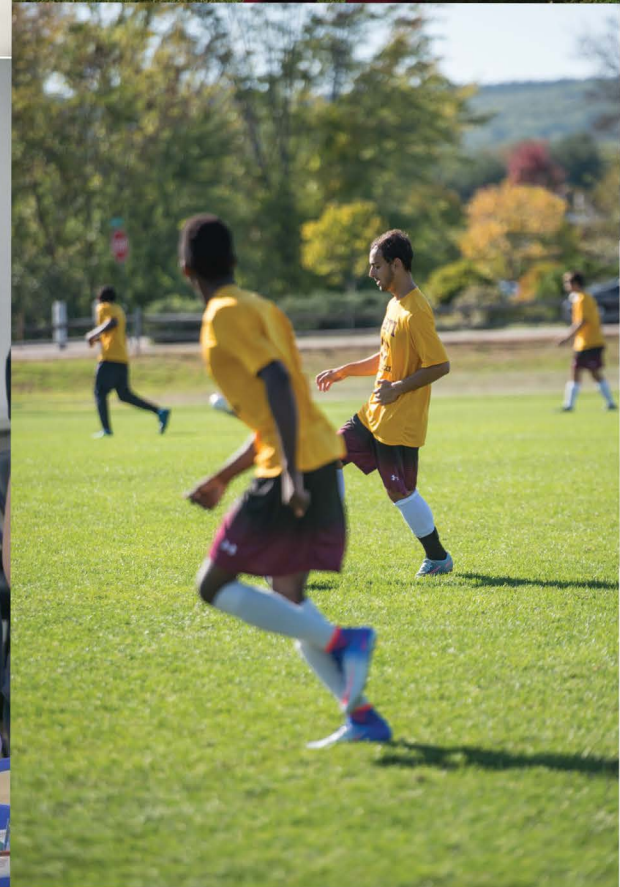
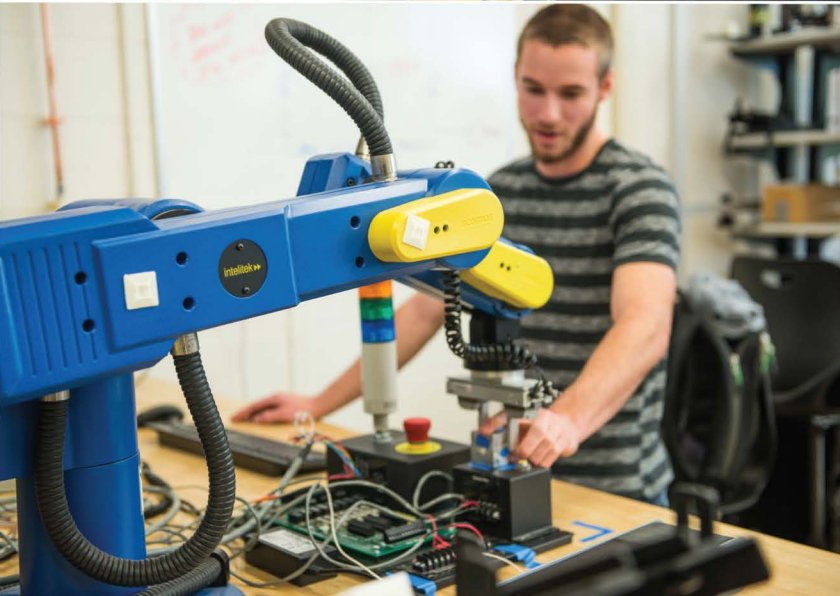




NHTI-Concord's Community College

Alumni News

Fall 2019



Alumni Make it Happen

NHTI-Concord's Community College is a student-centered institution where student success is our drive and our mission. Our goal is to provide educational pathways to our students leading to family sustaining-income. Alumni absolutely make it happen. You are our success stories who have graduated from NHTI Concord and have become part of the workforce of New Hampshire and beyond! You are our engineers, our dental assistants, paralegals, teachers, librarians, counselors, state employees, business owners, artists and computer programmers. You are our heroes. Your hard work and success have created rich careers where you are able to give back to your communities with your volunteer hours, civic engagement, hiring of our students and support of our institution.

You are proud of NHTI and remember the incredible education that you received as students. And we are all proud of you! We tell stories of your success and we let our students know that they, too, can claim a valued place in society, like you have.

