

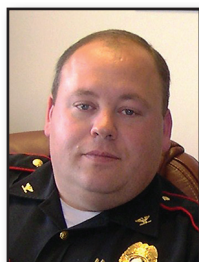
# NHTI

*Alumni News*  
Fall 2012

## NHTI Grads Rise to the Top

Seven New Hampshire Chiefs of Police

Michael Lewis '00  
Appointed 2010



Jim Burroughs '95  
Appointed 2011  
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Newport

Northwood

Henniker

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Appointed 2010

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Appointed 2010



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**C**riminal Justice is one of the largest majors at NHTI. In May the program sent a record 70 students to the podium for their degrees, trailing only Nursing and General Studies for number of grads this year.

The Criminal Justice program has awarded over 1,000 Associates degrees since its inception in 1989. Our graduates serve as police officers and in other law enforcement positions throughout the state.

At least seven of our alumni are currently serving as Chiefs of Police in various New Hampshire towns. (If you know of others, please let us know at [nhtialumni@ccsnh.edu](mailto:nhtialumni@ccsnh.edu).) Read three of their stories in this issue of *NHTI Alumni News*!

## • Alumni Updates •

### 1974

#### Helen (Morneau) Favreau

graduated from the Radiologic Technology Program. In July of 2010 she reconnected with her high school sweetheart via Facebook. Married on April 16, 2011, Helen and her husband live in West Palm Beach, FL.

### 1981

#### Vallee Green

attended NHTI from 1981-1984. Vallee is living in Elgin, TX.

### 1983

#### William (Bill) Connor

earned a degree in Architectural Engineering Technology. He also went to the National Fire Academy and earned the title of Executive Fire Officer in 2011. Bill is employed with the Goffstown Fire Department as a Fire Prevention Officer. He is responsible for enforcement of fire and life safety codes, fire investigation, fire safety education, municipal fire alarm systems, fire protection water supply, and E911 compliance. Bill is married to Nancy and they have two grown children, Brad and Jenn.

Bill says, "NHTI provided a firm foundation on which to build my career(s). My first career was in construction / construction management for a fire protection contractor."

### 1987

#### Jeffrey LeBlanc

graduated with a degree in Paramedic Emergency Medicine, and earned an MBA from the University of Phoenix. He is employed at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center as the Manager of Programs & Operations Patient Safety.

#### Donna (Saucier) Morin

has a certificate in Dental Assisting. Donna works at Endless Smile in Hooksett as a Clinical Coordinator.

#### Brian Zutter

earned his degree in Computer Information Systems. Brian works for Fiserv in Hillsboro, Oregon, as a Project Manager and resides in Windham, ME. (See "Reunion" on page 10.)

### 1991

#### Jill (Sanford) Servant

has a Business Management Degree. She went on to the College for Lifelong Learning and earned an Accounting degree in 2004. Jill is the Office Manager in the Counseling Center for Dartmouth College. She is married to Timothy and has two sons, Michael and Ryan.

Jill says of her NHTI education: "Of course it was of value. It started me along the career path I have now chosen. It was a fantastic building block to help me discover what it was I wanted to do with my career. I cherish my memories from NHTI."

### 1992

#### Heather (Rackliff) Carone

earned a Dental Assisting certificate, and now works at Seacoast Orthodontics as an Orthodontic Assistant. She is married to Michael and has 3 children, Scott, Bryden and Mary.

Heather says of her NHTI education: "My experience at NHTI was wonderful and I have been working in my field of study for 20 years now. I love what I do! I also met my best friend at the college over 20 years ago and have made beautiful memories."

### 1993

#### Carole V. Salyer

attended NHTI and has relocated to Red Lodge, Montana.

#### Stephen W. Smillie

graduated with an associate's degree in Business Management. Stephen lives in Peterborough.

#### Sheila (White) Wertz

has an associate's degree in Business Management. She is employed by Brookside Construction Services, LLC, a home improvement company she owns with her husband, Steve. They reside in Huntingtown, MD.

#### Kim Marie (Toutain) Westerfield

earned a Human Services degree. Kim is employed by Pinellas County in Florida, answering calls for the Clerk of the Circuit Court. Kim is married to Robert B. Westerfield, Jr. Their daughter, Elizabeth, will be attending college in the fall.

### 1994

#### Richard A. Ruck Jr.

earned his degree in Criminal Justice. He has been a college educator since he retired from his service as a police officer in 2009. He is now a professor of Criminal Justice at Northampton Community College in Bethlehem, PA, where he was honored as Outstanding Faculty Member of 2012. Richard also serves as a professor of criminal justice at East Stroudsburg University in PA.

Richard says: "NHTI launched my appreciation, inspiration, and fondness for higher education. It was a great ride, and I'm truly humbled by the wonderful experiences I've been privileged to have had since. I attribute much of my personal success as a direct result of my time at NHTI!"

### 1997

#### David Lunt

earned a degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology and Manufacturing Engineering Technology. He retired in June 2010 after 36 years of active duty with the US Coast Guard. David is a Senior Engineering Consultant with the McHenry Management Group in Chesapeake, VA. David says: "NHTI was the foundation of my career as an Engineer."

#### Jessica (Johnson) Snider

has an associate's degree in Early Childhood Education. She is employed by Dartmouth

Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon as an Infant and Toddler Teacher at the on-site child care center for employees. Jessica says: "I learned so much while I was at NHTI."

