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Something to Last Beyond

Duene Cowan, '77, probably never imagined that more than 30 years after he graduated from NHTI, he would see a building of his own design go up on campus, the new Beverly D. Grappone Hall. Duene is the principal architect for the building and he has owned his Concord-based company, DC Designs Architects PLLC, for 20 years.

After graduating with a degree in Architectural Engineering Technology, Duene completed his bachelor's degree at Roger Williams College in Rhode Island. He then worked for a couple of firms in NH, gaining valuable on-the-job experience. In 1983, Duene earned his master's degree from Syracuse University's Graduate School of Design.

"I just drove to Syracuse and back one day, never imagining that I could actually get into the program," Duene says. "But I met with a professor who offered me a graduate teaching position, based on my education and work experiences. Between that and student loans, I was able to make it work."

He founded DC Designs Architects PLLC in 1989, earning many awards along the way, including two for the Concord Clock Tower on Main Street: the NH Governor's Citation for Excellence in Design and the NH AIA Honor Award for Excellence in Architecture.



Duene Cowan and his award winning Concord Clock Tower. Duene, his two children, and many of the design and construction team who worked on the clock signed a hand rendering which was placed into the excavated foundation. Something to last beyond.

"Not Something a Lot of Architects Can Say"

Although many architectural firms specialize in one particular area such as commercial development, DC Designs works within a broader framework. Duene's firm has handled retail, commercial, industrial, health care and even residential work in its long history.

Duene once designed an underground firing range for a married couple who were expert marksmen. "That's not something a lot of architects can say!" he says with a chuckle. "The biggest challenge in owning your own architectural firm is keeping your interest level high. If you lose interest, it's going to show in your work."

Typically, DC Designs has anywhere from 10 to 15 major projects happening at any given time. With recent economic conditions, Duene's firm is handling about eight architectural projects now, including the NHTI building, which will house an expanded, state-of-the-art nursing

program. Duene firmly believes in quality over quantity.

He has consciously and carefully kept his firm small, with just three full-time employees. "I want to be an architect, not the owner and manager of a big company," Duene says. "My satisfaction comes from being able to see something in my mind that no one else can and eventually seeing that vision come to life. Knowing that I've designed something that will last beyond me is so rewarding."

Back on Campus

Now more than 30 years later, Duene is spending a lot of time on the NHTI campus.

"The new building is also fairly unique in that the team that's putting it together is truly an NHTI group," he says. "To have so many NHTI graduates back on campus to work together to get this building done, it's pretty rare."

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In addition to Duene, a '77 AET graduate, the team includes **Jeffrey Trexler**, owner of Trexler Engineering in Dunbarton, who graduated the same year and in the same program as Duene. **Paul Leveille** is a 1985 AET graduate and is the High Performance Buildings Program Manager for the Jordan Institute. Paul is helping the team pursue LEED certification for the new health building. Finally, **Wayne Fillion**, who attended NHTI with Duene and Jeff in '75 - '76 and is the president of Yeaton Associates in Littleton, serves as the mechanical engineer for the building.

Duene, a father of two, is also a Scoutmaster. He says, "I teach the Scouts about making your own luck, planting the seeds for success by getting an education, and finding your own opportunities. All I needed was that one chance and NHTI gave it to me."



The new interior living room space by DC Designs for a home in Concord, NH.

Paging Your Classmates: Please Report to NHTI's Alumni Office

The friendships you develop during your college years can last a lifetime ... if you know where your friends are!

We are looking for the following NHTI graduates. Each of you has a friend who wants to get back in touch. So, give us a call at 271-7735 or email **Lee Ann Lewis** at llewis@ccsnh.edu. We'll get you reconnected with your old college buddies.

Diane M. Drescher, Class of 1973, graduated with a degree in Computer Information Systems.

Lisa E. Keaney, Class of 1987, graduated with a degree in Dental Hygiene.



Lisa Keaney

Marcie J. Thomas, Class of 1980, graduated with a degree in Radiologic Technology.

Attention NHTI alumni:
Did you land a new job? Get married?
Win an award? Publish a book?

