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Alumni News

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Making His Way: Niger to New Hampshire

My plan was to spend just one semester at NHTI,” Ali Sekou reminisces with a smile. “But truly, I fell in love with the college, which supported me 100%. Thank you to everyone at NHTI who helped make me who I am today.”

And who he is today -- a U.S. citizen, working on a bachelor's degree at Plymouth State, on a management track with a major U.S. corporation, with aspirations to work for an international non-profit or the U.S. state department-- is a long way from where he started.

Ali was raised in a small village called Karegorou in the Republic of Niger in Western Africa. He attended the village school during his early days and then moved to the capital of Niamey to complete his high school education. Ali began to study law at Abdou Moumouni University.

Ali describes Niger as a beautiful and mystic land, a popular tourist attraction given the deserts, the sand dunes, the wild animals and most especially the river.

When decentralization began, Ali was selected to work for the Bitinkodi Site Touristique, a bureau of tourism for Bitinkodji, a rural community about 30 minutes from Niamey. He was tasked with completing an inventory of all the tourist attractions. Ali served as a Ministry Certified Guide and led excursions to see giraffes, visit the ancient market in Boubon, and ride a donkey cart to a Fulani village, a national park, to watch the sunrises and sunsets over the dunes. He was promoted to manager of the Site Touristique.

Tourism eventually declined and in 2011, Ali applied to and was hired by the United States Embassy in Niger. He emigrated to the U.S. in 2012. While Ali was immediately accepted to Plymouth State University, there were challenges: the cost of higher education and the fact that he had very little understanding of the English language. Ali began taking courses in English as a Second Language at Laconia High School's adult learning program. When



Ali Sekou Diallo

he learned about community colleges – a concept he had never been exposed to before – he applied to NHTI.

Leadership through Phi Theta Kappa

From the beginning, Ali embraced his time at NHTI. He joined the Multicultural Club, and proudly represented Niger at the annual multicultural fairs on campus. He became an orientation leader and was a member of the NHTI Student Senate, representing his major, Hospitality and Tourism Management. Ali also served as a student judge at Winter Fling / Dancing With the Concord Stars, where he met his friend and mentor Tom Raffio. In his second year Ali earned a scholarship, the English as Secondary to Other Languages (ESOL) Award for excellence in academics.

Ali says he loved all of these extracurricular experiences, but it was when he was inducted into Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), the

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Human Service Alum Wins Scholarship

In June 2016, NHTI Human Service alumna **Jessica Vintinner-Robinson**

received a \$2,000 College Equals Opportunity (CEO) Scholarship from the NH Higher Education Assistance Foundation. Jessica, who graduated in May 2015 and was a commencement speaker that year.



Jessica was a standout student during her years at NHTI. A member of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society and president of the Human Service club, she was noted for organizing and participating in a broad range of service activities both on and off campus. Her initiatives included:

- organizing family dinners at Thanksgiving;
- providing gifts for needy families during the holidays;
- a Pay It Forward program;
- Finders/Keepers clothes closet;
- serving as a victim's advocate at a domestic violence center;
- assisting with suicide awareness and prevention programs on campus.

In her senior year, Jessica received the President's Award for Outstanding Citizenship, NHTI's highest student award. She was also honored as an "unsung hero" by NAMI NH, the state chapter of the National Association for Mental Illness.

Now a Human Services student at Springfield College, Jessica is on track to receive her bachelor's degree next May, and plans to stay on for a Masters in Mental Health Counseling. She also works as a Trauma Intervention Volunteer and Victim Advocate for Victims Inc. "I help families during the darkest hours of their lives, after their have lost a loved one. I stay with them until their own support system is in place, and help families through the court process."

Student, Then Professor, Now Department Head!

Aaron Conn is one of many NHTI "home-grown" stars. He started taking classes at NHTI while he was a freshman in high school. His first job was working for the Community College System of NH (CCSNH) as a marketing intern, designing their first web site. That was where he met NHTI IT Professor **Fred Lance**, who worked in the CCSNH IT Department at the time.

Aaron started off in the Computer Engineering program at NHTI, until he ran into Fred again, who had just started teaching full time and was starting a networking program with a new curriculum developed by Cisco. Aaron switched programs and earned his associate degree in Computer Information Systems (CIS) in 2001. He says that his time as a student here was "very hands on. My education gave me the skills needed to find employment and complete tasks at work."

In 2002, Aaron graduated from Southern New Hampshire University with a bachelor's degree in business studies with a minor in Computer Information Systems.