### 2001

#### Andrew Larson

attended NHTI, majoring in Nursing until he was called into the service to go to Iraq.

### 2003

#### Melissa Libby

graduated with a degree in Criminal Justice. She went on to get a bachelor's degree in social work from Plymouth State University. She graduated Magna Cum Laude, and was a Phi Alpha National Honor Society member.

Melissa says: "I originally wanted to be a police officer but decided I enjoyed the social aspect of helping people more than the law enforcement aspect. Most of my NHTI credits transferred over to PSU. NHTI helped shape what I wanted to do with my life as a non-traditional student."

### 2005

#### Peter Maes

earned a degree in Criminal Justice. He furthered his education with a Bachelor's degree from Plymouth State University in 2008. He is employed with Ellison Surface Technologies as a Tech Plan Writer. Peter is engaged to his girlfriend and they are getting married in Hanover in June of 2013. He resides in Rutland, VT.

### 2010

#### Kristine Swain

graduated with an associate's degree in Nursing. She plans to further her education with a BSN/MSN (see page 7). Kristine lives in Antrim.

### 2011

#### Shaun McDougall

holds an associate's degree in Criminal Justice. He makes his home in Austin, TX, where he is employed by the Austin Police Department as a Police Officer / Cadet.

## • Engagements •

#### Bourque '11 – Duff

Cassandra Bourque and Adam Duff are engaged. Cassandra graduated from Manchester West High School and received an associate's degree in Health Science. Cassandra is a receptionist with Merrimack Vision Care in Merrimack. Adam graduated from Nashua High School and the University of New Hampshire. He is a mechanical engineer with No Limits R & D. A September 29th wedding is planned.

#### Levesque – Cortez

Amy Lynn Levesque and James Daniel Cortez have announced their engagement. Amy Lynn graduated from Manchester Central High School and Continental Academie of Hair Design in Manchester. She is a stylist with Supercuts in

Derry. James Daniel graduated from Manchester Memorial High School and attended NHTI. James is a parts professional with Grappone Toyota in Concord. A late summer wedding is planned.

### Smith '05 – Blasdel

Lisa Smith and Christian Blasdel are engaged. Lisa attended Pembroke Academy and earned a Liberal Arts degree from NHTI. Lisa works for Unitil Services Corporation. Christian graduated from Concord High School and works at Home Depot.

### St. Cyr – Richardson '07

Amanda St. Cyr and Keith Richardson of Concord announce their engagement. Amanda is attending Southern New Hampshire University and works at Concord Hospital. Keith earned an associate's degree in Paramedic Medicine. He is employed with the City of Concord.

### DiNapoli '09 – Carter

Katie DiNapoli and Shea Carter are engaged. Katie earned an associate's degree in Business Administration at NHTI and works at Lincoln Financial Group. Shea graduated from Concord High School and is employed at O Steaks and Seafood.



DiNapoli-Carter

### Tomich '09 – Jones

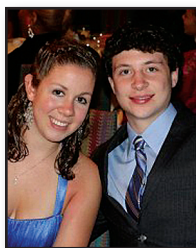
Abigail Tomich and Robert Jones announce their engagement. Abigail graduated from the University of Rhode Island and NHTI. She is a registered nurse at Catholic Medical Center in Manchester. Robert is a carpenter for Kerr Build in Bedford and owner of P & R Reptiles, which provides educational programs. A fall 2013 wedding is planned.



Tomich-Jones

### Gleason – Swett

Ashley Gleason and Frank (PJ) Swett are engaged. Ashley graduated from Hopkinton High School and is studying early childhood education at NHTI. PJ works for Prototek Sheetmetal Fabrication. A 2013 wedding is planned.



Gleason-Swett

### Eastham – Schurman

Shanna Lindsey Eastham and Gregory Paul Schurman announce their engagement. Shanna graduated from the University of New Hampshire and is employed with Gale Associates in Bedford. Gregory attended NHTI and Manchester Community College. He is employed with Universal Recycling Technologies in Dover. A spring 2013 wedding is planned.

## • Weddings •

### Ricard – Belanger '03

Meagan Ricard and Joshua Belanger were married September 17 at Mary Keene Chapel in Enfield. Meagan is a CSI graduate and is an assistant manager at Walmart. Joshua graduated with an associate's degree in Criminal Justice and works for R.S. Audley. The couple took a wedding trip to Aruba, and live in Loudon.



Ricard-Belanger

### Smith '09 – Russell

Katie J. Smith and Donald Russell III were married January 10 at City Park in New Orleans. Katie graduated from Concord High School in 1999 and majored in Business Administration at NHTI. She is the general manager of a storage facility in Brentwood. Donald graduated from Pembroke academy in 1999. He owns and operates his own carpentry business. The couple lives in Loudon.

## • In Memory •

### Charles L. Downs, Sr. '65

died at the Lakes Region General Hospital on Monday, March 19, 2012. He was 78. Charles served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. In 1965 he was one of the founding professors at the New Hampshire Technical Institute, where he taught for 29 years. For a number years, Charlie was also co-owner of Isabelle's Red Shanty on Court Street. Charles was a communicant of St. Joseph Church and enjoyed painting religious statues. He was a member of the Frustration Hill Blues Band for ten years and was a member of the D.A.V. He loved his family, and enjoyed playing cards and being around the water.