Why does NHTI have such incredible staying power? Because we are a community. We work with local educators, agencies and industry members to ensure that our curriculum meet and exceed industry standards and we strive to provide innovative and supportive services to our students that are inclusive of their learning needs.

NHTI doesn't rest on its laurels, but we ensure that we are in front of new technologies and practices from our Annual Mindfulness Conference, to offering robotics, virtual reality, to the development of apprenticeships, sustainable agriculture learning labs (including a class on beer!), to the development of Artificial Intelligence workshops. And, we know that the best pathways to careers are the smooth ones with easy jump off and jump on points so we build pathways with our high schools, career and technical center and 4-year educational partners to eliminate redundancies and unnecessary costs.

NHTI has always been a workforce engine offering unique and interesting programs that have prepared you for careers or transfer to 4-year colleges or universities. Our alumni are graduates of our Dental Assisting program, Architecture, Paralegal program and Radiology programs --the only such programs in the State of New Hampshire! We know we make a difference and we give students first, second and third chances at changing their lives.

But, we cannot do this without you! You make it happen. You can help grow our institution with your support through the mentoring of our students, joining our industry boards, assisting us with grant development, building scholarships, hiring our students, donating equipment and software for our programs, and sponsoring our events. I joined NHTI-Concord's Community College July 1st and I have never met a more dedicated group of faculty and staff who care about our students- like you do. So, I thank you for your continued and sustained support of NHTI and I look forward to bumping into you in our vibrant community of Concord, New Hampshire!



Dr. Gretchen Mullin-Sawicki
NHTI President



ALUMNI PROFILE

Chad D. Johnson (IT Networking, 2013)

As a local Concord kid, Chad Johnson never imagined that he would choose to attend NHTI, let alone be a professor here. But that is exactly what happened, with a few curves and detours along the way.

Chad graduated from Concord High School in 2000 with no real plan of what was next. He decided to enroll at NHTI because it "seemed like the right thing to do" but his heart and mind were not in it. He dropped out after a year and spent the next 7-8 years with no real goals, ambition or plan. That all changed when he decided to turn his life around and joined the Army in the Spring of 2010 and came back to NHTI in the Fall of 2010. This time, Chad was determined to make the most of his time at NHTI and got involved in many ways on campus, including Student Senate and was elected President, Campus Activities Board, as a resident assistant in South Hall, as a member of Phi Kappa Theta, and was awarded the Institute Leadership Team Award at graduation in 2013. He had come a long way from the student in 2000 that was more interested hanging out with friends than hitting the books.

Chad did not stop his education after he graduated from NHTI. He moved to NY to attend Rochester Institute of Technology to study cybersecurity when Aaron Conn, IT Department Chair called him, and asked if he wanted to come back to NHTI to teach. Teaching was not part of the plan but after thinking about it, Chad decided that the faculty, staff and his fellow students at NHTI made such a difference in his life that he wanted to pay it forward and to do the same for other students like him. He returned to NHTI in 2015 and has been teaching in the IT Program ever since.

Chad has not given up on continuing his education. He completed his Bachelor's at SNHU in Business Studies in Computer Information Technology and is enrolled in their Master's Program in Organizational Leadership. Due to his positive experience at NHTI, he plans to continue working in higher education eventually moving into an Administrative role, with some teaching on the side.

Looking back at the choices he has made, it is clear to Chad that the right mindset is everything. Wanting to be at school, wanting to learn, and wanting to make a difference put him on a path to success. If Chad could offer one piece of advice to new students, it would be that know that NHTI, and college in general, is the perfect place to reinvent yourself, and the transformation he went through is a perfect example of that. Having NHTI be here for him when he was ready, set him up for the life he has now, which is a very good one indeed.

2019 Highlights

NHTI ALUMNI BENEFITS

Did you know that as an NHTI alum you can use the Library for free? Or that Southern NH University offers you tuition discounts and waived enrollment fees? Check out all the discounts and benefits offered to NHTI Alumni on our web site.



ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU

We are looking to establish an Alumni Scholarship Committee to review and award scholarships and help make sure these funds are available year after year. Interested? Contact Laura Scott, Director of Alumni & Development at (603) 271-6484 ext. 4239 or lascott@ccsnh.edu

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A NEW JOB? ARE YOU IN CHARGE OF HIRING AT YOUR PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT?