In 2003 he and another graduate from the CIS program at NHTI, **Christopher Witham**, started a Computer / Networking support company servicing residents and small businesses in the area. "It was a good decision at the time. Chris and I had known each other from high school, became friends at NHTI while in the CIS program, and both transferred to SNHU (along with two other people from our program) after graduating".

Aaron eventually became the sole owner of the business, but by 2007 he had decided that he would rather do IT work for an organization than run his own business. "It was a lot of work. The IT jobs were great, but the paper work was tiresome."

In January of that year Aaron started working full time as an IT Support Specialist at Manchester Community College. "I enjoyed my time there and had plans to stay longer," but in August he received a phone call from **Tom Laurie**, the IT Department Head at NHTI, asking him if he'd like to come back and teach. Teaching was nothing new to Aaron, as he had taught IT courses at several different places on the side, and had been an Educator at the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center.

Aaron started working at NHTI with plans to stay for 5 years. Now 9 years later he says, "I love every aspect of my job and enjoy coming to work each day. I like working at a college campus knowing everyone is here trying to earn a degree so they can go out and get a better job. Teaching in IT allows me to stay current in my field as well as help other students explore IT as a career path."

Recently Aaron hired another graduate of the IT program, **Chad Johnson**, to teach for them. Fred Lance is now surrounded by three of his previous students, including Professor **Bill Shurbert**.

The last few years have been quite busy for Aaron. In 2012, he married Megan Dreisbach, who now works at Manchester Community College as the Interim Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs. Their one year old son, Charlie, "attends" the Child and Family Development Center at NHTI, which is quite convenient for Aaron.

Two years ago, Megan and Aaron bought a home in Pembroke, NH. And just this summer, Aaron was promoted to Department Head of Information Technology at NHTI, after the retirement of Tom Laurie. Aaron is looking forward to exploring his new role and helping the campus grow in future endeavors.

Congratulations, Aaron!



The Conn Family: Megan, Charlie and Aaron

international honor society for two-year colleges, that he began to flourish.

“Being part of PTK is where my life as a leader really began,” Ali explains. “Attending my first PTK convention in Nashua was life-changing. I met people from all over the United States, all of them doing real work in their communities, and creating positive change for people.”

At the Nashua conference, Ali was encouraged to run for an officer position in PTK. **Trish Loring**, Ali’s academic advisor at NHTI spent time with him, talking about the responsibilities and potential for growth.

“First, Trish told me I needed to read every single requirement of being an officer of PTK,” Ali remembers. “She said I must be absolutely sure that I could meet those requirements while still maintaining an excellent grade point average.”

Ali was elected as a regional officer of Phi Theta Kappa, a position that allowed him to travel to their international conventions across the U.S. including Florida, Texas and even an honors institute in Missouri. He is the first NHTI PTK member to be elected as a regional officer. Ali was an inspirational speaker at the New England Regional PTK induction at Southern Maine CC.

Ali earned his associate degree in Hospitality and Tourism Management from NHTI in 2015. Now working towards a bachelor’s degree at Plymouth State University, Ali says he has carried the NHTI / PTK legacy of leadership



Ali enjoys a gift at his citizenship ceremony.

and academic excellence with him. He is majoring in tourism management with a minor in political science. With a goal to work for an international non-profit organization, Ali aims to complete a master’s degree. He speaks five languages: Fulani, French, Hausa, Zarma and of course, English.

Working His Way Through

Having been in the U.S. for only four years, Ali has worked hard to pay his way. He has waited tables at the Grappone Conference Center in Concord and on the Mount Washington Cruises on Lake Winnepesaukee. He is a part of Bienvenue, an organization at PSU which welcomes French-speaking visitors to New Hampshire. Ali was also a manager at Papa Gino’s in the Lakes Region.

It was at Papa Gino’s that Ali’s exceptional customer service, leadership and consistent professionalism caught the eyes of a couple of managers from Hannaford. One afternoon while at his shift at Papa Gino’s, they asked to meet with him. The managers said they had seen Ali’s hard work firsthand for months and asked him to apply to Hannaford’s management training program. Ali has been an evening operations manager with Hannaford for three months now. And at PSU, he is a student employee earning income to defray the cost of tuition.

A Citizen of the United States

Ali believes that the U.S. is truly a land of opportunity. He says, “It is great to be in a country where people see something in you – they recognize the potential you have, and offer you an opportunity to learn and to grow. Being recognized by NHTI President **Susan Dunton** at my graduation last year was one of the greatest moments of my life.”

That is, until July 22nd when Ali officially became a citizen of the United States of America. Posting his joy and gratitude on Facebook, Ali said, “This is the most memorable and unforgettable day for me, where I became a part of this great Nation. I am proud and honored. As said John F. Kennedy in his inaugural speech in 1961 to Americans, ‘ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country...’ Yes, we have rights to enjoy, but we do have responsibilities to fulfill too.