Send us your news so we may share it with your fellow alumni: NHTI Alumni Affairs Office, 31 College Drive, Concord, NH 03301 or nhtialumni@ccsnh.edu.

He Started Here and Went to Boston Architectural College

"In 2008, I received an Associate's Degree in Architectural Engineering Technology from NHTI. Today, I am continuing my education at Boston Architecture College, working towards my bachelor's degree in Architecture.



As a result of my education at NHTI, I feel well prepared for the majority of the classes I'm taking at BAC. The curriculum at NHTI gave me a broad yet finely detailed understanding of the avenues of drawing, structures, and AutoCAD. With two valuable years of experience at NHTI under my belt, I now have a strong backbone of architectural knowledge. With this, my projects and designs at BAC are going one step further.

I am very grateful for the education I obtained while at NHTI."

- **Jim Hornor**, Class of 2008

Calling All Nurses!

As winter is winding down and there are hints of spring, we look forward to the pleasure of graduating another senior class of nurses at NHTI. As we bid farewell to our seniors, we talk with them about all the opportunities to advance their education.

NHTI's mission and the nursing department's philosophy support and encourage lifelong learning. Three years ago, our nursing department entered into an agreement that provides an opportunity for students to seek Dual Admission with either the University of New Hampshire or Franklin Pierce University. Once students are admitted to NHTI's nursing program, they may apply to either UNH or FPU. After graduating from NHTI, they are seamlessly transitioned in a RN-BSN program. It has proven to be a very popular option with nearly 70 students taking this new path. RN-BSN programs have responded to student requests by offering programs that provide flexibility, on-line opportunities, and designing programs to best meet the student needs.

With the availability of many different tracks to achieving that next nursing degree, there is no better time to return to school.

Remember, spring is near, signaling new beginnings! I hope to see you soon.
- **Anita Pavlidis**, Nursing Dept. Head

Run, Alumni, Run!

The Fifth Annual NHTI/Delta Dental 5K Road Race will be held on Friday April 24th at 6:00 pm. This year's race will feature a category for NHTI alumni. The course is flat and fast. It starts in front of the Student Center. This year's race is a part of the Capitol Area Race Series (CARS). For more details check the online Campus Events Calendar at: www.nhti.edu.



Meeting the Needs of Patients... and Nurses

At the end of his first semester at NHTI, **John McAuley**, '82 found himself on academic suspension. John says that the Electronic Engineering Technology program, "was not easy. I fell behind the curve and in with the wrong crowd. Meanwhile, my brother was doing very well over at UNH. It wasn't a good time."



Fast forward nearly 30 years. John is the founder (along with his wife, Heidi), owner and president of McAuley Medical, Inc., a Concord-based business that provides

safe patient handling products to hospitals and other medical offices. What exactly is safe patient handling?

"OSHA (the federal agency charged with the enforcement of safety and health legislation) would never expect a person to lift a 100 lb. box," John explains. "UPS, for example, would probably never ask an employee to do that. But nurses in hospitals are expected to do it all the time, moving patients from a gurney to a bed or repositioning them in bed. And a good number of patients weigh more than 100 lbs."

Rolling or Sliding...but No Lifting

"Did you know that nurses have the highest back injury rate of any profession? Even more than construction workers," says John.

In comes McAuley Medical, which offers Lateral Transfer Systems with two main products that allow for moving patients from one surface to another without lifting. With the Samarit Rollboard, one nurse is able to literally roll the patient across a soft foam core board, with no noise or static. The patient experiences a soft ride as opposed to the jolts of being lifted and then lowered. The perk for the nurse: no lifting and lowering.

"More than 150,000 Rollboards have been sold in Europe," John explains. "It's revolutionizing safe patient handling there and I expect the US will catch up soon. With nurses having fewer back injuries, the hospitals save on both workers compensation and insurance. The nurses

are happy because they can do their jobs without risk of injury or pain."

The second product is the Air Slide, another lateral transfer system offering the patient the comfort of an air mattress. The Air Slide stays with the patient for the duration of his hospital visit, even through X-rays and MRIs. There is no stitching or air holes so the Air Slide offers much greater infection control.

