineering and Physical Sciences. Dan attended night school for several years and graduated from University CEPS with a Bachelor's in Electronic Technology in 2004. He has been employed by Goss International in Durham, NH for 16 years and currently holds the position of Controls Design Engineer, designing and developing commercial and newspaper printing press control systems.

Dan owns his own business, Cartier Consulting, LLC, which offers computer, networking, web design services and more. He was married in 2009 and has a son Elijah and resides in Farmington, NH. Dan is an avid golfer, is involved in coaching youth baseball, and hopes to coach youth football in the fall.

**1989**

### **Brenda Bowersox**

has a degree in Accounting. She works for Mt. View Nursing Home as a Dietary Aide. Brenda will be going back to college to get her Bachelor's Degree in Business Management.

**1990**

### **Jean Fiske**

earned her Nursing degree in 1990. Jean is the owner/administrator of TLC Medical Day Care for Adults, Inc. specializing in Alzheimer's and Dementia. Jean has one grown son.

**1992**

### **Michael Brady**

graduated with a Nursing degree. He went on to attend Kaplan University and graduated Summa Cum Laude for his BS degree and is now in a Master's Program. He works for the State of California as a Director of Nurses for an Adult Male Correctional Facility. "One of my most enjoyable educational experiences was at NHTI."

**1993**

### **Abrahm Howe**

lives in Westmoreland, NH.

**1997**

### **Eva Hollis**

is a graduate of the Nursing program. She is a Registered Nurse and does health coaching on the phone with people to try to get preventative measures done, doing symptom checks, and helping them find ways to stay out of the hospital once they are home. Eva has two grown children and three grandchildren.

**1998**

### **Maureen Dittmar**

graduated with an associate's degree in Criminal Justice; she furthered her education at Daniel Webster University and earned her Bachelor's degree. Maureen is employed by Securitas Security as Senior Director of Security. She is responsible for Harvard University's security program with approximately 355 security officers and reporting to the police department. Maureen has four children, Michael, Shane, Crystal and Faith.

Maureen says of her education at NHTI: "The experience I had with NHTI and experienced professors in the Criminal Justice field as well as my work with NHTI Security helped me understand my role in a campus environment to be able to serve them better."

**1999**

### **Samantha (Bartis) Malay**

graduated with a Nursing degree in 1999 and resides in Manchester, NH.

**2001**

### **Arbab Khan, MD**

was awarded a Diagnostic Medical Sonography diploma (with High Honors) on December of 2001. Arbab went on to do his Diagnostic Radiology residency and passed the boards and he is now on the American Board of Radiology as a certified Radiologist.

**2002**

### **Thomas Gullage**

earned his degree in Nursing. He has furthered NHTI Alumni Newsletter, Fall 2011

his education with a Master's of Science from Walden University in Nursing and Nursing Management and Leadership as of April 2011. Thomas works at Concord Hospital as a Nurse Manager in the Medical Specialties Unit. Thomas is married to Kathryn and they have two children.

### **Melanie Yergeau**

has a Liberal Arts degree. Melanie earned a Ph.D. in English at Ohio State University, and accepted a tenure track position as an Assistant Professor of English at the University of Michigan this fall.

## **2003**

### **Justin Woods**

graduated with an associate's degree in Business Administration; he earned a Masters in Divinity at Liberty Seminary College and is an Ordained Minister/Chaplin in the Army. Justin is working for National Agents Alliance in Burlington, North Carolina.

Justin says of his education at NHTI: "Great experience due to the experience of the staff."

## **2004**

### **Jessica Huntley**

earned an Early Childhood Education degree. Jessica has been going to Empire State College and will be receiving her degree in 2012. Jessica is a Lead Teacher in the Toddler classroom at Brockport Child Development Center.

## **2007**

### **Crystal Burch**

graduated with a degree in Human Services. Crystal went on to New England College to get her Mental Health Counseling Masters of Science degree. She will be walking in May of 2011 and receiving her actual degree in September 2011. Crystal is interning at Spaulding Youth Center as a Clinician. She has one son, Daniel John Burch, who is two.