Check out the free job board at collegecentral.com/nhti



WE ARE GOING GREEN!

To be more sustainable and reduce the impact NHTI has on our environment, our Alumni Newsletter is going paperless. We hope that by making this switch we will be able to communicate with you more frequently and save trees at the same time.

Please make sure that we have your correct email by visiting www.nhti.edu/alumni-update so you don't miss out on news, updates and more!

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY GETS NEW HOME

The 3rd floor of Sweeney Hall has been renovated and is now the new home of the IT Program. If you are near campus, feel free to stop in and check it out.



LEAVE A LEGACY GIFT AND PROVIDE LONG-LASTING SUPPORT FOR NHTI

Remember NHTI in Your Will

When you designate NHTI to receive a specific dollar amount, property or percentage of your assets, you can reduce the burden of taxes on your family.

Beneficiary Designation

Designate NHTI as a beneficiary of your retirement account, bank account, or life insurance policy. This is usually as simple as filling out a beneficiary designation form.

Endow a Scholarship

Help future students to pay for their education by endowing a scholarship. This involves a minimum gift of \$10,000 and a vision of the scholarship criteria.

Contact Laura Scott, Director of Alumni & Development at (603) 271-6484 ext. 4239 or lascott@ccsnh.edu if you would like more information about these options to make a real, long-term impact at NHTI.

NHTI Paramedic Emergency Medicine Alumni

ON THE FRONT LINES

With over 500 graduates of the Paramedic Emergency Medicine (PEM) program, it is nearly impossible to walk into a municipal fire or EMS Department, local hospital, or walk-in clinic in New Hampshire and not find a NHTI PEM alum working there.

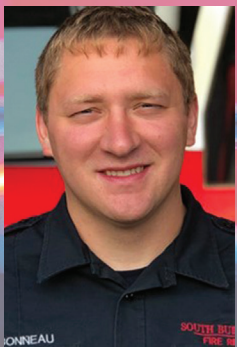
NHTI's PEM Program combines a unique blend of paramedic courses, specialty certifications and diverse hospital and pre-hospital experiences. Our students have opportunities to work with some of New England's finest hospital and pre-hospital affiliates. The development of leadership skills, individual professional growth, and academic excellence are integral parts of the program.

As you can see from the profiles of our alumni here, our program includes many heroes. We are very proud of all that they do to help those in need in our communities.

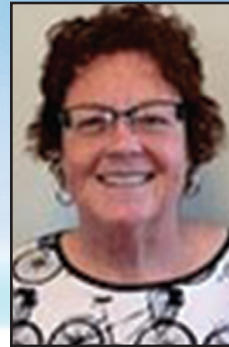


Jim Beaudoin (2014) is the Fire Chief for the Town of Alton, NH and an adjunct professor for PEM program.

Eliot Berman (2012) has been with the Bow Fire Department since 2002 and is currently a full-time firefighter/paramedic holding the rank of Captain. Eliot is also a paramedic for the Central NH Special Operations Unit (SWAT team) and a Deputy Sheriff with the Merrimack County Sheriff's Office, as well as teaching "EMS in the Warm Zone" with the New Hampshire Fire Academy. In his spare time, he also teaches at NHTI in the PEM program.

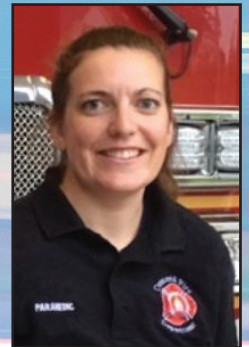


Tyler Bonneau (2015) was promoted to Senior Firefighter/Paramedic in July, 2019. Tyler began his career with the City of South Burlington, VT on July 06, 2015 celebrating four years of service this year. He graduated from Vermont Tech with his Associates in Fire Science Degree in 2014.



Nancy Brubaker (1984 & 1994) is Field Clinic Coordinator for the PEM program. Besides the Master's Degree in Education, she holds an AS in EMS and in Nursing. She has been a paramedic and nurse for over thirty years. Nancy has worked for Speare Hospital ER (30 years), the Plymouth, NH Fire Department (15 years), Concord Hospital ER (5 years), and currently works as a school nurse at Proctor Academy.