“May God Bless America!”

Mike Labrecque, ’14: New Canterbury Police Chief

After 22 years in law enforcement in Bow, the NH Department of Corrections, and Hooksett, **Mike Labrecque** says, “I still like the job.” This is a good thing, since Mike became the Chief of Police for the town of Canterbury on August 1st.



Prior to taking over as Canterbury Police Chief, Mike Labrecque ’14 served as a Lieutenant for the Hooksett Police Department. He has more than 20 years of law enforcement experience. Photo courtesy Hooksett Police Dept.

Over the past year, Canterbury Police officers have been plagued by accusations of incompetence and unprofessionalism. According to an interview with the *Concord Monitor* (July 3, 2016, pages A3-4), Mike is primarily focused on winning back the trust of the community. He aims to improve officer training and revamp police policies. He says he is looking forward to working with Canterbury’s three existing police officers, helping them to “move forward with their careers.”

Mike received his associate degree in Criminal Justice in December 2014. He walked in the May 2015 graduation ceremony, alongside his son, **Mike**, who also earned a degree in Criminal Justice.

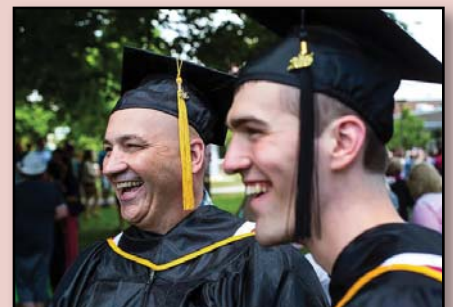


Photo courtesy Concord Monitor



Save the Date!

Saturday, January 28, 2017

Can you believe NHTI is getting ready to host its 7th Annual Winter Fling and "Dancing with the Concord Stars"? Since 2011, Winter Fling has raised more than \$230,000 for the President's Fund for Excellence. Thank you!

Winter Fling will be held on Saturday, January 28, 2017. Tickets go on sale November 1st for \$85 per person, or \$595 for a table of eight. Call **Lee Ann Lewis** on November 1st to purchase your Winter Fling tickets: (603) 271-6484 x4239.



Claudia Urbana and Shawn Buck, judged Best Overall in the "Dancing with the Concord Stars" competition at Winter Fling 2016.



Laura Quayle and Eric Goodwin, Best Overall, Winter Fling 2015.

From Community College to Graduate School

Building academic and leadership skills every step of the way!

Brody Glidden, a 2014 graduate of NHTI's Hospitality and Tourism Management program, began to discover his leadership potential as soon as he set foot on the NHTI campus. Brody's goal was to determine if college was right for him, while limiting the financial burden that exploring his options would place on his family. While



earning his associate degree, Brody achieved great success as a student leader. His role as a Resident Assistant ignited a passion for student affairs, and made him realize that he could take a more active role not just in the classroom and residence hall, but in clubs and student organizations as well.

At a national conference designed for student leaders, Brody connected

with Southern New Hampshire University's Residence Life Office. He struck Associate Director Matt Petersons as a "dedicated and insightful student leader." It was at this conference that Brody recognized that SNHU would be the next step in his education.

Brody quickly acclimated to campus life at his new university. He was able to enjoy 100% course transfer from NHTI to SNHU, and became a Resident Assistant, continuing his development as a campus leader. From getting involved in the Hospitality Student Association to organizing fundraising events, speaking at national conferences, and securing multiple internships, Brody hit the ground running and took advantage of every opportunity that came his way.

The hard work and determination that Brody has demonstrated throughout his collegiate career has allowed him to achieve great things. He will always be grateful for the opportunities he was given at both NHTI and SNHU, and continues to look forward to his next big adventure. Brody will be attending graduate school at the University of Central Missouri in the fall, and recently accepted a position as a Residence Hall Director.

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A new adventure!

Wings of Knowledge: Where Ideas Take Flight



The sculpture "Feathers" by Joseph DeRobertis, which hangs in the atrium of the NHTI Library, helped inspire the name of the college's Wings of Knowledge lecture series.

If you have never attended one of NHTI's *Wings of Knowledge* presentations you're missing out on a real treat! For the past 15 years, *Wings* has been offering exciting, unique and engaging presentations to the college and the community on a range of subjects so broad that just about anyone is bound to find at least one topic of interest in any given season.

Launched in 2001-02, *Wings of Knowledge* is an annual series of cultural events which are free and open to the public. The series supports and expands upon NHTI's wide variety of academic offerings, and is another element in the college's evolving community college mission. For the 2016-17 academic year, NHTI is pleased to welcome **Southern New Hampshire University** as its new presenting partner.