### **Shilo Lavenskies-Stoney**

married William Stoney in August 2010 and spent 10 days in the Caymen Islands. She recently began working at Concord Hospital.

Her daughter was accepted at Saint Anselm College last fall and is following in her footsteps as a Nursing major. Her son Evan, with whom she was pregnant while attending NHTI, has completed Kindergarten and is "simply amazing!" She now also has a step-son. "Thank you, NHTI, for the opportunity to grow along with my family!"

## **2008**

### **Ryan A. Kane**

was recently appointed as a full-time police officer in Seabrook. Ryan was a full-time officer in North Hampton, with an Associate's degree in criminal justice from NHTI. He is also certified by the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Council.

### **John Mason**

earned a degree in Accounting and works

for Liberty Mutual Insurance Company as an Accountant in Boston.

## **2009**

### **Tyler LaRoche**

Earned a degree in Business, and this spring he will be graduating from UNH Manchester with a Bachelor's in Business and Finance. "NHTI definitely had an impact on my college career and helped me graduate with a Bachelor's degree."

## **• Engagements •**

### **Allard – Marini**

Nichole Allard and Robert Marini are getting married. Nichole graduated from Memorial High School and from NHTI. Robert graduated from Pinkerton Academy and from New Hampshire Fire Academy in Concord, NH. Nicole is an emergency room nurse with Elliot Hospital, and Robert is a mechanic with Firestone in Manchester and a volunteer firefighter with the Auburn Fire Department. A July wedding is planned.

### **Barrett - Young**

Michelle Barrett and Scott Young of Stephens City, Virginia have announced their engagement. Michelle attended Plymouth State College for Business Management and NHTI for Accounting; she is an insurance specialist and does medical billing/coding. Scott attended West Valley Community College and Howard Community College for Electronics; he is a journeyman electrician for IBEW Local 24 in Baltimore. A September wedding is planned.

### **Bragdon '09-Presti**

Katherine Bragdon and Matthew Presti are engaged. Katherine graduated NHTI with high honors and a degree in Dental Hygiene. She is a front office and marketing coordinator with Aesthetic Designs of Cherry Creek in Denver. Matthew earned a degree at Southern New Hampshire University in Business Administration with a concentration in Sports Management. He is a physician recruiter with Medicus in Denver. A May 27 wedding is planned.



**Bragdon - Presti**

### **Hutchins - Reilly**

Lisa Hutchins and Christopher Reilly have announced their engagement. Lisa graduated from Plymouth High School and the University of New Hampshire. She is a floral designer at the Blossom Shop in Franklin, an EMT in the call department for the Franklin Fire Department, and a call department dispatcher for Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid in Laconia. Christopher graduated from Merrimack Valley High School and NHTI. He is a manager at Sears.

### **Eaton - Dubois**

Jennifer Eaton is engaged to Michael Dubois. Jennifer is a licensed nurse's assistant with the

Visiting Nurses Association of Manchester, in the hospice department, and is attending NHTI to be a registered nurse. Michael is the assistant manager with Johnny Troy's Italian Restaurant in Manchester. An August wedding is planned.

### **Maranda - Mavrogeorge**

Melissa Maranda is engaged to Matthew Mavrogeorge. Melissa graduated from NHTI and is a registered Radiologic Technologist with Exeter Hospital and Parkland Medical Center. Matthew graduated from the University of New Hampshire and Franklin Pierce Law Center. He is an Assistant Attorney General at the New Hampshire Department of Justice.

### **McLaughlin – Sinisgallo '01**

Alison McLaughlin and Jim Sinisgallo have announced their engagement. Alison graduated from Merrimack Valley High School and Drew University; she is employed by the City of Concord. Jim graduated from NHTI and Southern New Hampshire University, and works for St. Pauls School.



**McLaughlin - Sinisgallo**

### **Sinisgallo '08 - Magee**

Michelle Sinisgallo and Todd Magee have announced their engagement. Michelle earned an associate's degree in the Paralegal program and is currently seeking employment. Todd earned an associate's degree in medical assistance from Hesser College in 2007 and is a certified medical assistant with Concord Hospital. A July 2012 wedding is planned.

