

# NHTI

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## A Life-Long Affair with NHTI

When people talk about the Paramedic Emergency Medicine program at NHTI, two people are mentioned every single time: **Nancy Brubaker** and **Martin Jean**. While Nancy still leads the program, Martin retired at the end of 2012 and moved to sunny Florida.

This is not a small announcement and bears repeating: Martin Jean retired!

Martin describes his involvement with NHTI as a “life-long affair” which began just after he graduated from Nashua High School in 1982. In his junior year while studying in the library, he came across a brochure about NHTI’s paramedic program. After considering two other schools (one in Springfield, MA and another one out west), Martin settled on NHTI because, “There was no better game in town, plus it was close to home. It was a full two-year program with a degree as opposed to a 9-12 month certificate program elsewhere.”

One of his fellow NHTI classmates was (you guessed it) Nancy Brubaker. Learning from esteemed former faculty such as Barbara Larsen, Denise Naiva, Beryl Perrillo and Hazel Daley, it was a challenging and exciting program.

As a student, Martin was part of the club that ran small scale health fairs, taking people’s blood pressure and such. That small scale event helped give rise to the College’s Annual Wellness Fair, which celebrated its 18th year in March 2013 with more than 60 student and community participants.

In the early eighties, many of the students at NHTI lived on campus. Martin says that most of the paramedic majors commuted. “Almost all of my classmates – including myself – worked full- or part-time jobs as EMTs. While we didn’t live on campus, we still participated in as many ways as possible.”

Martin (and Nancy) graduated from the program in 1984. Most of the class had jobs immediately after graduation. Martin continued on with Rockingham Ambulance in Nashua (1984-1987) and served as a preceptor for NHTI students. Starting in 1987, he moved to Nashua Memorial Hospital (now Southern New Hampshire Medical Center) where he oversaw the clinical placements of NHTI



**Martin at his (new) home in Miami Beach!**

students at the hospital. He also started teaching as an Adjunct Professor for the College at that time.

And in 1991, Martin became a full-time professor at NHTI, hired by Nancy, who was already serving as the Department Head for the program.

“Those first couple of years teaching were really hard,” he remembers. “There was a lot of prep work, and trying to keep up with the week-to-week. There always seemed to be new regulations or changes in the field that required curriculum adjustments. But the students would come in each September, energized, ready to learn and devoted to really helping people. For me, that was the best part of the job. Each new class in September reminded you of your own passion, and helped you keep the fire alive.”

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# NHTI STANDS WITH BOSTON!



Above: NHTI Vice President Steve Caccia, a Boston native and former marathon runner, flanked by members of the Cross Country team, led the College's memorial walk.

On Monday April 22, nearly 300 members of the NHTI community walked the equivalent of two marathons in solidarity with the people of Boston and the victims of the marathon bombings.

Below: Jess Chisholm, Brody Glidden, Amy McCarthy, Amanda Moore, Nick Gagner and Chad Johnson (back row), with John Hayden Troy Colby, and JD Blehm (front row), bearing photos of Officer Sean Collier, Martin Richard, Lu Lingzi and Krystle Campbell.



Walkers gathered on the Quad to make the iconic Boston 'B'.

## Earn a Degree Online!

NHTI has always been a leader in online education. Students now can matriculate into academic programs and receive degrees 100% online.

The college is now offering 100% online degree programs in:

- Business Administration
- Early Childhood Education
- Hospitality & Tourism Management
- Criminal Justice
- General Studies

This allows students to study at their own pace, on their own schedule. The degrees earned will be identical to those earned during a classroom-based course of study, and will prepare students for careers in these fields and/or further academic study.

To learn more about these five programs, and to explore whether online learning may be right for you, visit

[www.nhti.edu/academics/online-continuing-education/online-degree-programs](http://www.nhti.edu/academics/online-continuing-education/online-degree-programs).



For more than 20 years, Martin taught in the Paramedic Emergency Medicine program, working alongside his friend and colleague, Nancy. People across campus describe Martin as being multi-faceted in his experience, talent and skills; detail oriented but with an eye towards the big picture; and committed to student success ... the list goes on. While he was dedicated to his own academic department, Martin was also deeply committed to the College. He worked tirelessly on two inter-disciplinary committees, the Master Teaching Team and Non-Traditional Support Team (see side bar of his career highlights).

Nancy says, "We made a great team, and together we addressed many challenges over the years. Martin's strengths and skills complimented my own – we were both good at different things and it worked well for us. I used to say to Martin, 'Behind every good woman, is a great man.' And it's true. I just can't say enough about his contributions and his dedication. I've missed him a lot since his retirement!"

### Moving On (Towards Warmth and Sun)

Having lived in New Hampshire his entire life, and loving the out-of-doors, Martin made the decision to retire and move south towards the warmth and sun he craved, where he could spend time outside year-round. So on a cold, blustery winter day last December, Martin drove

through the season's first big snowstorm to take up his new place in the world, in Miami Beach, Florida.

"It was almost poetic, driving out of that snow to Miami," he laughs. He and his partner James had visited Miami many times in the years prior to the big move. As an art-deco mecca, it's the perfect place for Martin, given his interest in architecture and design. He trained as a tour guide for the Miami Preservation League and now gives tours of the local "architectural eye candy." His tours include historical information, pop culture references and geographic points of interest.

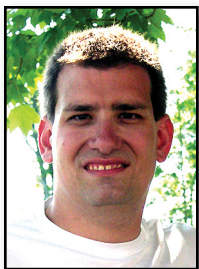
In preparation for the move, Martin came across two pieces of paper he'd kept for more than 30 years: the NHTI brochure he found during his junior year, and his NHTI admission letter from Frank Meyer.

Despite the distance between Florida and New Hampshire, Martin continues his life-long affair with NHTI. He's now an Adjunct Professor teaching medical terminology classes for the Division of Online and Continuing Education.