Having started their company in October 2007, John and Heidi have seen their business grow very rapidly. John says, "Our company has added five new jobs to the local economy in the last year and a half."



John McAuley and colleagues work with the Air Slide at NHTI's Nursing Simulation Lab.

From Here to There

How does one go from academic suspension to being a successful business owner? John says it took the encouragement of his professors, especially Professor Cheney, and a lot of hard work. After that first semester, he buckled down and after taking a few night and summer courses, he was re-admitted to the program. Upon graduating in '82, he immediately went onto UNH for his bachelor's degree. With four substantial job offers, John decided on Sanders/Lockheed in Nashua where he worked for seven years.

"The practical, hands-on training I received at the Tech went a long way in helping me get those job offers," he says. "For me, NHTI was the best place for me to get acclimated to college life."

John and Heidi have been married for 24 years. They enjoy long rides on their Harley Davidson motorcycles and are avid golfers. They also have a home in Florida, "if" they ever decide to retire.

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accepted by U Mass Lowell, but elected to continue his education at DigiPen Institute of Technology, described by AGGP Professor **Terry Simkin** as "the world's most outstanding game development school." Located in Redmond, Washington – near the Microsoft and Nintendo campuses – DigiPen accepts around 250 students per year out of approximately 15,000 applications, so Chris is now clearly among the elite. (The school also has a 75% attrition rate, so he knows he can't rest on his laurels!)

"I'm quite certain I wouldn't be here without having first attended NHTI," Chris writes. "Even if I had been able to make it here without first attending NHTI, I would not have been ready for it. When I first started attending NHTI, I still had high school homework habits (i.e. typically doing it the night before it's due). So NHTI really helped sober me up to college-level work, focus and time management before starting here. And this school is intense enough to really require that. Many of the students here straight out of high school are still spending more time playing games and hanging out than working, and it's going to catch up to them with some harshness in the next few semesters.

"Additionally, I have a far stronger base in programming than I would have otherwise, primarily thanks to the classes taught by Professors Simkin and Yusuf."

"The education here is absolutely amazing," he goes on. "I'm thoroughly impressed by every teacher I have this year and their range of experience, as well as their level of fluency in their chosen disciplines. Even in the base programming class [which] is something I already know 98% of, there's still plenty to learn just from observing the instructors and the way they go about things."

So there you have it: a dream come true. A serious guy at a serious school, having the time of his life making games. "I have no doubt now that this is exactly where I should be at this point," Chris writes. How many of us can make that claim?

• Alumni Updates •

1969

John M. Healy

earned his degree in Electronic Engineering Technology. He is now working as a private investigator and wrote a novel entitled "Cold Dark Water." John says, "My daughter is about to graduate from NHTI and I am so proud. NHTI gave me a great start in life. I would not have done as well at a large university."

1977

David S. McQueen

graduated from NHTI with a degree in Electronic Engineering Technology. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst and a master's degree from the University of New Hampshire. Now a resident of Medford, MA, David is employed by MIT Lincoln Laboratory in Lexington. He married his wife, Kathy in 1985 and is a father to three daughters, the eldest of whom is a sophomore in college. David says, "It certainly brings back memories. NHTI was the most 'bang for the buck' of my entire undergraduate education. I still value the hands-on approach to problem solving."

1979

Marianne (King) Jordan

graduated with a business degree in 1979 and is now a resident of Loudon.

1980

Linda (Wood) Sherman

earned her business degree in 1980. She now lives in Lyndonville, VT.

1982

Heidi (Keyser) St. Jacques

received her dental assisting degree in 1982 and has worked for Raymond Orzechowski, DMD, for 19 years. Heidi says, "I began as his assistant but I am now the Patient Treatment/Financial Coordinator." She has been happily married since 1988 and has two children, Charlie and Kellie. Heidi and her family live in Andover, NH where they have a small farm and cherish the home that they built themselves from the trees on the land. Heidi says, "My education at NHTI has paid off. Now my daughter is applying to attend!" She enjoys biking, traveling and spending time with her family and friends.