### **Weden '05 – Bailey**

Amanda Weden and Michael Bailey of Springvale, Maine have announced their engagement. Amanda of Plymouth, NH graduated from Plymouth Regional High School in 2003 and NHTI in 2005. Michael graduated from Pittsfield High School in 1996 and Fitchburg State College in 2001. A December wedding is planned



**Weden – Bailey**

## **• Weddings •**

### **Neff - Anzalone**

Christine Neff and Joseph Anzalone III, both of Nottingham, were married at Stonehurst Manor in North Conway. Christine graduated from the University of New Hampshire in Durham and NHTI. She is a second-year medical student at the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine in Biddeford, Maine. Joseph attended Northern Essex Community College and Middlesex Community College and is a sonographer with Exeter Hospital.

## • In Memory •

### Donna Louise Beauchemen

passed on April 8, 2011. Donna received an Associate's Degree in Animal Science from Holliston Junior College in Holliston Massachusetts in 1978. She also graduated from NHTI in 1983 with an Associate's Degree in Dental Hygiene and the New England School of Acupuncture in 2000 with a Master's of Acupuncture Degree. Donna's friends were continually amazed by her many talents. In 1974 she studied event jumping and dressage at Porlock Vale Riding School in Somerset, England, one of the most influential riding schools in England. Donna loved to share her joy of riding her beloved horse, Bravo, and her devotion to all of God's creatures. Throughout her life, she rescued many cats, dogs, birds and guinea pigs, giving them a safe and loving home. Donna had a way of rescuing people whether it was through the healing of acupuncture or by finding a hidden treasure and sharing it to help ease the saddest of times. Donna gave freely of herself to help any friend in need and opened her heart and home without question or judgment.

### Steve Nkuli Ituome

23, of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, died May 21, 2011 from injuries suffered in an automobile accident.

### Andrea Murray

of New Durham passed on May 24, 2011. Andrea worked at Huggins Hospital, Wolfeboro, since 1989. She had a passion for nursing and started her career as a certified nurse's aide. While working at Huggins Hospital she continued her dream and attended NHTI where she earned her registered nursing degree. Andrea was employed for several years in the post-anesthesia care unit and surgical department. She had a wonderful bedside manner and a true love for nursing, and was a member of the Nurses Service Organization.

### Sgt. Bryan R. Sheehan, USMC

Bryan passed on March 6, in San Diego, California while on active duty in the United States Marine Corps. Sgt. Sheehan graduated from Raymond High School in 2004, and earned an associate's degree in Criminal Justice from NHTI in 2006. To further pursue his dream of becoming a member of the NH State Police, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in May of 2006 for a five year active tour of duty, serving as an aviation electronics technician on a CH-53 Super Stallion helicopter. He served two tours of duty, serving in Iraq and Afghanistan in 2008, and participating in the Pakistan relief effort in 2010. Bryan was an avid Boston Bruins fan and also followed the Red Sox. He loved spending time with his friends and family. Bryan proudly served his country as a United States Marine and was held in high esteem by all those who served with him.

### Constance Stevenson '77

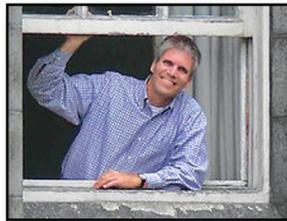
Constance spent most of her childhood with her maternal grandparents, Harvey and Violet Allen, of Mexico, Maine. She graduated from Mexico

High School in 1946 and was a clarinetist in the concert band. In 1977, Constance graduated from NHTI with a degree in Counseling. Early in her career, she was employed by WKXL in Concord, where she performed as salesperson and host of the weekly "Connie Stevenson Show," only the second woman in New Hampshire to have a live talk show format. Constance was hostess for International House of Pancakes in Manchester for several years and went on to be a leader in Alcoholics Anonymous, instrumental in establishing many new units throughout NH.