"I've been blessed to have a career I love and was passionate about, and to have worked with so many amazing people over the years," he says. "Now I'm enjoying life in retirement balanced with a bit of continued work for NHTI!"

## The Passionate Pursuit of ... Everything!

**A**dam Gerhard '97 describes himself as a "person who likes to keep busy." No, really?



As a student at NHTI, Adam pursued a dual major in Computer Information Systems and Computer Engineering Technology. Either program is challenging enough on its own; taken together, they mean a lot (a *lot*) of work. Some days, Adam was in class from 8 am to 6 pm with no break, even for lunch.

Not yet challenged to the extreme, Adam also worked part-time at Ames in

Concord and played three sports: soccer, basketball and volleyball. Oh, and he was part of the team that worked on NHTI's first-ever solar car.

"I didn't sleep much," Adam laughs. "I've always been a person who takes on a lot. Coming out of high school, I didn't know which major to pursue, but NHTI offered both. So I thought, 'why not?'"

After graduating in 1997, Adam worked as a C++ programmer in Springfield, MA. The job only lasted a while before Adam was laid off. He started his own .com business, which also lasted only a couple of years. That's when Adam got into web programming, taking on contract jobs all over New England.

In 2010, he started another company, CC Inspire, LLC, with partner Cherie

## Martin's Career Highlights

**M**artin Jean invested 31 years of his life with NHTI, as student, preceptor, adjunct, and full-time faculty in the Paramedic Emergency Medicine program. Career highlights include:

- **Cardiology program within paramedic education.** This was Martin's specialty area, where he kept students and instructors up-to-date on current standards, and served as Heart Association Regional Faculty, Course Director, and Training Site Coordinator.
- **Design of new paramedic lab in MacRury Hall.** He spent countless hours pouring over architectural plans to design and configure a state-of-the-art laboratory.
- **First paramedic in NH to become Affiliated Faculty for the American Heart Association Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) program.** "A great honor," says Nancy Brubaker, "because those affiliations are usually reserved for medical doctors!"
- **Master Teacher program at NHTI.** Served as chairperson for the Promotion Review Committee, which evaluate faculty members seeking promotion.
- **Non-Traditional Student program at NHTI.** Served as co-coordinator, encouraging students to enter career fields under-represented by their gender.

Daniel. Providing graphic design, and website design and development services, they serve travel and tourism agencies, non-profit organizations, and e-commerce companies. Their client list is distinguished and ever growing.

But is running a successful, growing business enough for Adam? Maybe not. He just recently started another new venture: operator of The Randall, a 60-year-old drive-in movie theater in Bethel, VT, with his business partner Regina Franz.

As if running two businesses weren't enough, Adam is also a dedicated runner. He estimates he's run 400-500 races in and around NH, including every race on the NHTI campus. He even ran Mount Washington – eight miles, all uphill!

Clearly, Adam is a man who pursues all that he does with great passion.

## All in the (NHTI) Family!

**A**s **Lori Warner '99** says, "NHTI is in my lifeblood." Indeed, her family's connections to the College run deep.

As a child, Lori remembers visiting her mother, nursing professor **Flora Lawler**, in her MacRury Hall office. Professor Lawler worked closely with **Dr. Goldie Crocker**, the founder of the College's nursing program.



Flora Lawler in 1975



Tom Warner

Lori herself is a graduate; she earned her degree in Early Childhood Education (ECE) in 1999. Lori's son, **Tom Warner**, worked for the NHTI Athletic program for five years before starting his new role as an Admissions Representative. Also an outstanding athlete, Tom is the Associate Head Coach of the Men's Baseball Team.

Her daughter, **Melissa Carter** graduated with degrees in Dental Assisting and Health Science in 2007. Melissa, who was a recipient of the NHTI Outstanding Female Athlete award, now serves as the Assistant Coach for NHTI's Women's Soccer Team. Her youngest daughter, **Sarah Warner** is a continuing education student, and is following in her Mom's footsteps with an interest in Early Childhood Education.



Melissa Carter



Sarah Warner

Lori has been married to her husband Dale Warner for 31 years. Another NHTI connection:

Dale's construction company once replaced all the doors in North Hall!

### Exemplifying Student Excellence

As an ECE student, Lori valued the department's practical approach to caring for and teaching young children. Under the tutelage of **Dr. Mary Gile** and **Susan Rowe Morrison**, Lori explains, "All of the work we did was practical; it was functional. No activity was wasted."

As a student, Lori excelled. She won an excellence award from the ECE Department, and was a member of the honor society, Phi Theta Kappa. She had two stories published in *The Eye*, the student literary journal and won a fiction writing award. At her graduation in 1999, Lori received her highest honor yet: the President's Award for Outstanding Citizenship.

"My passion for emergent curriculum was ignited here. It just seems such a natural way for young children to learn – to study what interests them. It's all about helping each child grow and develop naturally – at their own rate."

### Eyes on the Prize

Her first job after graduation was at Emerson Preschool in Concord, where she worked for 3 years. During that time, Lori kept close tabs on the progress of the Child and Family Development Center (CFDC), the newly planned child care and laboratory school at NHTI. When Lori stood at the groundbreaking ceremony for the CFDC, she knew she wanted to be a part of it.

"When I interviewed for a job at CFDC, I was prepared...highly prepared," Lori laughs. "I brought documentation panels, examples of project approaches, and evidence that demonstrated my belief in emergent curriculum. I was so intent on being a part of NHTI's new lab school that I took a huge leap of faith by not renewing my

contract with Emerson – before I even got the job!"

But of course, she got the job. She began as an assistant preschool teacher, then was promoted to Lead Teacher, and is currently assistant director and curriculum coordinator.

Lori is one of three teachers who have worked at CFDC since day one – and all three of those teachers are NHTI graduates (see photo below). Every day for the past 11 years, Lori has lived her passion at the CFDC – caring for young children and nurturing early childhood educators to ask questions, even when you don't know the answers.