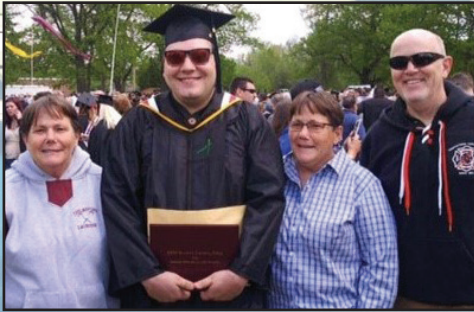
Elizabeth Davin (2019) was recently appointed to the Concord Fire Department and, after a week of recruit school, has been assigned to the Broadway Fire Station. She is an experienced firefighter.



Alissa Fontaine (2017) is a paramedic for Calix Ambulance, as well as teaching their EMT courses. She recently graduated from Franklin Pierce University with a BA in Emergency Medical Services Management, she is now enrolled at Arizona State for a Master's in Public Safety Management and Administration.

David Franklin (1994) earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Phoenix in 2018. For the past 15 years has worked at Cataldo Ambulance in Massachusetts, moving up the ranks from Paramedic to Field Supervisor to Director of Communications. He has worked with the Clinical Education Department providing training for their employees as well as many of the fire departments in the area. When he has some spare time, he is also an adjunct professor in the PEM program.

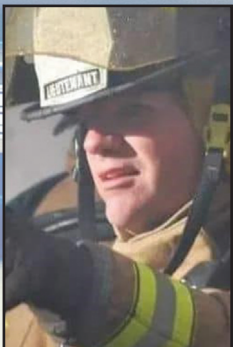




Ben Hillman (2019) just joined his mother **Marlene (née O'Brien) Hillman (1984)**, as an alumnus. Ben works as a paramedic for Lawrence General ALS and Marlene works at Lowell General EMS as a paramedic supervisor and Massachusetts EMT Instructor/Coordinator. Marlene is also an adjunct professor and field preceptor in the PEM program.

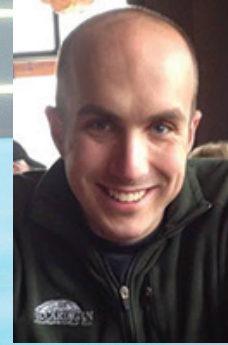
Marlene's twin and Ben's aunt, **Michelle Colton (1983)**, is a former PEM adjunct professor and currently works for Lowell General Hospital as a cath lab nurse. Michelle's husband, **David Colton (2000)** works in the fire services.

Justin Hinds (2015) has worked in all types of services including: ALS transfer, fire departments, and private EMS companies. Since graduating from the NHTI Paramedic Program, he has worked as a full time paramedic for Lowell General Hospital ALS and the Town of Londonderry Fire Department. He is also an adjunct professor in the PEM program.



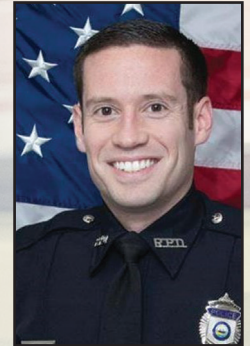
Matt Gilman (2012) was promoted to Lieutenant of the Tilton-Northfield Fire Department.

Andrew Mason (2010) has worked as a paramedic in Rochester, Manchester, and Peterborough. He currently works for the Town of Milford, NH where he oversees the department's education, prerequisite protocol, and MCI/Rescue Task Force programs. He is also an adjunct professor in the PEM program.



Jeff Milos (2012) accepted a position at DHART as a flight paramedic and will be working per diem as Lawrence General Hospital.

Jason Plumb (2014) is a paramedic supervisor for McGregor EMS, as well as a police officer for the City of Rochester, NH. In 2018, he was honored by the Rochester Crimeline with the Lifesaving Award.



Dr. Ryan Pouliot (2002) serves as the NHTI PEM Associate Medical Director. An anesthesiologist by training, he began his career in medicine as an EMT at Rescue Inc. in Brattleboro, VT and went on to graduate NHTI in 2002. Ryan worked as a hospital-based paramedic for Greater Lowell EMS before earning his medical doctorate from Harvard Medical School in 2011. He completed his graduate medical training in anesthesiology at Harvard Medical School/Brigham and Women's Hospital. Dr. Pouliot is currently an assistant professor of anesthesiology at the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth College and an attending anesthesiologist at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, NH.