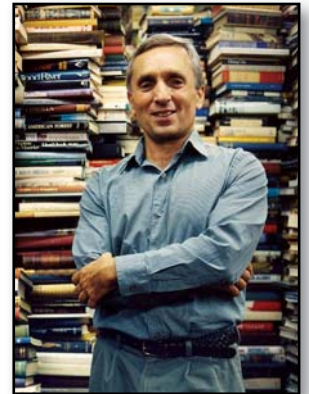


All presentations start at 6:00 pm, with refreshments to follow. Events take place in the NHTI Library Living Room unless otherwise noted. *Wings of Knowledge* is generously supported by the NHTI Student Senate and Campus Activities Board. For further information visit nhti.edu/wings or call (603) 230-4028.

Wings of Knowledge Events Schedule, 2016-17

October 4, 2016 - Kenneth Gloss, Book Dealer

Kenneth Gloss proprietor of Boston's internationally known Brattle Book Shop and a frequent guest on PBS' *Antiques Road Show*, will speak on the value of old and rare books. Ken will offer free verbal appraisals of books that attendees bring with them. *Special presentation in NHTI's Sweeney Auditorium.*



Kenneth Gloss

CANCELED - Lance Hidy, Graphic Artist

Lance Hidy, world renowned graphic artist, educator and author, will illustrate and talk about the history of the graphic arts. In conjunction with his November exhibition in the NHTI Library Gallery.



Print by Lance Hidy

December 6, 2016 - Isa Bauer, The Tiny House Movement

The Tiny House Movement is a social phenomenon that redefines what makes a house a home and empowers people for a different future, leading a movement that breaks the mold. Between 100 and 400 square feet, tiny houses come in all shapes, sizes and forms that enable simpler living in a smaller, more efficient space. **Isa Bauer** of Tiny House Northeast is the presenter. *Special presentation in NHTI's Sweeney Auditorium.*

February 7, 2017 - Tracey Rancourt, Handwriting Analysis

Tracey Rancourt, owner of Handwriting Analysis of NH, will talk about how handwriting analysis is used today and what it reveals.

February 21, 2017 - Celebration of National Engineer's Week

Program TBA. Co-sponsored with the NHTI Architectural Engineering Club.

March 7, 2017 - Sisters in Crime in New England

Noted mystery authors **Joy Seymour**, **Dale T. Phillips** and **Lea Wait** present the "nuts and bolts" of successful mystery writing.

April 4, 2017 - Culture in Many Societies.

An NHTI international student shares insights of home and culture, and of adapting to a new life in New Hampshire.

April 25, 2017 - Jake St. Pierre, Mountaineer

Jake St. Pierre, who was part of the American Climber Science Program expedition to Mt. Everest in April 2014, shares his experiences of the events of that fateful expedition. Co-sponsored with the AMC. *Special presentation in NHTI's Sweeney Auditorium.*



Jake St. Pierre
on Mt. Everest

Making a Career of Gaming

When **Jordan Cruz** graduated from high school in North Conway, NH, he wasn't sure if he wanted to work with animals or computers. "I actually started at UNH for zoology," he says, "but quickly decided that wasn't for me."



Always "heavy into video games," Jordan started looking for a program where he could turn his avocation into a career. "NHTI seemed to have exactly what I was looking for," he says.

Jordan found the first year of the two-year program was very intense, with a lot of learning crammed into a brief span of time. "I didn't know as much as I thought I did," he admits. "But Prof. [Rodney] Dellafellice was always there for me, and my fellow classmates really helped a lot too. We all stayed after class a lot and worked on the labs together." In the second year things got more creative, as the students applied what they were learning to ever-more-elaborate individual and team projects.

"It's a tough program," says Jordan, "but if you know what you want to do it's definitely worth it."

Last May, with the help of Professor **Greg Walek**, Jordan started an internship with Robot Loves Kitty (<http://robotloveskitty.com>), a game development company in Manchester, NH. He has been working out of a facility called Game Assembly (<http://gameassembly.org>), an "incubator" where professional developers, hobbyists and students can work side by side. NHTI is a Game Assembly partner, and up to five workstations are available for NHTI students and alumni at no charge.

Jordan became a full-time employee of Robot Loves Kitty in March 2016. He graduated with an Associate Degree in Animation and Graphic Game Programming in May.

Congratulations to the Class of 2016!

On a beautiful Friday in May, NHTI celebrated the commencement of the Class of 2016. This year, NHTI awarded 565 associate degrees including 59 in criminal justice, 43 in nursing, and 124 in general studies. This year's class also includes 106 graduates in the STEM fields (science, technology, engineering and math). Congratulations graduates!