Lori says, "My story – my family's story – embodies what a community college is all about. People – any and all – can learn, no matter what circumstances you face. This College really invests in its students, and in its faculty."

### What's Next?

Lori is working on her Bachelor's degree from Granite State College, taking it slowly, one course at a time. She's determined to balance the many facets of her life – a full-time marriage, a full-time job, 3 grown children and a brand-new grandbaby (the first!), Claire. Taking time for herself, Lori recently discovered a love for gardening and preserving the fruits (and vegetables) of her labor. She and Dale are motorcycle enthusiasts and enjoy riding the NH countryside.

Lori says, "For me, all my dreams have come true."



Left to right: Carrie Dupell '04, Katie Lugg '02, and Lori Warner '99. All three women have taught at the Child and Family Development Center since the day it opened.



## Travel to Spain, Costa Rica or Eastern Europe with NHTI

NHTI is developing new educational travel opportunities that are open to alumni as well as to students. NHTI educational tours not only offer extensive sightseeing, but also provide an opportunity to immerse oneself in the culture or environment of a unique destination by participating in an enriched educational experience on location. Currently there are three travel/study abroad programs accepting reservations.

### Environment and Culture in Costa Rica - March 14-23, 2014

In Costa Rica, travelers can explore some of the world's most beautiful and unusual plant and animal habitats from the treetops on a canopy tour, from walking trails in the Cloud Forest, and even from their bedroom windows! Anyone who loves the outdoors will love this trip; it offers plenty of warm sun, beautiful white sand beaches, spectacular scenery and live volcanoes! This trip also offers a unique opportunity to discover another culture and to get to know the people who work hard to conserve and protect their unique environment.



Travelers wishing to earn academic credit for the Costa Rica trip can combine it with NHTI's four credit, online Tropical Ecology and Conservation course (BI 180). For more information about this trip contact **Prof. Amy Liptak**, [aliptak@ccsnh.edu](mailto:aliptak@ccsnh.edu), or visit [www.nhti.edu/travelstudy-abroad-costa-rica](http://www.nhti.edu/travelstudy-abroad-costa-rica).

### Barcelona: The City Experience - May 26 – June 1, 2014

If art and architecture — or food, wine and beaches — are your thing, Barcelona has a place for you. On a flexible and immersive visit to the Catalan capital, you'll see visionary architect Antoni Gaudí's magnum opus La Sagrada Familia, so futuristic that it is still not complete more than 130 years after construction began. Other highlights of this trip include walking tours of Catalan Street and the Modernist District, strolling through open air plazas, a Flamenco Evening (learn to dance Flamenco!), a visit to the Dali Museum, and time to explore Barcelona on your own.

Travelers wishing to earn academic credit for the Barcelona trip can combine it with NHTI's three credit, Elementary Spanish II course (FL 112). For more information about this trip contact **Prof. Kris Lucas**, [klucas@ccsnh.edu](mailto:klucas@ccsnh.edu), or visit [www.nhti.edu/travelstudy-abroad-barcelona](http://www.nhti.edu/travelstudy-abroad-barcelona).



### Eastern Europe: Budapest, Krakow, Prague, Dresden - March 14-23, 2014

Venture east and meet some of Europe's jeweled characters in Hungary, Poland, the Czech Republic and Germany. Budapest seduces with its Parliament and Fisherman's Bastion — and then wins you over for good with an evening cruise down the Danube River. Prague enthralls, meanwhile, with medieval gems like the pedestrian-only Charles Bridge and Prague Castle. Explore the effects of World War II in Krakow and Auschwitz, and finish your journey in one of the most beautiful cities in Europe, Dresden.



Travelers wishing to earn academic credit for the Eastern Europe trip can combine it with NHTI's three credit, Study Abroad course (SO 298). For more information about this trip contact **Sarah Hébert**, [shebert@ccsnh.edu](mailto:shebert@ccsnh.edu), or visit [www.nhti.edu/travelstudy-abroad-eastern-europe](http://www.nhti.edu/travelstudy-abroad-eastern-europe).

## A Military Friendly School

After years of research, capped by a recent survey of over 12,000 schools nationwide, NHTI has been recognized as a Military Friendly School for 2014!



The survey, administered by Victory Media, a veteran-owned business and publisher of *G.I. Jobs* and the *Guide to Military Friendly Schools*, ranks NHTI among the top 15% of schools nationwide based on its policies, efforts and results in recruiting and retaining military and veteran students. The survey weighting, methodology, and resulting schools list were independently certified by Ernst and Young.

Currently over 200 veterans attend NHTI on a full or part-time basis. Over 30 veterans received their Associate degrees at our Spring 2013 Commencement.

The Veterans Club, one of the most active student organizations at NHTI, works to increase awareness and understanding of veterans' issues on campus and facilitate the successful transition from "combat to classroom." It helps military veterans, their families and civilian supporters find a welcoming atmosphere and a social environment, and works to provide veterans the resources necessary for success in their academic endeavors.

In recent years the Veterans Club has organized Memorial Day and 9/11 Remembrance Events on campus; worked successfully for NHTI to become the first school in New Hampshire to adopt the Honor and Remember Flag, recognizing those who have given their lives in service; and forged a relationship with the Veterans Home in Tilton, NH, raising funds to help them purchase new cleaning equipment.



## • Alumni Updates •

**1970**

### **Dennis Bergeron**

graduated with an associate's degree in Electronic Engineering Technology. He works as the station manager for Holliston Cable Access, Inc., covering local access television for the town of Holliston, NH. Dennis and his wife, Nancy, have two grown children, Sara and Jeffrey. They are very proud grandparents of five children, ages 5, 4, 3 and identical twin boys 6 months old.

**1971**

### **Robert W. Bose, Jr.**

earned an associate's degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology. He lives in The Villages, Florida with his wife, Carol. Last year, Bob and Carol celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a trip to Las Vegas.

