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Ross Ewing's interest in children started when he was a counselor at a small summer camp in Meredith, NH called Wanakee. "I had gone to Wanakee every summer for most of my childhood, and I had always wanted to be a counselor," he says. "I found through my work there that I loved working with children. Seeing how much they grew and learned during the short time at our camp was incredible, and the feeling of accomplishment I felt in that role made me want to pursue working with children in some way for my career."

Ross, a native of Plymouth, made the decision to attend NHTI based on conversations he had with friends from high school. They'd all had great

academic experiences at NHTI, at an affordable price. Ross' goal was to get a bachelor's degree down the road, and he knew that NHTI's credits were transferable to other colleges. Those key factors made NHTI a great fit for him. NHTI allowed him the financial freedom to try things out without worrying about racking up large amounts of debt.

Ross loved his experience at NHTI and found the professors in the Early Childhood Education program in particular to be "amazing mentors and role models. They taught us what high quality education experiences were by modeling them for us in the classroom every day. It's one thing to learn about

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Pratt Lands in Bar Harbor

Financial services industry veteran and NHTI Advisory Board member **Jim Pratt** (General Studies '98) has joined Bar Harbor Bank & Trust as Senior Vice President and regional business banking team leader for the bank's Central New Hampshire region. He will be based in the bank's retail office at 8 Loudon Road in Concord.

Pratt has over 20 years of banking experience, working with several different financial institutions, most recently as commercial team leader at Service Credit Union.



NHTI Welcomes New Alumni Director

Laura Scott has joined NHTI, Concord's Community College, as the new Director of Alumni and Development. She started in mid-May, right in time for graduation, which was perfect to connect with past alumni.

Laura comes to NHTI most recently from the Friends Program, where she was the Development Director for approximately two years and worked to financially strengthen and grow the organization's resources so that those in need were receiving the services they deserve. Prior to that, she served as the Community Development Director for the Town of Windham for seven years, where she worked with the business and non-profit community, as well as with local officials, building and strengthening the community and economic development base of the Town.

"The Director of Alumni and Development's job is to continuously look for financial resources, community partnerships and business collaborations so that first time students, those looking to re-enter the workforce, and those currently employed looking to advance their careers have that opportunity here at NHTI, Concord's Community College. I am very excited to be using my skills and passion for the Concord community working here at NHTI," said Scott.

Please reach out to Laura to say hello, tell her about your time at NHTI, and share your ideas for future alumni events, articles and outreach.

11th Annual Friendly Kitchen 5K Road Race

Friday, September 7
5:30 pm

Grappone Hall

Fundraiser for the
Friendly Kitchen,
Concord's only soup
kitchen



Entrance fee / admission by donation.
Awards, refreshments, raffle and more!

For more info contact

Perry Seagroves,

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Alumni Tee Up for Golf Tournament

Quite a number of NHTI alumni turned out for the first round of NHTI's 3rd Annual Lynx Golf Series at the Beaver Meadow golf course on Friday, June 22. The Series helps raise funds for NHTI Athletics.



Pictured from left: NHTI alumni golfers Meg Pickett Hendy, Patrick Lacasse, Jason Szidat, Montana Durgin, Kate Marrone, and Matt Potter with Athletic Director Paul Hogan and (front and center) Leroy the Lynx!

Party With the Monarchs!

Are you a Manchester Monarchs hockey fan? Want to go to opening night with other NHTI Alumni?

We have reserved 2 party suites for the Friday, October 19th, 7 pm game against the Newfoundland Growlers at the SNHU Arena and we want you to join us. For \$30 per ticket, you will be able to enjoy opening night with



other NHTI alumni in a party suite! Some snacks will be provided, along with the ability to hi-five the players as they take the ice, and photo ops with a local furry mascot. For an extra \$10, you can have a VIP parking pass for the game (limited quantities).

Contact **Laura Scott**, Director of Alumni & Development, at lascott@ccsnh.edu or (603) 271-6484 x 4239 to purchase your tickets today.

Support NHTI Today!