### Jason Michael Massey '05

passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, March 11, 2012. Jason will always be remembered for his humanity and devotion to those he knew, as well as to strangers. Jason could never pass motorists in need without stopping to help them with their troubles.



In so many instances, Jay's day as an RN in the ICU and ER at Concord Hospital did not end with the end of his shift. Jay was always there for family and friends to help them through a cold or a virus, ache or pain. He was devoted to his family and friends.

Jay graduated from Pembroke Academy and went on to NHTI to earn his associate's degree in nursing. He was recently enrolled at Franklin Pierce College pursuing his bachelor's to

master's degree in nursing. Jay also worked with various groups at Concord Hospital.

Jay will be dearly missed by his family, as well as his wife and best friend Kelley. He leaves two sons behind: Cullum, who was his pride and joy, and son Weston, who arrived on April 1. Jay's mother, Barb Anstey, is a 2005 graduate who now works in the NHTI Business Office. Barb's husband, Scott, is a 1995 graduate of the Paramedic Emergency Medicine program.

### Kyle Joseph Gentle '10

died suddenly Friday, April 13, 2012 in Manchester. He was 21. Kyle was a graduate of Spaulding High School and earned an associate's degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology in 2010. He was very proud to receive the first Place Award in the Kansas City, Missouri Automated Manufacturing Technology National Competition in 2007. Kyle was enrolled in the bachelor's degree program of Mechanical Engineering at the University of New Hampshire at Manchester. He loved to play hockey and watch the Boston Bruins.

### Maureen P. Hutchinson

passed way at her sister's home in Kingsland, GA on April 9, 2012. Maureen was raised in Franklin, and is a graduate of Franklin High School. She was formerly employed at J. Jill in Tilton and All Brite Cleaning. Maureen was employed at NHTI in Concord for 15 years. She operated her own cleaning service until her illness. Maureen especially enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren.

### Glen M. Johnson

23, passed away unexpectedly Thursday, March 1, 2012. Glen was loved by all who knew him and attended NHTI to become a science teacher. Glen worked at Eastern Repair, Grand Union, on the isle of Nantucket. He was planning to marry his love of nine years, Karen Sampson. Glen's hobbies included writing music and lyrics, and playing guitar.

### Eric Simon Ventura

25, died May 29, 2012. Eric was born in Manchester, graduated from Manchester West High School in 2005, and attended NHTI in the years of 2005, 2006 and 2011. He had a creative and sensitive soul, and an amazing artistic talent, with a heart full of compassion. Eric touched the lives of so many with his bright smile and fun-loving personality. He could brighten any room with his contagious sense of humor. Eric loved his family very much and enjoyed being a part of any family celebration. He had a natural eye for photography and loved to take photos. As with his portrait drawing, Eric was able to capture the true essence of his subjects. He recently did some singing and acting as well. Eric enjoyed cooking, camping and swimming. He was always up for an adventure. Eric knew the true meaning of friendship and had a large circle of friends who were always welcomed with open arms into his home.

## Home Grown Top Cop

As Jim Burroughs poses patiently to have his photo taken, a friendly shout resonates from a passing car.

"Say cheeeeeese, Jim!"

Such is life in the small town where Jim he grew up and now serves as the chief of the Newport Police Department. You live and work in the same town your whole life, people get to know who you are, and you get to know your town and its people.

"It is six degrees of separation in practice," says Jim, referring to the idea that everyone on Earth is just six steps away from each other, by way of knowing a friend who knows a friend. "If I don't know them, they know me. Living here all my life, it gives me an intimate knowledge of the people, places and things . . . genuine and personal connections. It gives me a huge advantage in helping people in the community."

### An Early Start

Chief Burroughs started his law enforcement career at an early age – 10th grade – when he attended the cadet academy run through the New Hampshire Chiefs of Police Association. Geared for ages 14 to 20, the cadet academy is a week-long intensive introduction to the world of law enforcement. After graduating from Newport High School in 1993, Jim was hired by the Newport Police Department while he attended his first year in the Criminal Justice Program at NHTI. As a CJ student he lived in North Hall during his freshman year and worked part-time. With the chance to increase his hours (and his on-the-job experience), he took to commuting during his senior year.

"Going to NHTI made sense because the program fit so perfectly with my personal goals," he recalls. "The school made it easy with flexible scheduling. For me, it was a natural choice."

Upon earning his associate's degree in 1995, Jim's focus was on career. He has continuously worked his way through the ranks ever since.

He has served in positions from patrolman and the town's first-ever school resource officer, to field training officer, advisor working with police cadets and detective.



Jim Burroughs

He eventually became detective lieutenant in charge of the criminal bureau and the department's prosecutor, before he landed the top job in 2011. After 18 years of service, it was a special day for Jim, with his chief's badge pinned by his father on March 31, 2011.

"It was a great moment, for me and for my family," says Jim. "The induction ceremony was supposed to take place on April 1st but I just couldn't agree to being appointed Chief of Police on April Fool's Day!"

As Chief, he often refers back to his time at NHTI. Dr. David Orrick taught a constitutional law class that Jim describes as, "the basis of all we do in law enforcement and why we do it." Jim appreciates the fact that his Criminal Justice professors brought real-world skills and experiences to their classes.

His wife, Stacey (also born and raised in Newport) teaches elementary school in Newport. They have two daughters: Malia just finished her first year at Colby Sawyer College, and Victoria will be starting sixth grade in the fall.