We Can Do It!



Calling the Rosies of NHTI!

Ladies, take a closer look at this issue of the NHTI Alumni newsletter. Does it feel as though something is missing?

While the faculty and staff of NHTI take great pride in the careers and accomplishments of all of the men we have highlighted in this issue, we ask, "Where are the Rosies?"

Women have been part of the rich historical fabric of the College since its opening in 1965. The first female graduates earned degrees in electronic data processing, which later became known as information technology. Since those early days, women have earned degrees in all of the fields we offer: business, healthcare, math and science, engineering, education, human services, liberal arts, visual arts, among many others. Today, women make up 55% of the total population of students.

So, ladies: we want to hear from you!

What did you study when you were a student here? When did you graduate? Did you transfer to another college or university to earn another degree? Are you working in your field of interest? What challenges and opportunities has your career afforded you?

About Rosie

Rosie the Riveter is a cultural icon of the United States, representing the American women who worked in factories and shipyards during World War II. Often these women took entirely new jobs replacing the male workers who were in the military. Rosie's widely recognized poster, created by J. Howard Miller, was made as an inspirational image to boost worker morale.

Send your **riveting** story (and a picture!) to:

Lee Ann Lewis, Alumni Director

llewis@ccsnh.edu or call (603) 271-6484 ext. 4239

Hello from Jim Longton, '06

I graduated from NHTI in 2006 with my associate degree in Electronic Engineering Technology through an advanced education program with the Coast Guard. I am still on active duty with the Coast Guard with 29½ years in. I am stationed at the Waterways Operations Product Line in Washington, DC.

Last November, I completed my Master's Degree in Criminal Justice with a concentration in Homeland Security/Emergency Management through Excelsior College. I even received an invitation for induction into the SALUTE National Honor Society.

I received my Bachelor's degree from Excelsior as well. It was in Military Science with concentrations in Management and History. I never thought I would go for a master's degree, but I was in a routine of taking classes. When I wrapped up my bachelor's degree in 2013 I thought, "Why not keep going?" Before I knew it, it was all done.

I credit much of my educational success to the great professors I had at NHTI like Professors Darnell, French, Hough and of course, Tom "Good Methods" Caldron. I also still remember Professor Manthey doing computations quicker in her head than we could do on a calculator!

Thank you to all of these professors for a wonderful start to my education.



Jim Longton's master's degree graduation (top), and his induction into the SALUTE honor society.

Paramedic Grad

Earns 'Star of Life'

David Franklin, a 1994 graduate of NHTI's Paramedic Emergency Medicine program, earned the American Ambulance Association's 'Star of Life' award in April. In a ceremony held in Washington, DC, David was recognized for his hard work, dedication and leadership as a clinical field supervisor for Cataldo Ambulance in Somerville, MA.



His citation, published on the association's website, says, "While there are a number of individual calls that represent his exemplary performance as a clinician and leader, the time, commitment and passion he has shown over the past year, a year where a massive Paramedic shortage plagued much of Massachusetts, are the main reasons he deserves this honor. In 2015, Dave was the on-duty supervisor almost every weekend.

Traditionally, Saturday and Sunday are the most difficult shifts to fill and Dave was able to work his magic and kept Cataldo running through some very difficult times. His dedication was apparent, as he would often come in on his days off to assist in filling shifts. He contacted employees and moved staff around to keep our ambulances staffed. Through all of this, he continued to help mentor new supervisors, respond to multiple emergencies during his shifts, assist with ALS transfers, answer hundreds of phone calls, and handle all of the other managerial and supervisory responsibilities. His ability to do all of this, often on very extended shifts, while maintaining a courteous and professional attitude, has earned him the respect and admiration of almost every employee at Cataldo Ambulance."

David's colleagues at Cataldo were honored to nominate him for this distinguished award. Congratulations, David!

10th Annual Friendly Kitchen 5K Road Race

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A Clear Vision:

Dr. James Belanger Found His Focus at NHTI

Dr. **James Belanger** took a circuitous route to becoming an optometrist for the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. It started in his hometown of Milan, N.H., but really took direction at NHTI.

Dr. Belanger, 44, was not necessarily on the road to a college education when he graduated from high school. "I didn't even have enough money to pay the application fee at most schools," he says.

Community college was an affordable option, and NHTI had the engineering and manufacturing opportunities he was interested in pursuing.

"I had no idea what college was; NHTI provided me with that introduction," Belanger says. "It was an opportunity that I didn't even realize was available."