Jeff Stewart (1993) was appointed as the program director for Project FIRST (First Responders Initiating Recovery, Support, and Treatment) to reduce the number of deaths from opioid abuse in Concord. Mr. Stewart has several years of experience in the clinical and administrative aspects of emergency medical services and addiction treatment and will be working with Fire and Police Department employees and with the community to educate people, connect them with treatment resources, and to provide support to families and support systems



Why Donate to NHTI

NHTI is a student-centered institution where your dollars directly affect the success of students. Scholarships, general education funds, emergency care funds, all can directly impact students. Your dollars allow a student to take an extra class which will get them back into the job market more quickly or purchase a textbook that their budget can't currently support or pay for childcare while they are at an internship site. Your support matters. College is tough; life can be complicated and knowing that students have sponsors is essential to their success.

Your dollars turn hope into reality.

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

In 2019, over 130 scholarships were given to NHTI students through the generous donations of sponsors, including our alumni. Without scholarship dollars, many students find themselves unable to start, continue or complete their education. Your support allows students like Katie, a single mother, with 2 children, the opportunity to earn a liveable wage as a computer engineer or veteran student Patryk, a new life as a nurse.

Your dollars give students peace of mind.

A list of scholarships may be found at:
www.nhti.edu/admissions/financial-aid/scholarships-grants

Where You can Donate

PRESIDENT'S FUND FOR EXCELLENCE

This fund supports student scholarship and high priority academic needs.

NHTI CARES

This fund provides short-term, emergency financial assistance to students that need help with an unexpected car repair, prescription bill, reduction in work hours, or change in living situation.

FOOD PANTRY

With food insecurity on the rise, NHTI has opened a food pantry to assist our students. Donating to this fund will help insure that no student is having to choose between class or a meal.

ZECH DEVITS MEMORIAL EQUIPMENT FUND

This fund is used to purchase adaptive equipment and technology for students to use while in school to be successful at NHTI.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS, ATHLETIC TEAMS, OR STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

If you have a specific academic program, athletic team, or student organization that you would like to financially support, you can do that. You can help them purchase necessary equipment, support travel expenses to and from games, and sponsor campus events.

For more information about how you can support NHTI and our students, please use the envelope included in this publication, or contact Laura Scott, Director of Alumni and Development, lascott@ccsnh.edu or (603) 271-6484 x4239

ALUMNI ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rachel Akimana (Electronic Engineering Technology, 2013) is working for Global Foundries in Essex Junction, VT, as their Yield Engineer in their semiconductor division. A native of Rwanda, Rachel became a U.S. citizen in May 2015, and earned a BS in Electrical Engineering Technology from Vermont Technical College in May 2018.

Shane Chandler (Human Services, 2018) has been hired as the new 2019/2020 NHTI AmeriCorps Vista.

Jonathan Cooper (Math, 2017) is part of the McNair Scholars Program at UNH and was selected to present his research project at a program event July 2019.

Lisa DeStefano (Architectural Engineering Technology, 1984) is merging her architectural firm, DeStefano Architects, after its acquisition by Mangel Architects in Harvard, MA.

Jean Eaton (General Studies & Accounting Certificate, 2007) started work in April, 2019 as the Executive Secretary/Land Use Coordinator/Office Manager for the Town of Henniker, NH.

Meghann Eaton (General Studies, 2006) is a licensed nurse's aide at Granite Ledges in Concord and is engaged to be married to Matthew Mills in October, 2019.

Ross Ewing (Early Childhood Education, 2014) has been promoted to Director of the NHTI Child & Family Development Center.

Kyle Haas (General Studies, 2015 & Health Science, 2016) was sworn in as City of Concord, NH Paramedic/Firefighter in April, 2019 and hired by NHTI in August, 2019 Assistant Men's Soccer Coach.

Michell Indriago Blaha (Environmental Science, 2016) was hired in August as an Assistant Men's Soccer Coach at NHTI.

Asa Johnson (Criminal Justice, 2009) is a police sargent with the North Hampton Police Department. In April 2019, he was named the Hometown Hero by WJBQ because he is a dedicated, hard-working, motivated, and passionate leader.

Steven Kidder (General Studies, 2015) is a field organizer with ACLU-NH working to organize people around the upcoming presidential election and on NH state-level legislative work.

Candace Knowlton (Nursing, 2000) was hired in August, 2019 as an Associate Professor of Nursing at NHTI.