**1977**

### **Joan (Kenney) Fitzgerald**

graduated with an associate's degree in Dental Hygiene. Joan is a proud 2012 Summa Cum Laude graduate of Granite State College, earning a bachelor's degree in Applied Studies and Management. She is married to Daniel and has 3 daughters: Chelsey, Brenna, and Grace. Joan serves on the Board of Directors of the American Dental Hygienist's Association. She is a past president of the New Hampshire Dental Hygienist's Association (1995 – 96 and 2008 – 09). Joan says, "NHTI gave me a solid foundation with which to build my career."

**1978**

### **Melvin Mark Morrison**

received an associate's degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology. In 1981, Mel earned his bachelor's degree from UNH in engineering technology. He is the owner of MMM Systems, a company that invents new products and production machines for customers all over the world. Mel has invented a production machine for a company in Hungary that assembles a spring loaded electrical contact used to test electronic circuits in the semiconductor, automotive, medical, consumer industries. Mel is married and has two grown sons who live in Somerset, Massachusetts. Of NHTI, Mel says, "It was a great stepping stone for me, to go on to graduate from UNH. I would love to start a scholarship for somebody just like me when I was young."

**1980**

### **Douglas Michael Hebert**

received an associate's degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology and now resides in Hinsdale, NH.

### **Eric Stauble**

earned a Mechanical Engineering Technology degree at NHTI. He furthered his education with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering at UNH and a master's degree in engineering plastics at UMass Lowell. Eric has three sons, Andrew, Tyler and Trevor. His time at NHTI was "the first step into my engineering career."

**1981**

### **Karen R. J. (Heath) White**

graduated with an Electronic Data Processing degree and then went on to receive a bachelor's degree in information systems, graduating with high honors. In 1997, Karen got her master's degree in IS from Northeastern University. She founded her own company, Applied Agility, LLC. As the principal, she assists management consulting firms specializing in advising and mentoring the leadership of non-profits and small businesses on the practical application of agile project management. Karen was named a Fellow of the Project Management Institute in 2009, in recognition of her leadership in the establishment of a global ethics standard for the project management profession and in the establishment of the PMI Education Foundation. Karen's second book, *Practical Project Management for Agile Nonprofits*, is about to be published by Maven House Press.

Karen writes: "[My NHTI experience] is what got me started down the path of project management – I had to develop the skills of time management and schedules to stay on top of homework assignments while working full-time and serving in the US Army Reserves. I find I refer back to the skills I acquired quite frequently, even reusing a paper I wrote on the topic of organizations. As for those much-dreaded accounting course materials – I now use them when reconciling the books for Applied Agility."

**1982**

### **James R. Arseneau**

received an associate's degree in Electronic Engineering Technology. James is the owner of J & B Diversified Associates, Inc. in Belfast, Maine. He and his wife Barbara, have three grown children, Anna Claire, Elizabeth Jane and Alexander James.

### **Debra (Blanchard) Carbone**

earned a degree in Business Administration. In 1992, she earned a bachelor's degree in business management from Franklin Pierce University. Debra is employed as a marketing coordinator at UNIT 4 Business Software in Manchester. Her many responsibilities include the North American trade shows, transportation and logistics, vertical industry and IBM Power Systems market to include researching trade shows, planning and attending events, creating e-mail nurture campaigns, updating related web content, investigating PR opportunities, developing industry relationships, engaging in social media groups, researching industry trends and developing prospects. Debra has

two children, Connor and Casey and lives with her two boys, two dogs, two cats and six gerbils in Loudon. Debra still stays in touch with one person from her NHTI days. "NHTI was a great start in college life. It was not too big and not too far from home, and especially it was a good education for a good price."

**1983**

### **Mary (Kidder) Letourneau**

earned an associate's degree in Nursing, and went on to Franklin Pierce University to earn her MSN degree. She is an employee health nurse at Concord Hospital. Mary lives in Barnstead with her husband, Richard.

**1985**

### **David B. Green**

graduated with a degree in Paramedic Emergency Medicine. In 2005, he earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Massachusetts. He is employed at Lawrence General Hospital in Lawrence, MA. Married to Andrea Taylor-Green, they have 3 children, Ethan David Taylor Green (6 months old), Allison Kimberly Green (18 years old) and Kevin Phillip Green (21 years old).

David has worked as an EMT / Paramedic for 22 years and loved every minute of it!

**1986**

### **Steven Achilles**

earned a degree in Paramedic Emergency Medicine. He was recently promoted to Fire Chief for the City of Portsmouth, NH.



**1987**

### **Don Blajda**

earned an associate's degree in Architectural Engineering Technology. He works for Opechee Construction Corporation in Belmont, NH. As the project architect, Don is responsible for overseeing the design and construction of commercial projects throughout Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Massachusetts. His projects include sustainable construction for LEED certification. Don and his wife Michele have two children, Madeline and Ryan. When his son recently graduated from Full Sail University in Winter Park, Florida with a bachelor's degree in recording arts, Don says "It brought back great memories of my own graduation from NHTI many years ago."

**1991**

### **Julie (Howard) Kyrouris**

earned her associate's degree in Dental Hygiene, after completing the dental assisting program in 1989. Julie works for Dr. Harvey in Portsmouth, NH. She and her husband, Jason, have been

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married for 17 years and have two children, Ellie and Nicholas.

### Scot Newbury

received a Computer Engineering Technology degree from NHTI. He lives in Londonderry, NH.

## 1992

### Michael Brady

earned an associate's degree in Nursing. He furthered his education at Kaplan University and received his MSN in nursing administration in 2012. He is considering going back to college for his DNP. Michael is employed with the State of California as the Director of Nursing for a 3,000 bed male correctional facility. He and his wife Deborah have 4 grown children, Robie, Amanda, Jessica and Alexander. "NHTI started my educational journey. The foundation that I gained at NHTI still serves me today, from the study habits to the quest for excellence. Thank you!"