1984

Rebecca (Gamage) Dickie

received her Computer Information Systems degree in 1984. She has worked for a number of companies including NH Insurance Group, Signal Capital Corporation, Blue Cross/Blue Shield and Cabletron. Today Rebecca is employed as a manager at the Double G Ranch Horse Supply and Tack Shop. Rebecca and her husband have been married for nearly 24 years. They have

three daughters, Amanda, Megan (a student in the CJ program at NHTI and co-president of the Campus Activities Board) and Erica. Rebecca says, "I'm on the NHTI campus at least once a week for sports events for Megan. And Erica is looking to attend NHTI for ECE in the fall of 2010. I can't believe how much NHTI has changed over the years. It's awesome and I am thrilled that my children chose it. If they want to go on to a four-year degree, then they'll be halfway there!"

1985

Glenn Foy

graduated with a degree in Architectural Engineering Technology. As the general manager of Big Lots in Belmont, NH, Glenn is responsible for the total operation of the store.

Robert D. Saulnier

received his degree in Electronic Engineering Technology in 1985. Robert has traveled the world doing Field Service installations, repairs and trainings for several companies over the years. He is currently employed at STAPLA Ultrasonics in Wilmington, MA and has two sons, ages 15 and 12, who are involved in many sports and maintaining good grades. Robert says, "They keep me and my girlfriend Jannette very busy! In our spare time, we enjoy dirt biking and any type of water sport." Robert wishes good luck to all the future NHTI graduates and says "hello" to all of his fellow alumni.

1986

Daniel Tavitian

earned his degree in Computer Information Systems. He works as a senior software developer for Allscripts-Misys in Nashua.

1991

Peter Ward

earned a degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology. He and his wife, Julie have a son, Max and have lived in the Portsmouth area for the last 20 years. Peter also earned an associate's degree in computer services. He works as a quality assurance inspector at the Portsmouth Naval Ship Yard in Kittery, ME. Peter says, "Overall, life has been very good and I look forward to hearing from other alumni I went to school with."

1992

Catherine E. Brock

received her Dental Hygiene degree in 1992. After working in private practice, Cathy returned to NHTI as an instructor in both the dental hygiene and dental assisting programs. She was recently promoted to Associate Professor and holds a bachelor's degree from Granite State College and a master's degree from Plymouth State University. Cathy also teaches several community and continuing education courses.

1993

Nancy (Clockedile) Feeny

married in 2001. She and her husband, who has also taken classes at NHTI, live in Chichester and have run their own business for 15 years. The oldest of their four children is a news reporter in Florida. The next will graduate from LaRoche College in Pittsburg this spring with a degree in Interior Design. The last two will graduate in 2010, one from Keene with a B.S. in Occupational Safety Engineering, the other from NHTI's nursing program! "We are very pro-NHTI," she writes. "This school set the foundation we needed to go forward with a very productive life."

1994

Michael Sivigny

graduated with a degree in Manufacturing Engineering Technology in 1994 and a bachelor's degree from RIT in 1997. Now employed at CeTaQ Americas, LLC in Bedford, Michael says his time at NHTI, "provided a smaller college atmosphere, which I valued."

1995

Scott Sherman

is a graduate of the Architectural Engineering Technology program. Now living in Hudson, Scott is a manager at Dream Kitchens in Nashua.

1996

Elizabeth (Dalrymple) Clouatre

received her degree in Travel and Tourism in 1996. She is now working towards a bachelor's degree in elementary education at Johnson State College in Vermont and expects to graduate this year. Married to her husband Jeffrey since 2001, they have two daughters, Kasandra and Emalee.

1997

Adam Durant

earned his degree in Paramedic Emergency Medicine in 1997. He received a bachelor's degree in Nursing from Northeastern University in 2000 and a master's degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 2007. Adam now works for Christiana Health System. He and his wife, Emily live in Pennsylvania.