Cody Morrison (Criminal Justice, 2013) was hired in January, 2019 as Community Development Coordinator for the Town of Newport, NH.

Sue O'Donnell (Business Management & Human Resources, 1999) was hired as the General Manager for The Hotel Concord in April, 2019.

Brian Peterson (Computer Engineering, 2003) relocated to NY to work at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology as Lead Software Engineer for a citizen science project using ebird citizen data for predictive and machine learning models to help with habitat and species protection.

Emily Ricard (Criminal Justice, 2018) has been promoted to Assistant Vice President, Treasury Services Officer at Bar Harbor Bank & Trust.

Paul Silvernail (Computer Engineering Technology, 2002) joined TFMoran as a civil project engineer and septic designer.

Deanne (Jacobson) St. Pierre (Early Childhood Education, 2017) got married in October 2017 to her husband Jesse. She wanted to be the best teacher for her students so she continued her education and recently graduated from Worcester State University with a BA in Early Childhood Education. She is working in a preschool classroom at a local non-profit.

HAVE UPDATES?

**PLEASE LET US KNOW
VISIT**

www.nhti.edu/alumni-update

OBITUARIES

Julie Maxfield Bonham (Mental Health, 1987) loving daughter, sister, aunt and friend died on Saturday, April 13, 2019.

Julie was born June 13, 1967 in Concord, New Hampshire, Daughter to Ralph and Shirley (Smith) Maxfield. She was a graduate of Merrimack Valley High School and went on to earn her Associate degree in Social Services from New Hampshire Technical Institute. Julie then began her career with Health Line as a social services specialist.

Julie was a strong-willed adventurer. She enjoyed traveling and went on several cruises with her beloved husband, Paul. Julie loved music, musicals, hot air balloon rides and spending time in nature, especially at the ocean. Above all, she was devoted to her loving family and will be remembered most for her hugs.

Joseph A. Chamberland (Radiation Therapy, 2006), of Manchester died September 5, 2019 at his residence after a sudden illness.

Born in Exeter, NH on July 26, 1980, he was the son of Donald and Joann (Joyce) Chamberland. He attended St. John Grammar School and graduated from Concord High School. He earned his degree in Radiology from NHTI in Concord.

Prior to his illness, he had been employed as a lead x-ray technician for the Elliot Hospital

Joseph loved spending time outdoors, swimming, hiking, fishing and snowboarding. He always loved people and cherished time spent with his family, especially his children.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the CRVNA Hospice House, 240 Pleasant St, Concord, NH 03301.

Michael S. Dwyer (Computer Engineering Technology, 1993) of Dover/Hampton passed away Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at Hyder Hospice House in Dover after a courageous battle with cancer.

Mike was born in Plattsburgh, NY February 5, 1963 a son of Beverly (Lewis) Dwyer of Hampton and the late Thomas Dwyer. He attended Winnacunnet High School and Berwick Academy. He continued his education at FIT, where he made the soccer team as one of the few walk-on players. He completed his associate degree at NHTI. He worked for several years at Prime Tanning, and most recently was self-employed as an estate care-taker.

Mike simply enjoyed life. He loved to spend time with his many close friends from the Dover area, those from his youth in Hampton and Camp Belknap. He was an avid fan of the Boston Bruins and UNH Wildcats hockey teams. He enjoyed playing disc golf and spending days at Lake Winnepesaukee.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in Michael's name to the Hyder Family Hospice House FHFHH 285 County Farm Rd. Dover, NH 03820.

Amy J. Zaluki-Stone (Nursing, 1995) of Antrim passed away unexpectedly on April 16, 2019.

Her parents, Richard H. and Patricia J. (Wirein) Zaluki, welcomed their daughter into

the world on March 23, 1966, in Keene. She grew up in Marlborough, attending local schools. With the closing of Marlborough High School, Amy transferred to Keene High School for her junior and senior year, graduating in the class of 1984.

Following graduation, Amy enlisted in the Air Force and was stationed at Lackland AFB in Texas, serving as a medical service specialist. She was honorably discharged in 1988. Amy was a member of the Combat Vets Motorcycle Association Chapter 5-4.

Amy attended the New Hampshire Technical Institute in Concord, graduating in 1995 with a degree in nursing. She was employed as an oncology nurse, most recently at Cheshire Medical Center in Keene, where she was always a breath of fresh air and a positive light to people, giving them her very best every day.