Constance was a self-taught graphic artist known for her primitive painting, tole work and lampshade design. She was the owner/artist of The Village Lamp & Shade Shop in Alton and distributed works throughout Nova Scotia, Canada, Maine and NH. Connie and her husband, Bob, established "Stevenson's Dairy Bar" in Alton which served the area for several years. After receiving her degree in counseling, Mrs. Stevenson went on to work for NH State Hospital, Burbank House, Amethyst as an alcohol abuse counselor, Manchester Mental Health and Carroll County Impaired Driver Intervention Program until her retirement in 1987. Since 1987, Connie divided her time between her summer home in Canada and Alton, where she continued to paint.

### Nicholas K. Wyman

44, of South Philadelphia, an architect with a passion for historic preservation and his adopted city, died of a rare form of lymphoma on Thursday, April 14. Mr. Wyman earned an Associate's degree in architectural engineering from NHTI and a bachelor's degree in architecture from the Boston Architectural Center in 1994.



Nicholas Wyman

Mr. Wyman first arrived in Philadelphia in 1995 as an architect for the National Park Service at Independence National Historical Park. Among his projects there were repairing the tower of Independence Hall, documenting the interior of the Merchants' Exchange, and assessing the condition of the facade of the Second Bank of the United States. He received achievement awards from the National Park Service and a commendation certificate from Mayor Ed Rendell for his volunteer design of a cabaret room for a City Hall gala in 1997.

For the last 10 years, he was an architect for the Northeast Regional Office of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, with an office in Old City. One project he was especially proud of was the preservation of the Italianate chimney at the federal penitentiary in Lewisburg, PA. After his disease was diagnosed in 2000, he made it a mission to see the world and make every day count, and traveled to 39 countries on six continents.

## 5th Annual Friendly Kitchen 5K Road Race

Don't miss the 5th Annual Friendly Kitchen 5K Road Race and Fitness Walk! This fun event will be held on Friday September 9 at 5:30 pm.

The 5K race, which includes an alumni division, will be run on a fast, flat course that will incorporate the beautiful Seekamp Trail. The fitness walk will be 2.5 K long. There will also be a children's fun run after the 5K race. A giant raffle and awards ceremony will take place immediately after the race.

The Friendly Kitchen really needs our help this year because of the fire last April at their facility. Contact Perry Seagroves, pseagroves@ccsnh.edu, for more information.



Hope Butterworth, founder of the Friendly Kitchen.

## Attention

## Alumni

Did you land a new job?

Get married?

Win an award? Publish a book?

Send us your news, so we can share it with your fellow alumni, to:

NHTI Alumni Affairs Office  
31 College Drive, Concord, NH 03301  
or [nhtialumni@ccsnh.edu](mailto:nhtialumni@ccsnh.edu)

## CFDC Celebrates 10 Year Anniversary!

Ten years ago, the Child and Family Development Center, or CFDC as it is more commonly known, opened for business on the NHTI campus. CFDC's mission and purpose is two-fold. As a day care center, it offers high-quality care to young children and their families. As a lab school, the CFDC provides practical, on-site learning experience for Early Childhood Education students at NHTI.

Some of the 10 year accomplishments of the CFDC include:

- Scholarships offered to Early Childhood Education students, in Fall and Spring (2011)
- Collaborating with Concord School District and Preschool special education to provide a quality childcare environment in which they can receive services (2011)
- NHTI students begin working with CFDC for weekly lab education (2009)
- Educational workshops offered to community (2009)
- Enrollment at capacity with a significant wait list based on reputation of the quality of care that is offered to children and families (2006)
- Increase of staff qualifications to meet the NAEYC standards, thereby affecting the quality of care giving that is given to each child (2006)
- National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Accreditation (2005)
- Natural Playground environment (2005)
- Educational workshops offered to families (2003)



## Coming Full Circle: Meet Lisa Ranfos, '99, Director of the CFDC

Lisa Ranfos earned her Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Education from NHTI in 1999. Today, she is the Director of the Child and Family Development Center (CFDC), which is celebrating its tenth anniversary in November.