Dr. Belanger enrolled at the community college with the intention of earning an associate degree and beginning a career as a machinist, but he quickly realized that NHTI offered him the chance to do more.

"It gave me so many different options," he says. "Plus, the price was right, the quality of teaching was excellent, and it was nice to know that I could go on to bigger things."

That's exactly what he did. After earning an associate degree in mechanical engineering technology, he completed his bachelor's in the same field at the University of New Hampshire. While working for Heidelberg Web Systems in Dover, he returned to UNH to obtain a master's degree

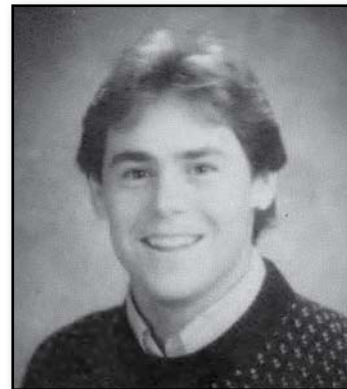
After nine years as an engineer he began considering a career change.

"I was doing well. I had 16 patents and I was working my way up the ladder, but I felt the need to do something different," he says. "Over time I was getting away from engineering and going more toward managing people, and that's not what I wanted. I decided I wanted to work on people, the coolest machine I could think of."

So Dr. Belanger enrolled at the New England School of Optometry in 2003. After graduation he worked in a private practice before landing at the naval yard last year.

"Lots of things I learned in engineering are actually happening in the body, with the physics and the basic biology that is involved," he says. "The main difference is that it would take months to solve an issue in engineering, while with optometry I have to do it in minutes. But mentally I'm doing the same thing; assessing a problem, looking at the fundamentals, trying to fill in the dots, diagnosing and then creating and implementing a treatment."

Without the foundation that was laid at NHTI, Dr. Belanger says, none of his choices would have been possible. "It was a great stepping stone for me. [Going to NHTI] really worked out well," he says.



**James Belanger, as he appeared in
his NHTI yearbook photo in 1991**

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The Long Goodbyes!

Graduates of NHTI have long championed the faculty of this College. Consistently and across the spectrum of academic majors, alumni talk about the dedication of their professors and they cite the importance of the real-life experience our faculty bring to the classroom. It is well known that faculty and staff of NHTI are passionately committed to their students' success. This is why it is so difficult to say "goodbye" to them.

With more than 125 years combined service to NHTI, we thank the following faculty and staff who have made a huge difference in the lives of thousands – literally thousands! – of students. We wish you all a very happy retirement.



Connie George is an NHTI graduate herself! She earned her Dental Hygiene degree in 1975 and began teaching in 1978. This year, Connie earned the Chancellor's Award for Teaching Excellence. Connie's quiet, patient and perceptive approach with students leads to their success in the classroom and in the clinic. Congratulations, Connie! Pictured: With President Susan B. Dunton (left), Connie holds her Chancellors Award for Teaching Excellence.



Cathy Eaton studied literature at Smith College, the Breadloaf School of English at Middlebury College, and Oxford University. She taught at the University of North Carolina before joining the NHTI English faculty in 1993. She has published numerous short stories as well as a young adult novel, *Curse of the Pirate's Treasure*.



Tom Laurie, Department Head for Information Technology, retired after twenty years at NHTI. We will miss you, Tom! Pictured: Tom, wearing blue plaid, chats with colleagues at his retirement party.



Nancy Brubaker graduated from the Paramedic Emergency Medicine program in 1984. Just two years later, she returned to teach. For 30 years, Nancy has been a tireless advocate for her students, and the Paramedic Emergency Medicine program. Here she stands (middle, wearing floral scarf) with many of her former students and fellow faculty members.



Kathy Moore has been the heart and soul of the Business Training Center at NHTI for more than 15 years. Kathy has long been dedicated to workforce development and training highly skilled people for local employers.

• Alumni Updates •

1969

Alan Davis

earned his degree in 1969. He lives in Plymouth, MA.

1987

Jeffrey Campbell

earned a degree in Architectural Engineering Technology in 1987. He then pursued a degree in design from the Maine Maritime Academy, graduating in 1995. He lives in Pittston, ME with his wife, Kathleen. They have two grown children, Krysty and Jeremy. Jeffrey founded Campbell Property Inspections in 2002, a premier home inspection firm covering a large part of the state of Maine. Jeffrey and his colleagues have thoroughly inspected hundreds of homes and small commercial business properties.