Use the enclosed donation envelope and give a financial gift today to help support student scholarships, a specific academic department, athletics, student organizations or whatever means the most to YOU.



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Contact **Laura Scott**, Director of Alumni and Development, at (603) 271-6484 x4239 or lascott@ccsnh.edu if you would like information about including NHTI in your estate planning.

In Memory: Tess Swindell

Theresa Laurel “Tess” Swindell, 21, of Temple, NH lost her battle with depression on July 3, 2018 in Logan, Utah.

Tess was born in Temple, NH on August 3, 1996, a daughter of Keith Alan and Marilee Pearl (Stone) Swindell. She was home-schooled, and completed an associate degree in Visual Arts at NHTI with high honors. In Utah, she earned her Bachelor of Fine Arts with an emphasis in Ceramics at Utah State University, and aspired to obtain her Masters in Fine Arts.



Tess enjoyed attending the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts’ annual conference (NCECA), traveling, and the New England Aquarium in Boston where she was particularly fond of the groupers. She loved anything purple, animals, reading, and swimming, and was talented in many forms of art, including jewelry making and pottery. In her spare time she studied geology, language, and drama. Her friends and family will remember her for her affectionate, energetic personality, and crushing hugs.

In addition to her parents, survivors include two sisters, Karen Swindell of Temple, and Amber Swindell, brother-in-law, Ryan Roberts and niece Phoebe of Farmington, New Hampshire and many aunts, uncles, and cousins; as well as paternal grandparents Warren and Dawn Swindell of Framingham, Massachusetts.

Tess was loved by all who knew her.

A scholarship has been set up to support NHTI students in the Visual Arts Program wanting to study ceramics. If you would like to donate to this scholarship, please use the enclosed envelope and write “Tess Swindell” next to the student scholarship line. To add to the Book of Memories, please visit www.flynndagnolifuneralhomes.com.



NHTI Proudly Presents
**The 21st Annual
Manhattan
Short Film Festival**



October 5-7, 2018
Friday @ 7 pm
Saturday @ 2 pm and 7 pm
Sunday @ 2 pm and 7 pm

“The most creative short films in the world, judged by the cinema-going public of the world!” Learn more at www.ManhattanShort.com.

Previous festivals at NHTI have played to standing room only audiences. Every audience member will be given a voting card and asked to vote for the film they feel should win the event! NHTI audiences have an uncanny knack for selecting festival winners!

Open to the public.
Admission \$10.
For more information
contact **Steve Ambra**,
(603) 271-6484 x4101 or
sambra@ccsnh.edu.

President Dunton Steps Down

On June 29, 2018, NHTI President **Dr. Susan B. Dunton** sent the following message to the campus community.

“After a great deal of reflection and in consultation with family, I have decided to step down from the Presidency at NHTI effective August 10th, 2018. It has been a privilege to have had a rich career in higher education spanning many decades, seeing the success of so many students and working with talented and dedicated staff and faculty. My husband, Jim, has been retired for over a year, and we decided we are at the stage where we wish to have time together with our families and to travel. With the academic year concluded, this seems like the appropriate time for this decision.

“I cannot begin to describe how wonderful it has been working with all of you – administration, staff, and faculty. You have many gifts and have done noble work in order for our students to succeed. I am grateful for and thank you all, as well as the NHTI Advisory Board for their guidance and support.

“Jim and I plan to stay here in Concord, and look forward to getting involved in the community in new ways. We will continue to enjoy open events on campus and on the athletic fields.

“I am very grateful to have had the opportunity to serve as the fifth President of NHTI, and honored to work with each and every one of you.”

~Susan

How to Save a Life

On Saturday, April 28, NHTI alumnus and Emergency Medical Dispatcher **Brandon McGorry** (Criminal Justice '09) handled a call from a woman reporting that her husband was losing consciousness, and shortly after, stopped breathing. Understandably, the caller was emotional, but Brandon was able to keep her focused on him and the instructions he was providing her to start compressions and CPR. Not long after, Londonderry police officers arrived on the scene and, at Brandon's instruction, continued CPR until Emergency Medical Services arrived. By the time the patient was transported, he had a pulse and was breathing on his own.