She says, "The CFDC did not exist when I came to school here. So it is an honor to be part of the learning process for students where they gain hands on experience at our lab school, from the very first class they take at NHTI."



Lisa Ranfos

In 2005, Lisa received her Bachelor's Degree from Granite State College, followed by a Master's Degree from Wheelock College in 2007. She is a certified trainer for Zero to Three, using the PCAN curriculum to Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect. Lisa is credentialed through the Child Development Bureau to be an early childhood program mentor and an individual mentor for professionals in the field.

In addition to being the Director of the CFDC, she is a member of the College Faculty and a workshop trainer.

Coming full circle back to NHTI, Lisa says, "I love that I have come back to where my career began. Teaching at NHTI in the Child and Family Studies department is like a dream come true. The knowledge that I gained here as a student gave me the foundation to move forward with my education. More importantly, it gave me the drive to want to do more for my chosen profession... to really make a difference for young children. I realized that I will never stop learning. I take this forward with me each semester ... learning from my students as they learn from me."

Lisa has been married for twenty years and has three sons, ages 19, 17 and 13.

## Donate to the CFDC

Lisa Ranfos, the Director of the Child and Family Development Center at NHTI, along with the CFDC Parent Advisory Council, is leading a fundraising campaign in celebration of the Center's 10th Anniversary. As any parent can attest, finding affordable, high-quality, accredited care for infants and young children is no small task. The teachers and parents take great pride in the excellent, child-focused atmosphere that exists at the CFDC.

The CFDC fundraising campaign is focused on raising money for playground equipment, books, toys and other classroom materials and program enhancement. To make a donation to support the Child and Family Development Center, please use the enclosed envelope and check off the CFDC box.

*Sign up for the 23rd Annual*

## NHTI Golf Tournament!

**Friday October 7, 2011 ~ Tee Time 1:00 pm**

**Beaver Meadow Golf Course**

**Open to Faculty - Staff - Students - Alumni**

**Teams of 4 - Best Ball Scramble**

**Register with Deb Smith at the Wellness Center by October 4**

**271-6428 or dsmith@ccsnh.edu**

**Cost: \$15/person**

**Rain or Shine! (No metal spikes, please)**

## Nursing Alumna Joan Hubbard, '07 Speaks to Graduating Nurses

Whether it's business, real estate, non-profit management, banking or nursing, Joan Hubbard, '07 excels. Most of her career has been spent in finance. She has been the business and finance manager for the Community Services Council, NFI North, Inc. and the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen.

After many years in the business world, Joan made a big change: she earned her Nursing Degree from NHTI in 2007. While at NHTI, she earned the Dr. Goldie Crocker Award, was a member of Phi Theta Kappa and served as the co-secretary for the Student Nurses Association.

Today, Joan works at Concord Hospital in the Pulmonary/ Telemetry Unit and provides oversight and support to new nursing graduates and other nurses



Joan Hubbard

on the unit. She is a member of the NHTI Nursing Advisory Board and is currently pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing from Franklin Pierce University.

As the keynote speaker at the Nursing Pinning Ceremony in May, Joan offered heartfelt congratulations to the new nurses. She encouraged them to "really listen to your patients because it is a privilege and an honor to care for them."

### Excellent Alum

Michael F. Lewis, '00 (left) is presented with the Alumni Excellence Award at the annual Criminal Justice banquet in May by Professor Stephen O'Donnell. In November 2010, Mr. Lewis was appointed Chief of Police for the Town of Bristol, NH.



Saturday, January 28, 2012



NHTI will host the second annual *Winter Fling* on Saturday, January 28, 2012 to raise money for the President's Fund for Excellence. Featured competitors for "Dancing with the Concord Stars" include:

- Peter Burger, Orr & Reno
- George Downing, Elektrisola
- Connie Rosemont, Red River Theatres
- Jon Greenberg, NH Public Radio
- Elizabeth McCormack, Cleveland, Waters and Bass, P.A.
- Mary McLaughlin, TD BankNorth
- Bruce Parrish, Hermanos Cocina Mexicana
- Jessica Fogg, Grappone Conference Center and Concord Young Professionals Network

Please join us for this celebration of live music, food and dance! Last year's Winter Fling event sold out so remember to buy your tickets early: \$60 per person, or \$420 for a table of eight. Tickets go on sale on November 1, 2011.