1999

Timothy Maki

graduated with a degree in Computer Engineering Technology. He is employed as a network systems manager at the New Hampton School. He and his wife, Tara, have been married since 1999.

2000

Kellee (Charron) Johns

is a graduate of the Paramedic Emergency Medicine program. She earned a nursing degree

in 2006 from Castleton State College. A resident of Bradford, Vermont, Kellee is employed at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. She and her husband, Jason have two small children, Spencer and Carter.

2002

Paul Kunze

graduated in 2002 with a degree in Architectural Engineering Technology. He and his wife, Jennie, live in Nevada, Texas with their daughter, Natasha. Paul says that his time at NHTI, "Opened doors to a wonderful career in construction management." He is employed by Kellogg, Brown and Root in Dallas and manages a number of construction projects.

Michael Jay Meath

earned a Criminal Justice degree in 2002 and is working as a police officer in Minneapolis, MN.

2003

Tricia (Sheridan) Thyng

graduated with a degree in Management and received her bachelor's degree from Keene State College in 2005. She and her husband, Jayson, have been married since 2006 and recently bought a home in Fremont.

Erica (Hodsdon) White

earned her degree in Nursing and is now living in Freeport, ME.

2004

Sandra (Boutin) Miller

earned her degree in Education in 2004. Sandra graduated with a bachelor's degree in Language Arts and Literature from Granite State College in 2007. She lives in Loudon.

2005

Rhonda Carlson

graduated with a degree in Radiologic Technology in 2005. She works as a PACS Administrator for two hospitals in southern Florida. Rhonda says, "A year after graduating from NHTI, I was named the clinical instructor for my department and six months after that, the assistant to the department. My time at NHTI was of great value to me. I enjoy my job and career and the possibilities it has opened for me. The instructors at NHTI were great, as well as those overseeing the students in their clinical settings. Invaluable!" Rhonda lives with her domestic partner, Sharon Bartlett, in Florida and her son, Jared who recently joined the Marines.

Peter Maes

earned a degree in Criminal Justice from NHTI, and in 2008 he graduated from Plymouth State University with a bachelor's degree in the same field. Peter is pursuing a career in law enforcement.

Thomas R. Malone, Jr.

earned his degree in General Studies in 2005. He earned his bachelor's degree in psychology from Southern New Hampshire University in January 2009.

2006

Nathan M. Stanton

received his degree in Sports Management in 2006. He is now employed as a personal banker for Citibank.

2007

Glenn Skoog

earned a degree in Computer Engineering Technology in 2007. He is now living in Keene.

Crystal (Burch) Zachodny

earned her degree in Human Services in 2007. Working towards her bachelor's degree at Franklin Pierce University, Crystal expects to graduate in May 2009. She says, "My NHTI education has been very valuable to me. It helped me excel in achieving a higher education and continuing on that path." She is now awaiting acceptance to New England College, to pursue a master's degree in mental health counseling.

2008

Alane Bigelow

earned a General Studies degree in 2008. He now works as a paraprofessional in Tilton. Alane says, "I am responsible for a child by making sure he completes his classroom assignments and stays out of trouble on the playground."

Jeannie Brome

received her degree in Criminal Justice. She now works for the NH Department of Safety in the Bureau of Emergency Services. Jeannie loves her job as an emergency medical dispatcher. She says, "I think about how great NHTI was as a center for education but also a place to receive guidance and direction into adulthood. I worked hard to achieve good grades. With the help of Frank Jones, Stephen O'Donnell and Monique Graf, I realized how much there really was out in the world for people with my degree. Today I am grateful for my years at NHTI and tell everyone how great a school it really is."

Nikki Faucher

received her Nursing degree in 2007. She is now employed as an RN case manager for Liberty Mutual. She is also a Certified American Heart Association BLS instructor. Nikki says of her time at NHTI, "It was the best money I ever spent. I now make three times what I did then and I love my new job."

Rebecca LaPlant

earned her degree in Computer Information Systems in 2008. A resident of Danvers, MA, Becky is working at Codelab Technology Group as a software developer.