She and her husband have called Antrim home since 1994 and have been prominent members of the community. She was an avid motorcycle rider; loved dancing; singing karaoke; and enjoyed doing "paint nights" pretending she was Picasso, but most of all she dedicated her life to her family.

Amy also achieved the level of third degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do and successfully participated in tournaments throughout New England and New York.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Mrs. Zaluki-Stone's memory to the American Cancer Society NH Division, 2 Commerce Drive, Suite 110, Bedford, NH 03110.

NHTI receives major gift from BAE Systems

NHTI-Concord's Community College recently received a donation of a Lean Automated Robotic Soldering System (LARSS) from BAE Systems to support the college's robotics and automation programs. The LARSS automation machine will enhance students' understanding of modern advanced manufacturing systems by allowing them to work on sophisticated industrial equipment used in today's workplace and prepare them for an industry in need of skilled workers.

"NHTI prides itself on its hands-on education," said Joe Cunningham, department chair of mechanical, manufacturing, robotics and automation engineering technologies at NHTI. "Automation is everywhere, and companies are in need of skilled workers who have the expertise to maintain, operate and program these machines to keep them running at the highest level. We are extremely grateful for this generous donation from BAE Systems and look forward to using it in our classroom as we train the next generation of workers to meet industry demand."

Much of the manufacturing industry has advanced from manual tasks to more interactive and cognitive tasks as a result of advanced technologies, according to the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) Workforce Automation Report (March 2019). Companies are adopting workforce automation systems because of the cost savings and improved product quality. In 2018, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' (BLS) Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) reported that over 14,000 electro-mechanical technicians are needed to operate, test and maintain automated technologies, like LARSS. It's a growing field that is in high-demand and according to the BLS the median pay nationally for these positions is more than \$57,000, following an associate degree or some sort of postsecondary certificate.

"After an extensive selection process, BAE Systems offered the donation of the LARSS to NHTI. NHTI demonstrated the strongest plan for use of both the system as well as its components in the education of their students," said Butch Locke, operations director at BAE Systems. "BAE Systems is happy to provide this tool to engage students in real world learning. These technologies are changing the way we work."

Students will use the LARSS in NHTI's Robotics and Automation and Manufacturing Engineering Technologies Associate in Science degree programs.

"Community partners and regional industries are key to NHTI student learning and success," said Cunningham. "This gift from BAE Systems demonstrates the industry's commitment to and investment in education and the local workforce."

To learn more about NHTI's Robotics and Automation or Manufacturing Engineering Technologies programs, contact Joe Cunningham at jcunningham@ccsnh.edu, (603) 271-6484 x 4416 or visit nhti.edu.



Photo caption: NHTI recently installed the Lean Automated Robotic Soldering System – donated by BAE Systems – in their classroom to train the next generation of workers. Image provided by Cara Dukelow Photographer.



- Film: *Rocky Horror Picture Show* October 16th, 7pm
- Film: 100th Anniversary Double Feature
One Week & The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari October 18th, 7pm
- Open House October 23rd, 4:30pm
- Wheelchair Basketball November 4th, 4pm
- Wings of Knowledge: *Covered Bridges* November 5th, 6pm
- Campus Reads:
Girl, Interrupted film and discussion November 15th, 6:30pm
- Stage Lynx Fall Show November 22nd-24th
- Wings of Knowledge: *Mushrooms* December 3rd, 6pm
- Film: *They Shall Not Grow Old* December 6th, 7pm
- Open House January 8th, 4:30pm
- Film: *Swing Time* January 17th, 7pm
- Winter Fling: *Dancing with the Concord Stars* January 25th, 5:30pm

Check out our Facebook page or our web site
 for more information on these and many more community events.



Looking forward to seeing you!

 **NHTI**
 Concord's Community College
 31 College Drive
 Concord, NH 03301-7412

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

NON PROFIT ORG.
 US POSTAGE
 PAID
 MANCHESTER, NH
 PERMIT #1



LYNX GOLF ANYONE?

On June 14, 2019, the 4th Annual Lynx Golf Tournament was held at Beaver Meadow Country Club in Concord. It was a gorgeous day and 18 foursomes came out to support NHTI Athletics and our student athletes by playing in this fundraiser. Thank you!

 **NHTI**
 Concord's Community College