The patient made a full recovery and, as can be seen in the photo below, came in with his family to meet the individuals that helped to save his life.



New IT communication and mindfulness training solves industry need

Mindful communication isn't a concept traditionally associated with pursuing an Associate degree in Information Technology (IT). But at NHTI, learning about emotional intelligence, patience, and nonverbal communication cues are key parts of the curriculum. This past fall, NHTI integrated its Mindful Communication Certificate program with the IT Department, and since then every student pursuing an Associate degree in any of NHTI's IT programs takes the mindful communication courses as well.

"Mindfulness involves opening one's self more fully to moments and experiences in life so that you notice the factors that typically influence behavior and perception on an unconscious level," says NHTI English professor **Dan Huston**, who spearheaded the creation of the 11-credit Mindful Communication Certificate. "What students learn through the program allows them to be more impactful, responsive, and effective when communicating with those who lack technical knowledge."

The stereotype – and sometimes reality – of IT workers being introverted is no longer an excuse for lackluster soft skills, as employers expect new software developers, engineers, and other information technology professionals to be good communicators and collaborators to help them be more effective on teams and in project work.

In New Hampshire, technology companies are struggling to find qualified workers for thousands of currently unfilled tech jobs, according to Jason Alexander, CEO of Alexander Technology Group, a recruiting and staffing firm that serves New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

"However, few of those jobs focus solely on technology skills, especially for new graduates and those just starting out in their careers," Alexander says. "Whether staffing a help desk or writing software for a company, understanding how to communicate with people across departments is a requirement."

Both students and the business community say NHTI and Huston's approach is working.

"NHTI listened to industry feedback about needing these soft skills along with high-quality technical training," says Ryan Barton, CEO of Belmont and Manchester-based IT and cybersecurity firm Mainstay Technologies, and a member of NHTI's curriculum advisory committee. "The proof that the Mindful Communication in IT program is effective is in the caliber of students graduating from the program – they're phenomenal, and the business community is noticing."

Mindfulness and communication training is also a game changer for students, as it creates opportunities for growth and leadership, flexibility, adaptability, and the confidence to handle challenges instead of avoiding them.

"I took the class because it was required, but I'm noticing it gave me the skills necessary to better relate to my friends and my family, and gear my responses in a way that helps eliminate issues that might cause misconceptions in our conversations," says **Jacob Washer**, who is working towards his Associate degree in IT.

The certificate in Mindful Communication includes courses in communication, English composition, introduction to literature, and a capstone course. These courses satisfy general education requirements, so they do not add to the overall courseload of students pursuing an IT degree. The program has been so popular that other departments at NHTI are now incorporating it into their own degree requirements; Human Service and Addiction Counseling just recently received final approval to include it in their programs.

For more information about NHTI's Mindful Communication Certificate, visit www.nhti.edu/academics/programs-study/english/mindful-communication-certificate.

Communicating Mindfully for the Workplace, Part I

This 4-part series introduces participants to the basics of Communicating Mindfully, a time-tested, internationally respected curriculum that infuses the study of mindfulness with the study of communication and emotional intelligence. Studies have shown participant improvement in all of these areas, suggesting this powerful combination increases a broad array of skills that benefit participants both personally and professionally.

Dates: Wednesdays, October 10, 17, 24, 31, 2018

Time: 10:00 am - noon

Price: \$175

Customized training also available on site or on campus.

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teaching practices from a book, but being able to apply that knowledge in NHTI's Child and Family Development Center (CFDC) was invaluable. I have always been a hands on learner, and the early childhood program helped me learn these important skills in a way that worked best for me."

When he started working toward his degree, Ross says he didn't realize how much work and resources go into teaching. "I liken it to a duck swimming on a pond. While they look so effortless gliding gracefully across the water, their legs are working really hard under the surface. Likewise, there is so much that teachers of all age groups must consider when designing an environment and building a curriculum for educating students – they're all working really hard."