To learn more about *Winter Fling 2012*, including sponsorship and volunteer opportunities, please contact Lee Ann Lewis at (603) 271-7735 or llewis@ccsnh.edu.



### Remember These Beautiful Photos?

These pictures from Winter Fling 2011 were taken by professional photographer **Scott Bulger**. Scott's work has been displayed in many exhibits, published in text books, won numerous awards, and is included in many private collections. In 2001 Scott's first book, *A Portrait of the Yucatan*,



was published, and in June 2010 he brought out his second book, *Khronikos*. His work was exhibited in the juried show "20 Days in May: Unique Perspectives" at Colby Sawyer College in New London, NH in May 2010. He will be exhibiting new work in the NHTI Library Gallery this September.

Scott is an Adjunct Professor at NHTI, teaching Photo I and Photo II in the Visual Arts degree program. Hippo Arts and Entertainment Magazine named him Best Visual Artist for 2010 and 2011, and Best Arts Educator in 2011. To learn more about Scott and his work, visit [www.scottbulger.com](http://www.scottbulger.com).

## NHTI Launches Legal Nurse Consultant Program

Starting this fall, NHTI will be offering an American Bar Association approved Legal Nurse Consultant (LNC) Certificate



Program. LNCs are professional nurses with clinical expertise and training in the law. They provide an invaluable service to both the medical and legal professions. LNCs serve in a variety of settings including hospitals and other health care facilities, insurance companies, law firms, medical malpractice and workers' compensation organizations, and private LNC practices.

NHTI's program is designed for experienced Registered Nurses who are interested in combining their clinical expertise with specialized legal knowledge enabling them to serve as consultants and liaisons to the legal and healthcare professions. The program of study will provide the legal knowledge required to evaluate, analyze and offer informed opinions on the delivery of healthcare and resulting outcomes. The program offers business and legal theory and analysis combined with practical field experience.

The program will require that students have an active RN license and a minimum of 6,000 hours of practice. Financial Aid eligibility is pending.

For further information contact NHTI Paralegal Department Head Stacey Peters, 271-7104 or [speters@ccsnh.edu](mailto:speters@ccsnh.edu).



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## Remembering Governor Walter R. Peterson (1922 – 2011)

Former New Hampshire Governor Walter Rutherford Peterson died on June 1, 2011. He was 88 years old.

Born in Nashua, Governor Peterson attended William and Mary College and the University of New Hampshire before serving as a Naval Officer during World War II. After the war, he graduated from Dartmouth College. He founded The Peterson's Inc. Real Estate with his father in 1948.

Beginning his political career in 1961, he served as the Hillsboro County Republican County Chairman and chaired three Senatorial campaigns for the late Senator Norris Cotton. He served four terms in the New Hampshire legislature, one as Majority Leader and two terms as Speaker. He was elected Governor of New Hampshire in 1968 and served two terms.

His passion and involvement in higher education was unrivaled. He was the President of Franklin Pierce College for twenty years and also served as Interim President of the University of New Hampshire.

Peterson served as Interim Commissioner of what was then the Department of Regional Community Technical Colleges from 1997-98, and was a member of the Board of Trustees from 1999-2009. It was during his tenure as a board member that the system officially became the Community College System of New Hampshire (CCSNH). Upon his retirement, the board honored Peterson by naming him the first and only Trustee Emeritus in the system's history.

Lynn Kilchenstein, President of NHTI, notes, "Governor Peterson worked very long and hard with grace and grit to serve the goal of access to education for all of our New Hampshire communities. For the CCSNH in particular, he served as an Interim Commissioner and as a Trustee, helping us navigate the legislative channels. We were lucky to have him among us and will miss him greatly."



Gov. Walter Peterson with NHTI President Lynn Kilchenstein at his retirement party from the Board of Trustees for the Community College System of New Hampshire (CCSNH) in November 2009.