### Amy Gagne

graduated with a degree in Dental Hygiene. Amy is employed with Axis/Sybron Endo as a Sales Territory Manager. She has just relocated back to the Boston area, after being on the West Coast for 17 years. She says, "I'm happy to be home and enjoying being a tourist in my new town of Marblehead, MA!"

## 1993

### Abrahm Howe

received an associate's degree in Radiologic Technology. Abrahm went on to receive his MBA from Franklin Pierce University in Health Care Administration and was a member of the Sigma Beta Delta Honor Society. He is the associate director of radiology at Cheshire Medical Center in Keene, NH. He provides administrative oversight of MRI, CT, Ultrasound, vascular lab, nuclear medicine and PET services. He and his wife Tisha have two sons, Gabriel and Samuel. At NHTI, Abrahm says he "developed a core understanding of medical imaging that served as my platform for a productive career."

## 1994

### Priscilla Signorelli

earned her degree in Radiologic Technology. She has now retired and lives in St. Joe Beach, Florida. Priscilla has two grown children, Erika and Geoff, and became a grandmother almost 2 years ago.

## 1995

### Brian Martin

majored in Paramedic Emergency Medicine, and went to the University of Rhode Island to receive his bachelor's degree in nursing in 2001. Brian works for the Auburn Fire Department as a firefighter and paramedic. He has recently taken a position as flight nurse for the United States Air Force Reserve. Brian and his wife Tracey have a daughter, Bryanna.

## 1997

### Amy Frechette

earned her degree in Criminal Justice. She is employed with the Institute on Disability at UNH in Durham, NH. Amy has published articles about accessibility for people with disabilities including "Getting In the Door with Your Service Dog" for the Institute on Disability's RAP Sheet (right), and "Nothing About Us Without Us: Including People with Disabilities as Teaching Partners in University Courses."



## 2000

### John Caswell

earned his degree in Addiction Counseling and Human Service. He is now living in Omaha, Nebraska and hopes to reconnect with his fellow classmates. He can be reached by emailing effectivevoices@gmail.com.

## 2001

### Angela Berry

earned a dual degree from NHTI in Radiologic Technology and Diagnostic Medical Sonography. She is employed with Katahdin Shared Services in Millinocket, Maine. As a full-time staff sonographer, she performs abdominal, OB/GYN, vascular and echocardiograms for patients. Angela has two children, Kennedy and James. She says, "NHTI was a great college. The people were very friendly and the professors were very helpful. NHTI helped me achieve the best education in Radiology and Diagnostic Medical Sonography. Today, I absolutely love what I do and I thank NHTI for that!"

## 2002

### Candace Ames-Nelson

graduated with a degree in Early Childhood Education. She is now attending White Mountain Community College in Berlin, NH, working towards a degree in Medical Assisting. She and her husband, Daniel have a little boy, Liam Ames Nelson.

### Christina (Sylvain) Coruth

graduated with an associate's degree in Dental Hygiene. Christina is now attending the

Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Services and expects to graduate with a master's degree in 2014. She and her husband Kevin have a son, Robert and another baby due in August of 2013. Christina says, "NHTI provided me with a great education with an affordable price. I was able to walk out of school and have several job offers!"

## 2003

### Eric Miller

majored in Criminal Justice, and restarted the Criminal Justice Club during his time at NHTI. He went on to create a Criminal Justice Club at New England College, where he graduated in 2006 with an English concentration and a Criminal Justice minor. Eric has now returned to NHTI, and is currently looking into the Social Service Certificate Program. He is passionate about helping others when he can, and is both an Orientation Leader and a Student Senator.

Eric says that the one constant in his life has been writing. A journal he began keeping early in his college career has evolved into a book, *Finite Verse*, available on [www.publishamerica.com](http://www.publishamerica.com), and into a greater understanding of what he wants in life. "Do what works for you, and forget the rest," says Eric. "Only you know what you have, and what will endure in your life."

### Mikal Payne

received his Sports Management degree in 2003. He furthered his education with a master's degree in sports management CAL-U. Mikal lives in Concord, NH.

## 2004

### Robin Gagnon

says she should have graduated in 1980 (!) but completed her associate's degree in General Studies in 2004. She earned a bachelor's degree in self-designed special needs and behavior management at Granite State College. Robin is a special educator and pre-school teacher at Henniker Community School. As a case manager, she is responsible for more than 20 pre-school children with special needs. Robin has two grown children, Nicole and Jason. Robin is working on her master's degree in special education. Robin says, "While I attended NHTI back in 80's, I did not finish my degree in accounting. After having children, and running my own daycare business, I realized that going back to NHTI to finish my degree was important. Using my credits in accounting from the 80's, I was highly qualified to teach math at my school. Those accounting classes served me well after all! I always recommend NHTI to my former Henniker students. The College has wonderful programs, gifted teachers, is close to home, is a great price...I could go on!"

## 2005

### Trisha J. Blake

earned two associate's degrees from NHTI: Radiologic Technology in 2005 and Diagnostic



Medical Sonography in 2009. Trisha works for Concord Hospital as a diagnostic medical sonographer. She utilizes an ultrasound machine and techniques to scan patients to assist in diagnosis of disease. Her patients include babies to adults. Trisha says, "My NHTI education was a great return on my investment. I tell people all the time to get their education at the Tech. No matter what your age, you can go to school and get a great education and that NHTI realizes that you have a life while going to school. The professors are very supportive and want to help you meet your goals. NHTI gets an A+ from me!"

### **Heather Jane McDanolds**

earned a degree in Hotel Administration. She recently joined the Vermont National Guard and leaves for Basic Training on September 23, 2013. As an ammunition specialist, she will be part of 89 Bravo. Heather says, "I enjoyed my education and experience at NHTI. It was amazing and I would never change any of it. I wish I lived closer to NHTI so I could still attend!"