"Having Ross as an early childhood student was an extreme pleasure," says **Diana Menard**, Department Head of Early Childhood Education at NHTI. "Ross continuously exhibited a professional attitude in everything he did, whether it was discussions in the classroom setting about practices in the field or working with his mentors at his practicum site. Having a male role model of Ross's caliber is exciting for our program. I continuously refer our incoming male students toward Ross, as he sets a high standard of caring for children and working with his colleagues."

After receiving his associate degree from NHTI in 2014, Ross went on to complete his bachelor's at Plymouth State University and has worked at the CFDC for almost two years. "Ross is a valuable member of the infant team and of our greater team here at the CFDC," says **Sarah Henry**, Director of the Child & Family Development Center. "He always has a positive outlook and he brings thoughtful questions and careful reflection to every situation. His interactions with the infants are calm and gentle and he has positive and trusting relationships with the families. We are all so lucky to have Ross call the CFDC his (work) home!"

Ross enjoys playing music in his spare time. He plays the guitar and the violin and loves to sing. He will often bring his instruments into the classroom and share his passion for music with the children. He currently serves as secretary of the New Hampshire Association for the Education of Young Children (NHAEYC), the nationally-recognized accrediting body of the Child and Family Development Center.

Ross recently finished another class at NHTI, which allows him to apply for his NH Early Childhood Administrator credential. This would qualify him to direct a child care center. "I love my job at NHTI now," he says, "but I hope to be a center director someday. I would also love to do some advocacy work for young children at either the state or federal level at some point in the future."

She's Still Running

Former NHTI Cross Country superstar **Heather (Searles) Mahoney** (Dental Hygiene '09) took top female honors in Liam Maguire's Almost 5-Miler in Falmouth, ME, in May 2018, with a time of 29:52. "This was so much fun," said Heather after the race. "You meet lots of great people and it's multi-generational. It really enlivens your passion for the sport."

Not that Heather has ever lacked passion for running. She is the only athlete in NHTI history to win an individual national championship, bringing home the USCAA women's cross country trophy in 2008.

Photo credit: New England Runner Magazine



Start Here ... Conquer the Galaxy!

Gaming has always been serious business for **Chris Barrett**, a member of NHTI's first class of Animation and Graphic Game Programming (AGGP) students who attended the college in 2007-08. Even in high school, before he got into computerized gaming, he had developed, published and marketed his own card game – something like the classic game *Magic: The Gathering*.

At NHTI he was part of a team of three programmers who took their game *Infectious Munch* (<http://keygames.com/infectious-munch-game/>) to a competition at 38 Studios, a game development company then owned by the Red Sox' Curt Schilling. The game involved controlling a PacMan-like character who has to eat up the worms that infest his world before they eat him! It was reported that "several of the 38 Studios employees played *Infectious Munch* for long periods during the testing phase of the judging, as the game play was addictive!" The NHTI team took second place in the contest, an impressive feat considering that they were competing against many teams from four-year schools.



In 2008, Chris transferred to DigiPen Institute of Technology in Redmond, WA. Little known outside of gaming circles, DigiPen is described by NHTI Professor Emeritus **Terry Simkin** as "the world's most outstanding game development school." DigiPen accepts only 250

students per year out of approximately 15,000 applicants – and has a 75% attrition rate!

"I'm quite certain I wouldn't have been able to make it at DigiPen without first attending NHTI," Chris writes. "When I came to NHTI, I still had high school homework habits (i.e. typically doing it the night before it's due). NHTI really helped sober me up to college-level work, focus and time management. And DigiPen was intense enough to really require that."

In his Junior year, Chris and a team of fellow students embarked on what became a 17-month long project to create *Nitronic Rush*, an "experimental survival driving game" in which players drive a futuristic car through an apocalyptic city, using the car's many abilities (including boost, wings and jump) to avoid obstacles (<http://nitronic-rush.com>). The game won over a dozen awards, and ranks "among the more stand-out games made at DigiPen," according to Chris. "We were really happy to make something that both lived up to what we thought we could make, and that has helped encourage future students to attend the school."

During his final semester at DigiPen Chris interned with Disney, working on the *Club Penguin* social media gaming platform. "It's very strange seeing Mickey Mouse on your paychecks," he says, "but it was fun."