Looking back on his career so far, Jim says, "I love working in

the place I grew up in. For me, it has just been an absolute pleasure to do the work I do, surrounded by good people. I hope my future holds more of the same.

## Mastering and Teaching Law Enforcement

Hollis Police Chief James (Jay) Sartell is passionate about law enforcement. Holding three degrees in criminal justice (A.S., NHTI, 1999; B.S., Franklin Pierce University, 2002; M.S., Boston University, 2010), he's passionate about higher education. Now an adjunct professor at NHTI, he's committed to helping students. Jay vehemently believes that every student needs a personal business plan . . . a map of where they want to go and how they are going to get there.

"Many of today's college students are focused solely on securing a job after graduation," says Jay. "With the one-two punch of the down economy and the cost of higher education, students are demanding the skills and technical know-how to get hired immediately."

With 18 years police experience added to his advanced degrees, Jay is perfectly positioned to help students looking to enter law enforcement.

Jay's own entry to the field came in his early 20's when he worked as a Corrections Officer for the NH State Prison in Concord. He was able to start taking classes because the State offered tuition assistance. In 1995 he was hired by the Candia Police Department; in 1997 he moved to the Hollis PD, where he has worked since.

On June 1, 2011, Jay became the 12th Chief of Police for the Town of Hollis, overseeing a department of almost 30 employees (including police officers,

civilians and dispatch) and a nearly \$1.6 million budget. He says that although he inherited a smooth operation at the Hollis PD (and one that he helped build), the "ability to



Jay Sartell

procure the necessary resources is the number one challenge, and most any person working in the public sector would agree.”

### Looking Back & Moving Forward

Jay says his time at NHTI was the best value for a high-quality education. One of his professors, Earl Sweeney (now the Assistant Commissioner of Safety in the NH Department of Safety) emphasized the importance of critical thinking and writing descriptively, connecting class materials and law enforcement theory directly to what an officer would be doing in the field.

“You can’t underestimate the amount of paperwork you do in police work,” Jay states. “When you are trying to recall a particular situation in exact detail for a written report, you better know how to write well!”

Now a professor himself, Jay hopes to provide students with the tools and skills it takes to set them apart in the field, to help them get good jobs which will then become great careers. “I know how the hiring process works in my town,” he says. “Students need to know how to prepare, how to speak about themselves and their skills proficiently.”

Thinking about ways to give back to NHTI, where he started, Jay envisions a round table discussion with criminal justice alumni, faculty and students. He says, “Building a strong connection with the alumni of the College would be of great benefit to the current students. We can discuss current issues in the field, and share our experiences in hopes that the students would gain knowledge. It would also be an excellent way for students to network with people who are working and succeeding in the field.”

### Community Policing at its Finest

Ask Doug Wyman about the best part of his job as Chief of Police for Sandwich, NH and he doesn’t hesitate: “The residents,” he says. “The people who live here have a wonderful respect for the Police and they support us in many ways. It’s reciprocal because we take great pride in looking out for our own.”

Indeed, the Sandwich Police Department is so skilled at “looking

out for their own,” that they were named as a finalist for the 2011 International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Community Policing Award. Chief Wyman says it’s an honor they share with the people of Sandwich.

Just what sets the Sandwich PD apart when it comes to Community Policing? Caring for the elderly, assisting the underprivileged, running drug prevention programs for kids, teaching civic engagement, and promoting bike and vehicle safety, among other things.

“Project Good Morning” is geared to keeping elderly residents who don’t have regular daily contact with others, safe. Senior citizens call into the Police station at scheduled times each day, and if a call isn’t received, a Police Officer is sent to check on their well being.

Other initiatives include the D.A.R.E. program, which is co-taught by a special agent of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA); a Christmas toy drive; a winter coat drive; and the Ice Cream Ticket program, which awards children with a free ice cream for wearing safety helmets while bike riding, in-line skating or skateboarding. Helmets are provided to children who either don’t have one or can’t afford one, thanks to a grant the town received from the NH Highway Safety Agency.

Each year, the Department teaches the 6th grade class at Sandwich Central School how to care for, display and fold the American Flag. The 6th graders are then responsible for raising and lowering the flag each day at school. The PD also meets with each graduating Driver Education class to educate new drivers about traffic safety, acceptable driving behaviors, traffic stop etiquette, drug and alcohol laws and the anatomy of an accident.

All of these programs are offered in addition to the Police Department’s everyday mission of providing the highest



Doug Wyman

degree of law enforcement service to the community.

### A Long and Varied Journey

Doug Wyman describes his career path as a long and varied journey. His introduction to law enforcement came in 1989 when he was hired part-time by the Plymouth

State University Police Department, while he was attending school. More dedicated to police work than to hitting the books at that point, Doug rose through the ranks in the Thornton and Moultonborough Police Departments. His aspirations grew with the experience of the job and he returned to school, taking criminal justice classes through the NHTI Distance Learning Program.

“Being married with two children and working full-time, I needed to take classes one at a time,” he recalls. “It allowed me to do well in school but still focus on everything else I was doing.” Doug earned his associates degree in Criminal Justice in 2000.

In 2001, he went to work for the NH Department of Corrections, assigned to Laconia’s Alcohol and Drug Facility, which has since closed.

“It was eye-opening, to say the least,” Doug says. “As a patrol officer, you see what an arrest looks like. As a corrections officer, you see the far end of that – what a person’s life looks like after being convicted and sentenced.”