• Weddings •

Ames, '04 — Nelson

Candace Ames-Nelson and Daniel Nelson were married on September 7. Candace is a 2004 graduate of NHTI, earning a degree in Early Childhood Education. She is now employed as the Assistant Director at the Whole Village Childcare Center in Plymouth. The ceremony and reception took place at Castle in the Clouds in Moultonborough, NH. Fellow NHTI students, Lindsey Oberlin and Phil Percoski, class of 2005, were part of the wedding party. The happy couple honeymooned in Hawaii.

Buckley, '93 — Froburg

Peggy Buckley and David Froburg were married on October 5. Peggy graduated from Kearsage Regional High School and earned an associate's degree in criminal justice from NHTI. Peggy also earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from University of Massachusetts. She works for the town of Andover. David graduated from Andover High School and is enrolled in criminal justice program at Northern Essex Community College. He works for the town of Andover MA.

Cammarota — Benoit

Kimberly Cammarota and Mark Benoit were married in Merrimack. Kimberly graduated from Manchester Memorial High School. She is a small business owner and school bus driver with First Student in Belmont. Mark graduated from Manchester Memorial and attended NHTI and Pacific Western University. He is a manager with Anheuser-Busch, Inc.

Davis, '05 — Conroy

Holly Davis of Auburn and Kenneth Conroy of Candia were married at Pats Peak in Henniker. Holly graduated from Manchester Memorial High School and NHTI in 2005. She is a radiologic technologist in Manchester. Kenneth graduated from Manchester Central High School and is a cable technician for Comcast.

Encarnacion-Peguero — Zahn, '06

Leslee Encarnacion-Peguero and Robert Zahn were married on June 29 in Tampa, Florida. Leslee graduated from Salem High School in Massachusetts and earned a bachelor's degree from Rivier College in Nashua and the University of South Florida. Robert graduated from Bishop Brady high School and earned an associate's degree in liberal arts from NHTI in 2006. Robert serves in the Navy and the couple lives in Newport News, VA.

Hartwell, '06 — Stagnone, '05

Megan Hartwell and Philip Stagnone of Derry were married in Peterborough. Megan graduated from Con-Val High School and received her associate's degree in Early Childhood Education from NHTI in 2006. She is a nanny. Philip graduated from Pinkerton Academy and earned an associate's degree in Paralegal Studies from

NHTI in 2005. Philip is employed as a teller with TDBankNorth.

Haskins — Fitzgerald

Crystal Haskins and Daniel Fitzgerald were married in Manchester. Crystal graduated from Alverne High School and Southern NH University. Daniel graduated from Lakes Region Community College. He is a fireman with the Bristol Fire Department and is now attending NHTI to become a paramedic.

Locke — Brooks

Alicia Locke and Gary Brooks were married on July 12, 2008. Alicia attended NHTI and is the owner/instructor of Alicia's School of Dance in Loudon. Gary attended Macintosh College and is the owner of Intreza Designs in Loudon.

Mariani, '07 — Cusson

Brandy Mariani and Brian Cusson were married on September 20 at the Eastover Resort in Lenox, MA. Brandy graduated from NHTI in 2007 with a degree in Radiologic Technology. She works for Catholic Medical Center in Manchester and part time at Loon Mountain. Brian is the non-invasive cardiology supervisor at CMC. Brandy and Brian live in Loudon.

Miller, '07 — Marsh

Emily C. Miller and Hakim Marsh were married at White Park in Concord. Emily graduated from NHTI with a nursing degree in 2007 and Hakim attended Nashua High School. The couple resides in Concord.

Nelson — Gifford

Rachel Elizabeth Nelson and Christopher Gifford were married in Newport. Rachel graduated from Concord High School and is attending NHTI. She is a licensed nursing assistant. Christopher graduated from Portsmouth High School and is employed as an automotive detailer.

Paduraru — Bean

Angela Paduraru and Robert Bean were married on June 14 at Steele Hill Resort in Sanbornton. Angela graduated from Saint Joseph's School of Nursing and is pursuing an associate's degree in nursing at NHTI. Robert is also pursuing an associate's degree in nursing at NHTI. The couple resides in Penacook.