Jeffrey is now enjoying life's precious moments with his kids and grandkids. He says his time at NHTI "gave me an incredible start right out of the gate in the design field. I worked several years designing homes for a couple of different prefab companies before moving into a design job with Bath Iron Works (BIW). The education I received at NHTI was valuable at BIW as well, especially when I entered the apprenticeship program and took engineering classes working towards my second associate's degree in ship design. Everything eventually led me back to residential construction and the successful business I enjoy now, being able to assess properties and be in the field every day. I will never regret my choice to start at NHTI!"

1988

David Durkin

graduated with a degree in Architectural Engineering Technology. He lives in Buxton, ME.

1995

Dawn (Braithwaite) Porto

earned a degree in Human Services. She is now living in Lewes, Delaware.

1996

James Soucy

was sworn in as the new Chief of Police for the town of Kittery, ME in May. James earned a degree in Paralegal Studies from NHTI in 1996. He is a 1992 graduate of the New Hampshire Police Academy and a 2014 graduate of the elite Federal Bureau of Investigation. Having begun his law enforcement career in 1989 as a state trooper in Maryland, James brings more than 25 years of experience to his new role in Kittery.



Det. Capt. James Soucy being sworn in as the new police chief of Kittery, ME.

1997

Jason Michaud

graduated with a degree in Criminal Justice. He is the vice president of operations for Miraco, Inc. in Manchester, NH. Along with a fellow NHTI graduate, **Jonathan Roberts**, '97, Jason is working on a smartphone and tablet app which they hope to Beta test in the near future.

2001

Van Bennett

earned his degree in Architectural Engineering Technology. He is now studying at Vermont Technical College and expects to graduate in 2020. Van lives in Williamstown, VT.

2004

Terri (Stackpole) Vaccaro

earned a certificate in Diagnostic Medical Sonography. Now living in Kennebunk, ME, Terri is employed at Southern Maine Health Care in Sanford.

2008

Isaac Delabruere

earned an associate's degree in Criminal Justice in 2008. After graduation, Isaac joined the New Hampshire National Guard as a military policeman. He was deployed to Kandahar, Afghanistan. Isaac joined the Eliot, Maine police department last year and has completed the FBI crisis negotiation training in Massachusetts. A resident of Stratham, NH, Isaac's goals are to move up the ranks and become a detective and sergeant.



Isaac Delabruere

2011

Jeffrey LaFlamme

earned a certification from the Teacher Education Conversion Program. He works as a special education teacher and case manager at the Fairgrounds Middle School in Nashua. Jeffrey works with students who have emotional and behavioral disorders. He is a liaison between outside counselors, teachers and families, and he works closely with the school psychologists and guidance counselors. Jeffrey and his wife Natalie have two children, Rebecca and Janelle.

Recalling his time at NHTI, Jeffrey says, "It was a life changing experience. I was a career changer and with the education and guidance I received at NHTI through the TECP, I have landed a great job in a new career. The low cost, flexibility and professional staff combined for an excellent educational experience!"

• Engagements • and • Weddings •

Gurnee - Porter

Sue Gurnee and John Porter were married February 26, 2016 at Trinity Baptist Church in Concord, NH.

Each had lost a spouse and had been longtime friends as couples. Sue earned a degree at NHTI and has worked for the NH Department of Transportation for nearly 20 years. John retired years ago and works part-time for the UNH Cooperative Extension. The couple enjoyed a Caribbean cruise for their honeymoon.



Sue Gurnee and John Porter

• In Memory •

Boucher, '83

Donald T. Boucher, 76, died at the Bedford Hills Center on April 23, 2016. He earned his degree in counseling at NHTI in 1983. Mr. Boucher served in the United States Air Force for four years. He worked as a drug and alcohol counselor at the Farnum Center for many years until his retirement in 2005.

Brewer, '68

Timothy M. Brewer, 72, died at King House in Chichester on May 15, 2016, surrounded by love. He graduated from NHTI in 1968 with a degree in Electronic Engineering Technology. He served in the United States Army from 1962 to 1965. Tim is survived

by his loving wife, Susan, who is also a graduate of NHTI, earning her degree in Electronic Data Processing in 1967, as well as his sons, daughters-in-law, sisters and many nieces and nephews.

Conn, '74

Peter H. Conn, 66, died on February 22, 2016 after a brief illness. He attended Bishop Bradley High School, and in 1974, graduated from NHTI with a degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology. He proudly served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. He will be remembered as a loving and devoted husband and father.

Dietzel, '91

Susan C. Dietzel died on July 4, 2016 at the age of 42. She grew up in Effingham and graduated from Kingwood Regional High School in Wolfeboro. In 1991, Susan earned a degree in Accounting from NHTI. She was a dedicated and hard worker her entire life. Much of her career was spent with the U.S. Post Office. Susan loved attending penny sales. She will be greatly missed.