## **2006**

### **Joel Beachy**

earned an associate's degree in Computer Engineering Technology. He earned a bachelor's degree in computer science from LeTourneau University in Texas. Today Joel is employed as an associate software developer for Liberty Mutual Insurance in Dover, NH.

### **Natasha Jean**

earned an associate's degree in Accounting. She is now living in Derry, NH.

### **Benjamin King**

received a degree in Paramedic Emergency Medicine. He went on to Rocky Mountain College to earn his bachelor's degree in biology. Benjamin lives in Bozeman, Montana and works for Summit Air Ambulance as a critical care flight paramedic.

### **Loredana (Pierre) Anghel**

graduated with a degree in Paralegal Studies. She now attends UNH, majoring in social work. She hopes to graduate in 2014. Loredana lives in Manchester, NH.

## **2007**

### **Erik Ellingsen**

graduated with a Criminal Justice degree. He lives in Alexandria, Virginia.

## **2008**

### **Crystal Burch**

received her master's in Mental Health Counseling from New England College in December 2012, after earning her Human Services degree at NHTI in 2008. She is currently working at Market Basket in Londonderry while looking for a field related job. Crystal is in the process of applying to Antioch University for her doctorate degree in psychology.

### **Jessica Locke**

earned her associate's degree in Early Childhood Education, and went on to UNH to get a bachelor's degree in family studies in 2010. During her time at NHTI, she worked at the Child and Family Development Center. Jessica is employed as a program specialist at the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, the Division for Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF). As a credentialing specialist, Jessica oversees the NH Early Learning and Afterschool Professional Development Systems.

## **2009**

### **Brett Austin**

earned a dual degree in Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering Technology. At UNH, Brett earned his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering technology. As a lead radiant design engineer at Viega (Nashua, NH), Brett is responsible for the design and engineering of heating, cooling, and snow melting systems for commercial and residential properties. He and his wife, Niki have a son, Bryce (15 months old). Of NHTI, Brett says, "I enjoyed the small classroom environment and the hands on applications. The faculty was always very helpful and always available for questions."

### **Wanda Botticello**

received her degree in General Studies. She works for New Hampshire Department of Safety as a senior human resource technician. Wanda is the certifying officer for the agency's recruitment program. She also serves as a training coordinator for the agency's Safe Driving and Wellness Programs. Wanda is Vice President of the Board of Directors for the New Hampshire Certified Public Managers Association. She belongs to the CPM Advisory Board for the state's training program for the Certified Public Managers Program. Wanda says, "NHTI provided excellent training in business management. It gave me the tools I needed to advance in my career."

### **Nicole (Boudreau) McRae**

earned her associate's degree in Nursing. She married Michael McRae in 2012 at the Oaks in Somersworth. Michael and Nicole are both registered nurses. Nicole says she "gained a lot of confidence while obtaining a great education at NHTI."

## **2010**

### **Brian Avery**

earned an associate's degree in Computer Engineering Technology. At UNH, he earned a bachelor's degree in electronic engineering and computer technologies. As a software developer at Oracle in Bedford, MA, Brian fixes defects in Oracle's NetNet SD line. Brian says, "My NHTI experience was very valuable. This degree provided me with the programming experience that I needed in order to survive in the world as a software engineer."

### **Jamie Guzman**

graduated with an associate's degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology. Jaime is pursuing a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from UMass Lowell. Jamie works as a product drafter for ConrolAir in Amherst, NH. Married to Tracy Cosgriff, they have a 6 year old named Joon.

### **Jessica Means**

graduated with an associate's degree in Nursing in 2010. Prior to this, she earned a bachelor's degree in health education from Plymouth State University. Jessica works as a registered nurse on the medical and surgical floor at Speare Memorial Hospital in Plymouth. She serves as a school nurse for the local area schools as needed and works part-time at Grafton County Nursing Home. She enjoys all aspects of nursing. Jessica and her husband, Dave, have three children, Adam, Ben, and Elizabeth.

Jessica says, "NHTI was a great experience for me. I felt that the workload thoroughly prepared me for my job as an RN. The faculty was knowledgeable, caring and very supportive. I truly appreciate all they did for me!"

### **Jessica Rothwell**

graduated with a degree in Early Childhood Education. She is employed with Bright Horizons Family Solutions in Nashua, NH. As a teacher in the toddler room, Jessica helps foster the children's growth and development in a fun and safe environment. In December 2012, Jessica donated a kidney to her younger brother. About NHTI, she says, "I gained so much from the College. My education really prepared me as I set out to look for a job and has helped me with the techniques I use in my classroom. I will often reference work I did in my courses as I look for new materials or when I need an answer to something. NHTI was a great experience."

### **Katie Vaillancourt**

earned an associate's degree in Radiologic Technology. She is now pursuing a Medical Sonography degree at NHTI and expects to graduate in 2014.

## **2012**

### **Raven Foss**

earned an associate's degree in General Studies. She works as an office administrator and receptionist at Dental Arts of Bedford.

### **Rosemarie Hughes-Smith**

received an associate's degree in Human Service. She is attending Granite State College, working towards a degree in psychology. Rosemarie is married to Eugene Smith. She has three grown sons, Sean McNamara, Patrick McNamara and Gordon W. Smith.

### **Kaitlin Moody**

graduated with an associate's degree in General Studies. Now attending Plymouth State University, Kaitlin is majoring in psychology with a minor in business administration. She expects to graduate in 2014. This fall at PSU, Kaitlin will be the new PAW (Programming Alternative

Weekends) intern in the Student Activities Office. She says, "Without the help of NHTI, I would not have found my love for higher education. Chuck Lloyd, Heidi Schmidt and Marty Hunt, among many others, pushed me to be my best and to pursue a career in education. I am so thankful for my experiences at NHTI!"

#### **Jessica Rice**

earned an associate's degree in Early Childhood Education. She lives in Loudon, NH.