After graduating in 2012, Chris joined ArenaNet and began working on *Guild Wars*, a multiplayer online roleplaying game (<https://guildwars2.com>). A "smaller" company (only 300-400 people), ArenaNet can't match the pay scale or benefits of a company like Disney. "But there's a different atmosphere to ArenaNet that



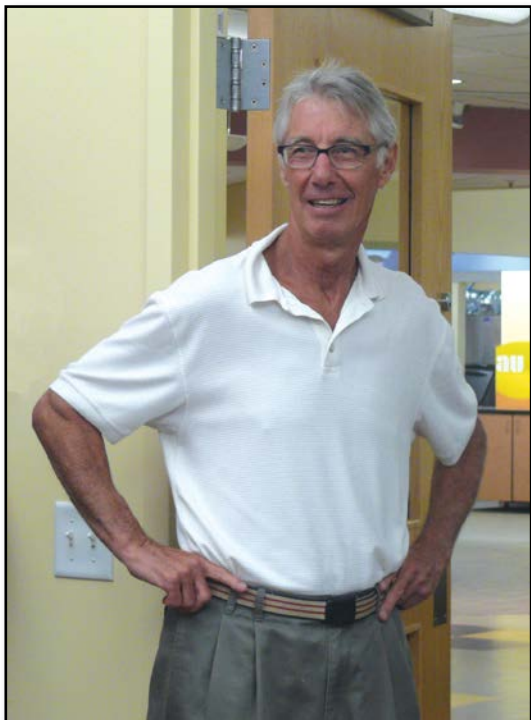
I haven't seen elsewhere; just more comfortable and welcoming. And there's a good amount of autonomy, responsibility, and self-direction. So I'm not sure when/if I'd go anywhere else."

He's also doing some freelance work with a friend on an Indie game called *Reassembly* that just has to be seen to be believed. Build spaceships, explore the universe, and conquer a galaxy that looks almost more organic than mechanical! (<http://www.anisopteragames.com/>)

It seems like the scale of Chris Barrett's games is always growing larger: from a microcosm of carnivorous worms, to a futuristic city, to a fantasy world, to an entire galaxy! If there's a way to get even bigger, Chris will probably find it for his next game. All of which shows that at NHTI, you can start here, and go ... just about anywhere your imagination (plus a lot of hard work and technical brilliance) can take you.

Farewell, Steve Caccia!

On Tuesday, July 17, 2018, the college gathered in the Bistro to bid a fond farewell to Vice President of Student Affairs **Steve Caccia**, who has been part of the NHTI community for over 40 years! During his long career Steve served as a College Counselor and Dean of Student Affairs, and also served as Interim President from 2013 to 2014. His farewell event was attended by many other luminaries from NHTI's past, including VP of Academic Affairs **Pam Langley**, Director of Admissions **Tom Foulkes**, Associate VP of Student Affairs **Chuck Lloyd**, and Campus Safety Chief **Anne Breen**.



Some days later, Steve wrote, "Thank you to everyone who played a part in organizing my campus get together this past Tuesday afternoon. The food and cake were delicious, and your friendship, caring, professionalism, collegiality, and service to our students these past 40+ years is what I will miss the most (especially the food and cake). Also the small boulder that you all signed and presented to me will have a special place in my garden. NHTI will always be my rock.

"NHTI is a great place to work, and our mission, values, and vision is still very relevant to meet the needs of all those we serve.

"Please continue to do the wonderful work that you all do, because as we saw yesterday at our Orientation program, with young adults (and more "mature" adults) coming to NHTI to try and figure out their place in this world, and their parents or significant others also wanting to ensure that their student will receive all that we say we will do, it is extremely important that we all work together with those goals and aspirations in mind.

"It has been a privilege to work at NHTI, and I will miss all of you."

~Steve

Wings of Knowledge: 2018-19 Schedule

Launched in 2001-02, Wings of Knowledge is an annual series of cultural events which are free and open to the public. All presentations start at 6 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 call (603) 230-4028.