In 2004, he joined the Sandwich Police Department full-time and in 2009, Doug was sworn in as the Police Chief. He is also a graduate of the New England Chiefs of Police Command Training program at Roger Williams University in Rhode Island.

Doug and his wife, Carol, have two children: Doug Wyman III graduated from Moultonborough Academy in June and Kyla Wyman will begin her sophomore year at Moultonborough Academy this fall.

## New Scholarship for New Americans

This spring NHTI announced the creation of the Mr. Devi Timsina Memorial Scholarship for New Americans. Established by Jackie Winn and Robert Friedlander, this \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded annually starting this fall. Its purpose is to assist responsible, diligent students who entered the United States as refugees in paying for their college education.

The scholarship honors Mr. Devi Timsina, a student in the General Studies program in 2009, who passed away in the summer of 2011.



Mr. Devi Timsina

"We wanted to help students who come to the United States, most of whom faced difficult circumstances in their own countries, to build a new life here," Ms. Winn explains. "The scholarship allows the student to pay for books, transportation costs or tuition."

Last year, NHTI's Cross-cultural Education and English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Office served over 260 self-identified second language students, speaking 55 different languages.

Program Director Dawn Higgins says, "The College's largest population of second language students is New Americans. These students enrich the College campus with a diversity of culture, language, ideas, and values. They and their families bring a richness to our Concord community."

To learn more about the Devi Timsina Scholarship, and the many other scholarships and grants available to NHTI students, visit [www.nhti.edu/financialaid](http://www.nhti.edu/financialaid).

## Looking for a Job? Look Here! Looking to Hire? Look Here!

Over the past couple of months, local employers such as Comcast, Deka Research, Ledyard National Bank, and Rockingham County Nursing Home have contacted the NHTI Alumni Office, looking to hire our graduates. Employers are seeking people with particular skill sets in information technology, business, engineering and nursing (just to name a few).

NHTI has a Job Bank web site: [www.ccsnh.edu/jobs.html](http://www.ccsnh.edu/jobs.html)



On the Job Bank site, which is shared by all seven schools in the Community College System of New Hampshire, students and alumni can search for jobs in their particular areas of interest. Employers who are looking to hire people with specific Associate's degrees or from specific majors or certificate programs can post their open positions on the site.

And it works! Both Comcast and Ledyard National Bank recently hired NHTI alumni.

Check out the Job Bank today!

## Sign up for the 24th Annual NHTI Golf Tournament!

**Friday October 5, 2012**  
**Beaver Meadow Golf Course**  
**Tee Time 1:00 pm**

***Open to Faculty - Staff - Students - Alumni***  
***Teams of 4 - Best Ball Scramble***

**Register with Deb Smith at the  
Wellness Center by October 3  
271-6428 or [dsmith@ccsnh.edu](mailto:dsmith@ccsnh.edu)**

**Cost: \$15/person**  
**Rain or Shine!**  
**(No metal spikes, please)**



Saturday, January 26, 2013

# Winter Fling

NHTI will host its third annual *Winter Fling* on Saturday, January 26, 2013 to raise money for the President's Fund for Excellence.

Announcing the "Dancing with the Concord Stars" line-up (so far!):

- **Dan Andrus**, Chief, Concord Fire Department
- **Rick Bartlett**, H&R Block
- **Mike Cashion**, Northway Bank and Villari's Concord
- **Amy Currie**, Community Development Finance Authority and Concord Young Professionals
- **Stephanie Foisy Mills**, Crossroads Chiropractic
- **Joe Kasper**, Northeast Delta Dental
- **Wendy Keeler**, Fairway Real Estate
- **Joe Kenney**, People's United Bank
- **Becky Kinhan**, Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce
- **Kris Lucas**, NHTI, Concord's Community College
- **Jennifer Tasker Pfeifer**, '95, Tasker Landscaping
- **Gary Tasker**, '83, Tasker Landscaping
- **Shawn Tewksbury**, Page Belting
- **John Thomas**, Lincoln Financial Group

Please join us for this celebration of live music, food and dance, featuring Club Soda Band! 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, 2012.

To learn more about *Winter Fling 2013*, including sponsorship and volunteer opportunities, please contact Lee Ann Lewis at (603) 271-7735 or [llewis@ccsnh.edu](mailto:llewis@ccsnh.edu).



"Concord Stars" Ken Lurvey and Allison Dunn (left) and Carlos and Larissa Ruiz Baia were among the 12 couples competing at the 2012 Winter Fling.

## NHTI /SNHU Partner for Advanced Nursing Degrees

A ground-breaking partnership with Southern New Hampshire University makes it easier for NHTI graduates to get their advanced degrees in nursing. The partnership includes dual admission processes, shared curricula development, scholarships and financial aid, as well as shared advising and faculty. Other key benefits include:

- a master's degree in nursing that can be completed in 18 months;
- a common application for admission into both institutions;
- curricula developed by experienced nursing faculty based on the Nurse of the Future competencies;
- admissions and advising provided jointly by NHTI and SNHU in an integrated program model;
- community college tuition rates for associate degree-level courses, whether offered at the community colleges or online through SNHU;
- discounted tuition for bachelor's-level nursing courses at SNHU;
- convenient online courses;
- hybrid (mixed classroom and online) courses available at community college campuses;
- transfer of up to 90 credits from NHTI to SNHU.