## • Engagements •

#### **Bedard '06 – Gerry**

Tabitha Bedard and Tim Gerry announce their engagement. Tabitha graduated from Franklin High School in 2004 and from NHTI in 2006. She is a data processing specialist at Franklin Savings Bank. Tim graduated from the University of New Hampshire in 2007. Tabitha and Tim plan to marry in October.

#### **Edwards '99 – Smith**

Megan Edwards and Allen Smith Jr. plan to marry. Megan earned an associate's degree in Business Management from NHTI in 1999. She works at Concord Group Insurance Company. Allen Smith, Jr. works at McLane Company in Hopkinton. They will be married in May 2014

#### **Hunt – Gross**

Jillian Hunt is engaged to Samuel Gross. Jillian graduated from Kearsarge Regional High School and from NHTI. Jillian is continuing her education at Granite State College. Samuel graduated from Concord High School and is attending NHTI. A summer 2014 wedding is planned.

#### **Kovacs – Aku '09**

Lindsey Kovacs is engaged to Muzafer Aku. Lindsey graduated from Manchester Community College and is a preschool teacher with Easter Seals in Manchester. Muzafer graduated from Manchester High School Central and earned a Criminal Justice degree from NHTI in 2009. Muzafer is a police officer in Hooksett, NH. Lindsey and Muzafer will be married in June.

#### **Mosher – Keene**

Natasha Marie Mosher is engaged to Brandon Marshall Keene. Natasha graduated from Con Val High School and attended NHTI. She is employed at Concord Hospital. Brandon is employed by Wayne J. Griffic Electric. They plan to be married in June 2015.

#### **Smith – Brennan**

Hannah Smith attended NHTI to study early childhood education and teaches preschool in Concord. Daniel studied criminal justice at Suffolk County Community College and is an irrigation technician for Thomas Lawn Care in Concord. They will marry in May.

## • Weddings •

#### **Stickney – Robinson**

Michelle Lee Stickney of Hooksett and Christopher Robinson of Boston were married in Nashua. Michelle graduated from Manchester Central High School and attended NHTI. Christopher is a field sales manager with Samsung.

## • In Memory •

#### **Atherton**

James Peter Atherton, 23, died at home in Lebanon, Maine surrounded by his family after a lengthy and brave battle with cancer. Jim graduated from NHTI in 2011 with a degree in Sports Management. As a student at NHTI, Jim earned a coveted internship with the Manchester Monarchs, a team he loved. He was a member of the NHTI men's soccer team but also played baseball, soccer and hockey whenever he could. He was a passionate hunter and fisherman. Jim continued his education at Southern New Hampshire University, receiving a bachelor's degree in sports management (a Magna Cum Laude graduate). An adventurer and person who truly valued the gift of life, Jim traveled 39 states, and visited Scotland, England and Canada. As a substitute teacher at Barrington Elementary School, the students called him, "Mr. Awesome." Jim started playing the violin at age 8, and ultimately became a virtuoso.



The Friday evening before he passed, Jim attended the Manchester Monarchs game to cheer his boys on one more time. At the game, Jim was awarded his diploma by SNHU President Paul LeBlanc. **Paul Hogan**, NHTI's Athletic Director, says, "Jim was a great kid, a tough soccer player and solid student." **Chuck Lloyd**, Associate VP for Student Affairs, remained close to Jim after supervising his internship with the Monarchs. Chuck says, "Jim's smile and his whole being just lit up a room. He will truly, truly be missed."

#### **Pszonowsky**

Michele L. Pszonowsky passed away on April 2, 2013 after a sudden illness. Michele was born in Concord and was raised in Pittsfield. She was a graduate of Pittsfield High School, Class of 1987 and attended Keene State College and NHTI. Michele worked as a waitress in several Concord restaurants including Thumbs, The Green Martini, and the Sandwich Depot.

#### **Warner '76**

Craig G. Warner died on March 2, 2013 with his family at his side after a long battle with cognitive heart disease. Craig moved to East Concord as

a child and later made his home in Loudon.. He was a 1974 graduate of Concord High School and graduated from NHTI with associate's degrees in Electronic Engineering Technology and Architectural Engineering Technology. Craig was employed at Gambit Communications in Nashua. He was an Eagle Scout and volunteered as the Scout Master for troop 90 in East Concord. He was a motorcycle enthusiast, an avid horseshoe thrower, NASCAR fan, and played on Blaser's Tavern dart team for many years. Craig was the web-master for Concord's Pub Dart League, he was a dedicated fan of Boston's pro-sports teams, and he especially enjoyed camping and family gatherings.

#### **Zdunko**

Susan A. Zdunko passed away on June 2, 2013 following a courageous battle with cancer. Sue was born in Freeport, New York and had resided in Pembroke, NH until last year. Sue was a 1983 graduate of Pinkerton Academy in Derry, NH, and attended NHTI. Sue was employed as regional operations manager for Citizens Bank. She enjoyed golf, bicycling, photography, country music and a nice glass of red wine. She also loved lighthouses and the ocean, but mostly living life.

*What's that?  
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anything in to the  
Alumni News!?*

## **Attention Alumni**

**Did you land a new job?  
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## Dental Hygiene Alumni Reception!

**W**hen **Donna Clougherty**, Department Head for Allied Dental Education, learned that the American Dental Hygienists Association (ADHA) was offering free meeting space in Boston in honor of the 100th Anniversary of the profession, she jumped at the chance to host an NHTI Dental Hygiene Alumni Reception. On June 19, 2013, alumni, faculty and friends from the NH Dental Hygienists Association gathered to celebrate and catch up with each other.