Events scheduled for 2018-19 so far include:

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| October 9, 2018 | Linda Hogan , Social Architect and member of the worldwide Time Exchange Movement, will share "Reclaiming Community Currency – for Individuals, Businesses and Non-profit Organizations." |
| November 13, 2018 | Pamela Langely and Jim Bullock , pianists, will perform selections from their favorite repertoire including (possibly) piano tango duets. Special presentation in Sweeney Auditorium. |
| December 4, 2018 | John Porter , historian and UNH Extension Professor Emeritus, will share "The History of New Hampshire Agriculture as Told by Barns." |
| February 5, 2019 | Dave Anderson , noted Forest Society naturalist, presents "Sweet Ramblings About All Things Maple Syrup: Myth, Magic, and Realities." |
| February 19, 2019 | Celebration of National Engineers Week, co-sponsored by the NHTI Architectural Engineering Club. Speaker TBA. |
| March 5, 2019 | Bill Halacy will share "The Benefits of Asian Medicine" in a presentation on Tai Chi and Acupuncture. |
| April 2, 2019 | Culture in Many Societies . NHTI has students from over 50 countries of origin. Hear from one of them as the campus celebrates its diversity. Speaker TBA. |



SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, January 26, 2019

NHTI's Winter Fling and "Dancing with the Concord Stars" is the must-attend event in the greater Concord community. In fact, Winter Fling has sold out for eight consecutive years. Most importantly, Winter Fling audiences have raised more than \$360,000 for the President's Fund for Excellence – thank you!

We hope you will join us for the 9th annual Winter Fling on Saturday, January 26, 2019. The Taste of Concord and Club Soda Band will be bigger and better than ever! For details and tickets visit www.nhti.edu/winterfling in November.

The confirmed dancers for this year's event include:

Anna Nygren (New York Life Insurance Co.)
Dan Feltes (NH State Senator)

Jeanne Lester (Concord Monitor)
Mark Lester (Eastern Bank)

Bryanna Marceau (Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce)
Lucas Meyer (PretiFlaherty)

Michael Hvizda (The Hvizda Team at Keller Williams)
Ryan Hvizda (The Hvizda Team at Keller Williams)

Sarah Tilton (New Hampshire Ball Bearings, Inc.)
Jason Bishop (NHTI Director of Campus Security/NHTI '01)

Tina Poirier (NH Department of Health and Human Services)
Dave Juvet (Business and Industry Association)

Nina Ann Timney (Nathan Wechsler & Company, PA)
Doug Phelan (Dartmouth-Hitchcock)

Sue O'Donnell (The Hotel Concord/NHTI '00)
Anthony Mento (SMP Architecture)

Kristin Clark (Merrimack County Savings Bank)
Anthony Poore (NH Humanities)

Emily Ricard (Bar Harbor Bank & Trust/NHTI '14)
Sam Durfee (City of Concord)

Sara Brehm (Northeast Delta Dental)
 (Local Celebrity TBA)



2018 was a banner year for NHTI's dancers, with Keith Wilding, head of the Paramedic Emergency Medicine program, and his wife Heather earning the Judge's Award for Best Overall performance with their Viennese Waltz (left).

NHTI Visual Arts adjunct Tom Devaney and his "Galway girl" Michelle Olivier of Merrimack County Savings Bank (the event's presenting partner) took home the trophy for Best Theme.



Alumni Updates

1980

Ronald W. Reed

earned a degree in Electronic Data Processing at NHTI. Ron went on to work for New Hampshire Insurance (division of AIG), and after a year was recruited to join Chubb Life in Concord as a computer programmer analyst. He advanced through the ranks to Assistant Vice President leading application development for corporate, financial and securities systems. Chubb Life merged with Jefferson Pilot in 1997, and Ron continued his IT leadership role. He advanced to Vice President, diversifying the application development platforms and business units his teams supported. In 2006 Jefferson Pilot merged with Lincoln Financial. Ron served as Vice President Information Technology, leading application development teams for Lincoln's four core businesses (life, annuity, group employee benefits and retirement). After 36½ years of combined service with Lincoln and predecessor companies, Ron retired in September 2017. Ron has been active with local non-profits, serving on the Board of the Granite United Way and the Capitol Center for the Arts. Ron was a graduate of Leadership NH, class of 2005. He and his wife Kathy live in Boscawen, NH and Maidstone, VT.