Carolyn Mallon '12  
Nursing

"This is a unique initiative that provides a new and innovative pathway for seamless educational advancement for nurses and nursing students at NHTI," said Anita Pavlidis, Nursing Department Chair at NHTI.

The bachelor's degree program is expected to launch in September and the master's degree is expected to launch in January, pending State approval for both. For more information, please contact Anita Pavlidis at 271-7177 or [apavlidis@ccsnh.edu](mailto:apavlidis@ccsnh.edu).

## Airport Security Officers Go To School

### *TSA Teams with NHTI to Offer Homeland Security Certificate*

**T**he Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has a staff of around 50,000 security officers nationwide, best known to most Americans for their work screening airline passengers. As of 2010, 80% of those officers had never taken a college course.

In hopes of building a more educated workforce, the TSA has established the Homeland Security Associates program, a three-course certificate program for TSA officers. In New Hampshire, the TSA has partnered with NHTI to make suitable courses available, including Introduction to Homeland Security, Intelligence Analysis & Security Management, and Transportation & Border Security. Completion of this program not only earns the officers a certificate, but can improve their promotional possibilities within the TSA.

The first classes in the program were offered in January 2011, and a ceremony to honor the first six graduates from Manchester Airport (along with 5 from Maine and 10 from Vermont) was held on Wednesday June 13 in Manchester.

NHTI's Criminal Justice department head Mike Raymond has been instrumental in putting the program together, and especially in recruiting the instructors needed to teach the specialized courses involved. Raymond received a special commendation at the graduation ceremony for his efforts on behalf of the program.

"Mike Raymond has embraced this program from the start and his passion and enthusiasm is contagious," the commendation read in part. "His goal has always been to ensure our Officers' educational experiences are successful, enjoyable, and enlightening."

Graduates of the program receive 9 credits from NHTI in addition to their TSA certificates, and some of this spring's graduates have already signed up to continue their educations at NHTI this fall. A new class of 15 students has already entered the program, and with 220 TSA employees working in Manchester it seems clear that this program has the potential to sustain itself for some time to come.

## Congratulations Class of 2012!



### *By the Numbers*

In May 2012, NHTI sent forth the largest graduating class in its 47-year history, with 592 students representing 28 different programs of study.

Associate Degrees in Arts	
Liberal Arts	7 graduates
Visual Arts	5 graduates
Associate Degrees in Engineering Technology	
Architectural Engineering Technology	13 graduates
Computer Engineering Technology	9 graduates
Electronic Engineering Technology	21 graduates
Manufacturing Engineering Technology	9 graduates
Mechanical Engineering Technology	23 graduates
Associate Degrees in Science	
Accounting	10 graduates
Addiction Counseling	12 graduates
Animation and Graphic Game Programming	10 graduates
Business Administration	38 graduates
Business Admin. / Concentration in Sports Management	8 graduates
Criminal Justice	70 graduates
Dental Hygiene	31 graduates
Early Care & Education of Young Children with Disabilities	1 graduate
Early Childhood Education	14 graduates
Education	9 graduates
General Studies	80 graduates
Health Science	20 graduates
Hospitality & Tourism Management	22 graduates
Human Services	25 graduates
Information Technology	30 graduates
Landscape and Environmental Design	8 graduates
Nursing	77 graduates
Paralegal Studies	8 graduates
Paramedic Emergency Medicine	7 graduates
Radiologic Technology	24 graduates
Radiation Therapy	1 graduate

## When Simon Met Melissa ...

**H**e was an international student from England, on campus before classes began so he could get situated. She was a resident assistant (RA), on campus early to help welcome fellow students to the dorm.

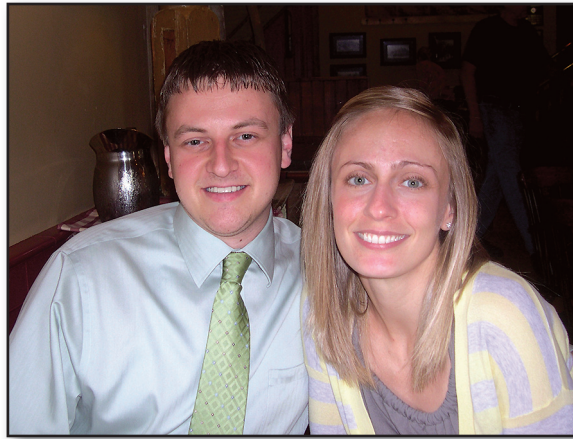
They met on the basketball court behind Strout Hall – the only two people on the courts on a sunny day in late August back in 2003. It turned out that she was his RA in Strout Hall that year.

Simon Keeling and Melissa Gravilla have been together ever since ... though for them, togetherness has been an elaborate journey with many far-flung stops along the way.

Melissa arrived at NHTI in 2002 to pursue a degree in nursing. She also played on the women's basketball team – no easy feat given the intense commitments that both programs require. Nursing Department Head Anita Pavlidis recalls, "I can't ever remember a nursing student playing a full-time sport and truly excelling at both. Melissa was an honors student and co-captain of the basketball team!"

A native of Doncaster, England, Simon had been playing basketball since he was introduced to the sport at the age of eleven, and he played on NHTI's team during the year he attended.

In the spring of 2004, Melissa graduated with her Associate's degree, and then spent the summer in England meeting Simon's family and friends. Upon their return they moved to Providence, RI, together. Melissa worked as a nurse at the Miriam Hospital, and Simon transferred to Johnson & Wales University and played basketball for the team there.