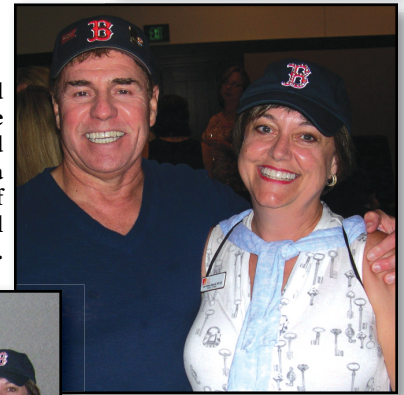


Flowers from NHTI's own campus gardens made the trip to Boston for the reunion!



Strike a pose! From left, Julie Kyrouris '91, faculty member Debra Albrecht, and Amy Gagne '92. Julie and Amy were NHTI roommates and classmates, and have been friends ever since!

Dan and Joan Fitzgerald '77, geared up for the Red Sox game after the reunion. Joan, an ADHA board member, presented an award to Donna Clougherty honoring NHTI as one of only 2 schools in New England with full faculty membership in ADHA.



Proud Alumni! From left, Amy Gagne '92, Julie (Howard) Kyrouris '91, Connie George '75, Lisa Malfait '83 (faculty member since 2002), Pam (Frost) Delahanty 1978, Wanda (Miller) Nelson '85, Debra Simonds '84 and Joan (Kenney) Fitzgerald '77.



Debra Simonds '84 loved catching up with faculty and friends.



Best friends and sisters (in-law) for nearly 30 years! Charlene Ouellette (left) and Lisa Malfait '83 were fast friends when they landed their first hygienist jobs in the same office. Then Lisa's brother wanted Charlene's phone number, and that was that. Lisa says, "My best friend married my brother, and now I have a sister!"



Connie George '75 (left) chats with Wanda Nelson '85. Connie joined the NHTI faculty in 1990.



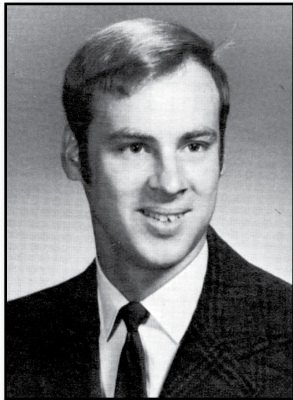
Fearless Dental Department Leaders! Donna Clougherty (left) began as department head in 2001. Carolyn Hartnett served as department head from 1981 to 2001.



## Drop Larry a Line!

**A** Big Hello to All the 1971 Graduates!

I attended NHTI in the fall of 1965 but left after one year, after setting an assumed new record for lowest GPA. It seemed like I received two letters in June of 1966: one from NHTI saying "farewell" and one from the Army saying "hello!"



But not to be denied, I returned to NHTI in the fall of 1969, after three years in the Army with a new attitude to start over again. I had also gotten married, so that helped me focus on my education.

After two wonderful years with many super classmates, great professors and a supportive administration, I graduated in 1971 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology. I earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 1979, and although I have no big promotions or career events to report, I tried to do a good job for 40 long years!

I am now retired from Verizon after 40 years of employment. My wife, Karen and I reside in Vermont, enjoying the Green Mountains and our family.

I would love to hear from any of my classmates to catch up on how you all are doing and how your families are doing and how your careers went or are still going.

Maybe, if enough are interested, we could pull off a reunion.

Hoping to hear from all of you!

— **Larry Bose '71**, quiltwood7@aol.com

## Class of 1971: Let's Have a Reunion!

As Class President, Larry Bose is leading the charge to drum up support for a 1971 reunion. He cordially invites his fellow class representatives to join the planning committee: **Jim Guay**, Vice-President, **Rose Selfridge**, Secretary, and **Steve Daigneault**, Treasurer.

**Lee Ann Lewis**, the alumni director, will help coordinate a fun event at NHTI, including a tour of the campus -- wait until you see how the school has grown!.

For more information, email Larry or contact Lee Ann at [llewis@ccsnh.edu](mailto:llewis@ccsnh.edu) or (603) 271-6484 ext. 4239 if you'd like to help plan the party.

## Attention Alumni! - Do You Work in Manufacturing?

**A**MPED-NH is looking for mentors for students across the seven Community Colleges of NH, including NHTI.

AMPED-Connect is an online database that allows mentors to connect with students learning about the manufacturing (and potentially other) engineering field(s).

To learn more, contact **JoEllen Space**, AMPED-NH at the Community College System of NH, [jspace@ccsnh.edu](mailto:jspace@ccsnh.edu).

For NHTI alumni working in manufacturing, please contact **Lynn Szymanski** at [lszymanski@ccsnh.edu](mailto:lszymanski@ccsnh.edu).



## New Robotics Degree

**S**tarting this fall, NHTI beoffering a new 2-year Associate Degree in Robotics and Automation Engineering Technology (RAET).

Students in the RAET program will master engineering fundamentals by taking courses in engineering design, manufacturing processes, computer programming, circuit theory, and digital electronics. A series of more advanced/specialized courses focuses on the application of cutting edge technologies to product design and fabrication. Topics include robotics, machine vision, process automation, programmable logic controllers, motion control, and the use of computers for design and manufacture.

The program is designed to prepare engineering technologists for employment in advanced manufacturing. Graduates will also have the foundation necessary to pursue a bachelor's degree, and to take advantage of opportunities for life-long learning and professional development.



## 5K for the Friendly K

**T**he NHTI Cross Country Team is hosting the 7th Annual Friendly Kitchen 5K Road Race on Friday September 6th. The race will begin at 5:30 PM on the Quad. It will include a children's run, food, music, and an awesome raffle. All proceeds go to the Concord Friendly Kitchen.



There is a special division for NHTI alumni. Enter this race, and you too could win the coveted title of Fastest NHTI Alumnus or Alumna of 2013! (Yes, there's one of each!)

For more details contact **Perry Seagroves**, [pseagroves@ccsnh.edu](mailto:pseagroves@ccsnh.edu).



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From left: Megan Masury '11, Ben Breault '13, Rosie Smith '95, Kaylee Towle '11, Kaitlin Moody '12, and Sara Bartlett.