2012

Jaclyn Vesey

who earned her AS degree in Nursing at NHTI, graduated from Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (MCPHS) at Gillette Stadium on May 5, 2018 with her MS in Nursing to become a Nurse Practitioner! Her family is very proud of her. Start Here... Go Anywhere... even to Gillette Stadium!



Jackie & Pat

2016

Tim Ford

who now works in residence life at Lakes Region Community College, was elected President of the Residence Life Association of the Granite State (RLAGS) in May 2018.

2016

Matt Krajcik

"Beyond excited to announce that I accepted my first post-grad job today! I also found out today that I was accepted into grad school, where I will be pursuing my Master's in Communication with a focus in New Media & Marketing. Excited to see where this journey takes me!"

In Memory

Blanchard '68

Gerald "Jerry" S. Blanchard, 76, died Sunday, May 20, 2018, in Manchester, of a sudden illness surrounded by his loving family. Born on Dec. 24, 1941, in Washington, the son of Sherley Blanchard and Theda Mae Houghton. He was the adoring husband of Sonia M. (Parry) Blanchard. Jerry served in the Army National Guard and Washington Fire Department. He received his Associate Degree at New Hampshire Technical Institute and his Bachelors with the University of New Hampshire in electrical engineering, serving his lifetime in telecommunications. He was an avid amateur radio operator, serving as the Assistant Emergency Coordinator for the Capital Area Amateur Radio Emergency Services (CAARES). He was a member of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, hiking, scuba diving and generally being outdoors. He will be greatly missed.

Gagnon '97

Cheryl Ann Gagnon, 52, of Epsom passed away Thursday, March 8, 2018, following a brief illness. She was surrounded by the love of her family. Cheryl was born in Stoughton, MA, on January 8, 1966 to Richard Briggs and Jeanne Gloddy. Cheryl earned her Nursing degree from NHTI, and went on to earn a Master's degree from St. Joseph College in Maine as a Nurse Practitioner. Cheryl compassionately cared for all of her patients throughout her nursing career at both Concord Hospital and the Kidney Center. Cheryl enjoyed snowmobiling, fly fishing, and playing hockey. She also loved traveling with her family and spending time at her cabin in Maine. She was a loving wife, mother, sister, daughter, and friend. She was loved and deeply admired by all who knew her.

Hatch

Brenda Kay (Chellis) Hatch passed away on May 19, 2018, at Concord Hospice House after a prolonged illness, with family by her side. Brenda was born in New London

on April 11, 1961. She attended NHTI as well as NHCTC-LaConia. She was a member of the South Danbury Christian Church where she taught Sunday School for several years. She was a member of the Zane Grey Country Soroptimist International, serving as secretary, and a volunteer for the American Red Cross.

Pulaski

James "Jim" Stephen Pulaski, 76, of Swanzeey died on Sunday, June 10, 2018. He passed peacefully in the comfort of his home surrounded by his family. James was born the son of the late James and Helen (Chereski) Pulaski on June 21, 1941, in Keene. He graduated from Thayer High School, then from New Hampshire Technical Institute. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1963 during the Vietnam War where he was trained as an administrative specialist. He was honorably discharged at the rank of Sgt. E-5 in 1969. Jim then established Custom Design Signs, a well-respected sign company in Keene. Jim retired in 2005 after 36 years in business. Jim enjoyed fishing, boating, going to Florida and mostly spending time with his family. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and brother.

da Cruz

It is with great sadness that we share the loss of NHTI student **Jorge Luiz da Cruz** who passed away in June. Jorge, a native of Brazil, had lived, worked and studied in the United States for more than two decades. A vibrant, dynamic soul with a quick wit and friendly demeanor, Jorge juggled school with full-time work as a healthcare aide, taking some of the hardest courses at NHTI to pursue his long-time goal of becoming a nurse. It is notable that Jorge pursued his studies in English—not his first language, which was Portuguese. Jorge will be deeply missed by the NHTI family.