After Simon graduated with his Bachelor's degree from Johnson & Wales in 2006, he and Melissa moved together to Boise, Idaho, where Simon worked for the NBA Development League as an account executive for the Idaho Stampede, the minor league team for the Seattle SuperSonics & the Utah Jazz. He worked his way up to become the Vice President of Sales and Service.

While living in Boise, Melissa pursued her Bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Wyoming's online program. She also worked as a recovery room nurse at St. Luke's Hospital in Boise.

Moving back to New Hampshire in 2009, Simon began working for Edward Jones Investments as a Financial Advisor, where he works with a select group of individuals to achieve their serious, long term financial goals. Melissa joined the Concord Hospital Emergency Room staff for a year, before deciding to pursue her Master's degree full-time. Working to become a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA), Melissa is half-way through her program at the University of New England in

Portland, Maine. She's currently doing a rotation at HealthAlliance in Leominster, MA, as part of the program's intensive clinical rotations.

Melissa explains, "I chose nursing anesthesia so that I could keep working with patients. I enjoy being at people's bedside; to me, that's the best part of nursing."

In addition to his work at Edward Jones, Simon is also an Assistant Coach for NHTI's men's basketball team, working alongside Coach Paul Hogan for the past three seasons. It's a great way for him to stay involved with the sport he loves.

"From October to March, I'm basically on campus six days a week," Simon says. "Some of the players don't know what they want to do career-wise, or they sometimes have a tough time adjusting to college life. So I'm teaching life skills as much as basketball. It's great!"

Simon and Melissa were married in May 2010 in Mexico. Having a "destination wedding" helped them avoid choosing one of their native countries over the other, and both their UK and US families enjoyed their Mexican vacation. Bridesmaids included Elizabeth (Samson) McIlveen and Brandy (Rollins) Pelletier, who were teammates of Melissa's on the NHTI Basketball Team ... with their spouses (who they both met at NHTI), Larry McIlveen and our very own Campus Safety representative Tom Pelletier!

The couple lives in Manchester with their three beloved cats, Lola, Java and Acorn, who – according to Melissa – are "nuts!"

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Alumni News!?**

## Attention Alumni

**Did you land a new job?**

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it with your fellow alumni, to:

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## Join the Friendly 5K!

**T**he 6th Annual Friendly Kitchen  
5K Race and 2.5K Fitness  
Walk will be held on Friday

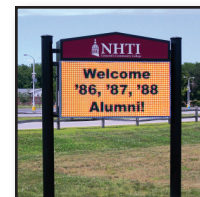
September 7 at 5:30 pm at NHTI. The  
course will include about 1½ miles of  
the beautiful Seekamp Trail. This event  
features a children's run at 6:15 pm, music,  
light refreshments, an awesome raffle table, and an awards  
ceremony.

There are special divisions for NHTI graduates, male  
and female, so come out and compete for the titles of Fastest  
Alumnus and Alumna! This is a terrific event for the entire  
family, and it supports a very worthwhile cause. Contact Perry  
Seagroves, [pseagroves@ccsnh.edu](mailto:pseagroves@ccsnh.edu), for more details.



## The 25th +/- Reunion!

**K**aren (Mason) Lucius and Brian Zutter can't believe it's been 25 years since they graduated from the New Hampshire Technical Institute! To honor the occasion, Karen and Brian organized a reunion for their own Class of 1987, plus (+) the Class of 1988 and the Class before them (-) 1986. Hence, *The 25th +/- Reunion!*



Party planners Karen and Brian worked hard to make the reunion a great success!



Ginger and Karen, friends since their good ol' college days.



Joan and Sal Randazza met as students while attending "The Tech." When asked which dorm room she lived in, Joan quipped, "His!"



Tim and Ginger Fraser enjoying the good conversation and great food at Tandy's.



Kevin and Wendy enjoying the reunion dinner at Tandy's Top Shelf. Remembering the infamous shopping cart races on campus, Wendy says, "I think one of our first dates was me in Kevin's shopping cart!"



Front row (l-r): Lisa Keaney '87 (DH); Karen (Mason) Lucius '87 (ACC); Ginger (Daniels) Fraser (ACC); Wendy (Scott) Mahoney '88 (RN); Joan (Lizzie) Randazza '86 (CIS). Back row (l-r): Bill Walker '88 (EET); Brian Zutter '87 (CIS); Ken Mazzochi '87 (MET/AET); Kevin Mahoney '86 (EET/AET); Salvatore Randazza '87 (EET/AET).



Lisa has been a dental hygienist for more than 20 years. She lived in California for 15 years before moving back home to NH last year.



Tony Rosa '98 (MFT/MET)



Enjoying a tour of the Campus on a beautiful Saturday afternoon are (left to right): Joan and Sal Randazza, Kevin and Wendy Mahoney, Karen Lucius, and Brian Zutter. Both the Randazzas and the Mahoneys met as students at NHTI and have been married for more than 20 years!



Above: Bill Walker catches up with Ali and Brian Zutter. Left: Ken and Lisa Mazzochi smile for the camera. Ken is now the general manager for TURBOCAM International Automated Production Systems (TAPS) in Barrington.



## Casting a Career!

In 2008, NHTI launched a certificate program in Orthopaedic Technology, educating students in the care of orthopaedic patients with a special focus on the art of casting and splinting. Today, graduates of the program are working in the field as Board-Certified Orthopaedic Technologists.