Dwyer, '83

Audrey (Harcourt) Dwyer, 99, died on June 14, 2016. Audrey was a graduate of Quincy High School, where she was voted "Most Carefree." She joined the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve in 1943, serving in Washington, DC until the end of the war in 1946. She served her country again during the Korean War, as a member of the Navy WAVES. After raising her family and caring for her late husband, Charles Dwyer, Audrey returned to school, earning her associate degree in General Studies from NHTI in 1983, at nearly 70 years of age. She was an avid reader, enjoyed traveling and spending time at her Deerfield cabin with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Gilman, '00

Kenneth Charles Gilman, 69, died peacefully at the Hospice House in Concord on June 23, 2016. He grew up in Penacook and graduated high school in 1965. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He earned an associate degree in Business / Human Resource Management in 2000. He leaves three daughters, three siblings, two nieces, two nephews and two grandchildren.

Hamilton, '78

Kareen T. Hamilton, 69, of Lincoln Green passed away on March 5, 2016. She grew up in Salem and graduated from Woodbury High School in 1965. In 1966, Kareen graduated from the St. Joseph School of Practical Nursing. In 1978, she earned her associate degree in Nursing from NHTI. Kareen was employed as an RN for more than 35 years. She enjoyed landscaping, nature and was a master gardener through the Hillsboro County UNH Cooperative Extension. She leaves many loving family members.

Rockwell, '94

Todd J. Rockwell, 43, died on July 8, 2016 with his wife by his side after a courageous four month battle with lymphoma. Born in Nashua and raised in Manchester, Todd graduated from Memorial High School where he was a standout athlete in baseball and football. He earned a degree in Manufacturing Engineering Technology in 1994. He was a mold

maker by trade and owner of the family business, Rockwell Tool and Die. He leaves his loving wife, Amy, and their children Charlotte and Brooklyn, as well as his parents, siblings and nieces and nephews.

Stone

Jeannette Ruth (Galambos) Stone died on March 31, 2016 at the Whitney Center in Hamden, CT. She entered Oberlin College at age 16 and graduated with a dual degree in music and biology. Jeannette enjoyed a 40-year career in early childhood education. She taught early childhood education at NHTI beginning in 1988, and served on the Board of the Emerson School and the Woodside School. She leaves many loving family members, and many friends and colleagues in the Concord area.

Sullivan, '83

Nancy L. Sullivan, 61, died unexpectedly at her home on May 24, 2016. She earned her Nursing degree from NHTI in 1983 and had been employed by Southern New Hampshire Medical Center and St. Joseph's Hospital for many years. Nancy leaves many loving family members, including her husband, Michael Sullivan of Milford.

Sweeney, '02

Dan Sweeney, 49, earned his Nursing degree from NHTI in 2002. He began his career as a New York City EMS Paramedic / 911 Emergency Operator. While continuing his education, Dan worked in various psychiatric and correctional facilities in New Hampshire, Florida and New York, until discovering a calling as an emergency room critical care nurse. Dan had a passion for medicine and loved applying his medical knowledge to help people. His dry and witty bedside manner helped his patients offset their pain and suffering. In 2015, following a lengthy battle with Type II diabetes, he died peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family.

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September Beginnings at NHTI

This summer, I had the honor and privilege of welcoming hundreds of incoming students to NHTI, Concord's Community College during the orientation days on campus. While many students had just graduated high school, we also saw a fair number of adults who will be returning to school this fall, and Veterans who have completed service to our country and are ready to embark on their academic careers.

During my first two years at NHTI, my focus has been on learning about all aspects of the college: the faculty, staff and most especially the students and alumni. As I travel throughout the greater Concord community, I meet countless numbers of people who notice the "NHTI" logo on my car or see me out and about, and they have not hesitated to tell me their stories, how they started here and then reached their dreams. The fondness and affinity our graduates feel for NHTI never ceases to amaze me.

As alumni, you have many of your own experiences, while you were students here, as well as all that's happened in your life since leaving NHTI.

I invite you to come back to campus this fall: to see for yourself how the College has grown and changed over the years; to see students in their element; to revisit your favorite professors and mentors; and



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to reminisce about what it was like while you were studying here, and how far you have gone since then.

Our Alumni Director, Lee Ann Lewis, would be happy to give you a personal tour of campus – after, of course, she brings you by my office to say “hello!” And to all incoming students, I wish you a very productive and enjoyable academic year.

Kindest regards,

Susan B. Dunton, Ph.D.
President



President Dunton (right) at a Student Senate BBQ and Club/Org Fair with Student Life Coordinator Kaitlin Moody and Leroy the Lynx.

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