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**Are you a CDA, RDH, or a graduate of
a CODA accredited school of
dental assisting?**

**Do you have at least 4500 hours of
clinical dental experience?**

You can become qualified to place,
contour and adjust direct restorative
materials within the oral cavity under
the supervision of a NH licensed
dentist through NHTI's Expanded
Function Dental Auxiliaries (EFDA)
program.

**Expanded Function
Dental Auxiliaries (EFDA)
Information Night**

**Wednesday, Oct 17, 2018
5:30 - 7:30 pm, MacRury 136**

RSVP (603) 230-4022

**17th Annual
Wiffleball Tournament**

**Saturday, September 15
8:30 am – 4:00 pm
Gym & Quad**

Benefits a local child facing medical
challenges. This year, all proceeds
go to 4-year-old Beatrice, born with
Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome.



Funds raised by team registration fees
and silent auction. The registration
fee is \$100 from the team members,
matched by \$100 from a business
sponsor.

For more information contact the
Office of Student Life, (603) 230-4040
or nhtistudentaffairs@ccsnh.edu.

Attention Alumni!

**Did you land a new job?
Get married?
Win an award?
Publish a book?**

Send your news to:

Laura Scott,
lascott@ccsnh.edu or
(603) 271-6484 x4239
or nhtialumni@ccsnh.edu

Or enter your news online at
**[www.nhti.edu/community-
visitors/alumni-development](http://www.nhti.edu/community-visitors/alumni-development)**
(click "Update Contact
Information")

**31st Annual
NHTI FALL GOLF
TOURNAMENT**

**Beaver Meadow Golf Course
Friday, October 5, 2018
1:00 pm Tee Time**

**Fun! Prizes! Fun!
Teams of 4
Faculty - Staff
Students - Alumni
9 Holes, Best Ball Scramble**

**\$20 per person
Register at the Wellness Center,
(603) 230-4041, by Wed., Oct 3rd.**

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

**Veterans Resource Fair &
Remembrance Ceremony**

**Tuesday, November 6, 2018
10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Student Center Rotunda /
Sweeney Auditorium**

FREE and open to the public.
Numerous veterans organizations
will be on campus. Ceremony at
noon in the auditorium, followed by
refreshments.

Alumni Can Now Use the Wellness Center!

As a way to say thank you for being part of the NHTI community, all alumni now have the ability to use the Wellness Center to maintain life-long health. For only \$25 per semester, you can use the treadmills, lift weights, and work on your core all while supporting the NHTI Alumni Scholarship Fund. Scholarships are awarded to both returning and first-year students who have an interest in working for the betterment of the college and the local community, and preference is given to the dependents of NHTI alumni.

In order to take advantage of this great NEW benefit, you need to fill out and submit an ID request form, which can be found on the NHTI web site Alumni Benefits page or by contacting

Laura Scott, Director of Alumni and Development at lascott@ccsnh.edu or (603) 271-6484 x4239. Please allow at least 48 hours for the NHTI ID request form to be processed before visiting the Campus Safety Office to obtain your NEW NHTI Alumni ID and pay your \$25 fee. The Campus Safety Office is open M-F 8 am - 4 pm and is located at 1 Institute Drive.



You will be provided a welcome packet, which includes information about the Wellness Center. Please feel free to visit the Wellness Center for a tour and to complete the required waiver forms at a time that is convenient for you. The Wellness Center hours for Summer Semester: M-F 8am-4pm; Fall and Spring Semester: M-TH 8 am-10 pm, F 8 am-4:30 pm, Sat noon-pm and Sun 5 pm-10 pm.

This benefit must be renewed every semester (Fall: September-December, Spring: January-May, and Summer: June-August) by receiving a new validation sticker from Campus Safety and paying the \$25 fee. Access to the Wellness Center is good only for that semester, regardless of when you sign up.

Request your Alumni ID today! Visit
nhti.edu/community-visitors/alumni-development/alumni-benefits



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