For some, the Orthopaedic Technology program at NHTI was a way to start on a career path right out of high school. For others, it offered the opportunity to change professions. Here, meet a few of the graduates, all of whom now work at New Hampshire Orthopaedic Center (NHOC).

**Cindy Young**, '09, was a teacher in Pembroke before making the career change. She learned about the program from her sister, an adjunct professor at NHTI. Cindy completed her externship at Children's Hospital in Boston and worked there for a year before the commute from Pembroke became too cumbersome. Cindy's been with NHOC for two years.

**Lise Cheney**, '10, graduated in the second year of the OT program at NHTI. She completed her clinic externship with NHOC and was hired directly out of that experience after graduation. Lise says, "What you get out of your job is what you put into it. This is a worthwhile career, knowing you are truly helping people."

**Kassandra Pelland**, '09, worked as a server in a restaurant prior to becoming an Orthopaedic Technologist. Kassie received a flyer in the mail and was intrigued to learn more. A graduate of the program's very first class, Kassie had a job even before graduating. She's worked at NHOC ever since.

**Paige Kerr**, '11, was a General Studies major at NHTI before switching to the OT program as an alternative to nursing. Paige completed her externship with



Left to right: Cindy Young '09, Lise Cheney '10, and Kassandra Pelland '09 work out of NHOC's Lake Street Office in Manchester.

NHOC's Londonderry Office and was hired immediately after graduation. Of the program, she says, "It was really well developed by the time I started. It's very hands-on, and it's fun while being able to help people at the same time."

**Christa Pelissier**, '10, has worked for NHOC for two years, after completing her externship with Essex Orthopaedics in Salem, NH. Within six weeks of her graduation from the program, Christa passed her Board Certification exam, got married and landed the job with NHOC.



Paige Kerr '11 (left) and Christa Pelissier '10 of NHOC's Kosciuszko Street Office in Manchester.

**Kristi Hayes**, '11, worked in retail prior to attending NHTI. Enrolled in the OT program after the MacRury Hall renovations, Kristi recalls being excited to work in the refurbished laboratory and new classroom space. She jokes, "A window in the lab would have been good, though." Kristi's been working at NHOC since she graduated.

They all agree about the excellence of the Orthopaedic Technology Certificate program at NHTI, which prepared them to pass their National Board exams upon graduation, and to enter the field as Level II Certified Professionals.

The best part of their new careers? Working with patients. Each patient has a story to tell, a lesson to teach.

Kristi explains, "When people first come in, they are in a lot of pain. After treatment and care, they feel so much better. It's gratifying to watch a patient's progression to health. They are so grateful to you and you know you've made a difference in someone's life."



Jenny Cates '09 works in NHOC's Amherst Office. In Fall 2011 Jenny became an adjunct faculty member at NHTI, teaching our Custom Bracing course.

## Ortho Tech at a Glance!

### Orthopaedic Technology Defined:

An Orthopaedic Technologist is a specifically trained allied health care professional who assists Orthopaedic surgeons in the care of patients. OTs are experts in splinting and casting and may perform as first assistants to surgeons in the operating suite.

**Program established:** 2008

**Program notes:** One of only 7 programs recognized by The National Association of Orthopaedic Technologists in the United States. The program is evolving to offer an Associate's Degree in Orthopaedic Technology (in addition to the certificate).

**Number of Students Graduated to date:** 47

**National Certification Exam:** 95% of graduates have passed the exam within one year of graduating.

**Hired by:** Children's Hospital (Boston, MA & Seattle, WA), Concord Orthopaedics, Lowell General Hospital, NH Orthopaedic Center, Rockingham Orthopaedics, Seacoast Orthopaedics, and Sports Medicine Atlantic Orthopaedics (among many others)

**OT Laboratory in MacRury Hall Renovated:** 2010

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## A Greeting from President Lynn Kilchenstein

**T**his fall, NHTI enters its 47th academic year. Over the past ten years, the College has experienced a nearly 69% increase in its student population. In May, NHTI graduated its largest group of students ever: 592 people joined the College's esteemed alumni.



Over the last two years, NHTI has raised more than \$57,000 at Winter Fling for the President's Fund for Excellence, and we awarded the first four President's Fund for Excellence Scholarships this past spring. We have also worked to increase other scholarship funds and partnerships to offset declining General Fund support.

This year we are launching three new academic programs: an Associates Degree in Environmental Science, a Certificate in Advanced Manufacturing Processes, and a new Associates Degree in Orthopaedic Technology, building on our highly-successful Certificate program (*see story on page 11*). We are in also the process of designing a new classroom building, for which we hope to break ground next summer.

NHTI is a remarkable College because of the students who learn here, the faculty who teach here, and the alumni who have made us proud. Thank you for being a part of it all.

Wishing you all the best,

*Lynn Kilchenstein*



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## Alums Give Back by Coming Back

**N**HTI graduates return to campus to serve as Orientation Leaders, welcoming new students at six different orientation days this summer.



From left, **Bianca Rivera**, 2012 Visual Arts; **Dave Pfalzgraf**, 2012 Nursing; and **Nathan Larson**, 2009 Hotel Administration. Joining them is current student **Renee Kenney**.



"Come in, come in!" says **Matt McBride**, a 2012 Electronic Engineering Technology graduate, with a big smile and open arms for new students.