Peabody — Warner

Samantha Peabody and Jarrad Warner were married in a ceremony incorporating several Scottish traditions. Samantha is working towards a nursing degree at NHTI. Jarrad works for Medstar Ambulance Service.

Welch — Adams, '05

Moira Welch and Nicholas Adams were married on August 29 in Charlotte, Vermont. Nicholas earned an associate's degree in Paramedic Emergency Medicine from NHTI. He is a service technician for Comcast. Moira earned a

bachelor's degree from Saint Michael's College and works for the city of Burlington, Vermont.

• Engagements •

Bellerose — Reid

Casey Bellerose and Wayne Reid have announced their engagement. Casey and Wayne are both dual graduates of John Stark Regional High School and Concord Vocational High School, where she studied early childhood education and he studied auto mechanics. She now works at a learning center in Goffstown, and is studying early childhood education at NHTI, specializing in autism. He is an auto mechanic for Banks Chevrolet in Concord. A May 2010 wedding is planned.

Bradford — Horton

Jennifer Bradford and Shawn Horton II plan to be married in May. Jennifer is a graduate of Merrimack Valley High School and attended NHTI. She works for DeLorme Publishing in Yarmouth, Maine and attends Husson University. Shawn graduated from Pinkerton Academy and he is the owner and artist at Shawn Horton II Tattoos in Maine.

Bucklin, '05 — Bliss, '06

Kimberly Bucklin and Patrick Bliss have announced their engagement. Kimberly earned a degree in real estate from NHTI in 2005 and now works as a mortgage processor at Meredith Village Savings Bank. Patrick graduated with an associate's degree in Criminal Justice in 2006. He works as a corrections officer. An October wedding is planned.

Chaloux, '05 — DesChenes, '04

Melanie Chaloux and Stephen DesChenes have announced their engagement. She is a 2002 graduate of Lyndon Institute and received an associates degree from NHTI in travel and tourism as well as hotel management. She received a B.A. in business management from Franklin Pierce University in 2007. She is employed as an admissions representative. Stephen received his associate's degree in sports management from NHTI in 2004. He is employed in sales with G-Housen. A fall 2009 wedding is planned.



Doyon — Lefavor

Leslie Doyon and Adam Lefavor have announced their engagement. Leslie graduated from Pinkerton Academy in Derry and attended NHTI. She is a personal banker with Centrix Bank in Milford. Adam graduated from Nashua High School and attended New England College. He is a technical consultant with Sprint. A fall wedding is planned.

Dunn — Janvrin

Elizabeth Dunn and Donald Janvrin Jr. have announced their engagement. Elizabeth graduated from Manchester Memorial High School and UNH. Donald graduated from Pinkerton Academy in Derry and attends NHTI. A September wedding is planned.

Fernandes, '07 — Eslinger

Gina Fernandes and James Eslinger are happy to announce their engagement. Gina received her degree in Early Childhood Education. Gina and James were one of the Top 5 couples in a green wedding giveaway contest sponsored by Clay Hill Farm in Maine. Gina and James plan to be married this summer.



Flournoy — Scroggins

Molly Flournoy and Joseph Scroggins have announced their engagement. Molly attended Trinity Christian High School and Northland Baptist Bible College in Dunbar, WI. She is pursuing a degree in early childhood education at NHTI. Molly is employed at a Child Center. Joseph is pursuing a bachelor's degree in cultural studies from Northland Baptist Bible College. An August wedding is planned.

Foss, '08 — Martz

Stephanie Foss and Levi Martz have announced their engagement. Stephanie earned an associate's degree in Arts from NHTI, and Levi earned an associate's degree in Civil Engineering from NHTI. An October wedding is planned.

Gerrior — Cartier

Jeannette Gerrior and Brad Cartier are engaged to be married. Jeannette graduated from Franklin High School and attended NHTI. She earned a degree from Hesser College in 2008 and is now working as a pharmacy technician. Brad also graduated from Franklin High School and works for UPS. A fall wedding is planned.

Hanson — Gendron, '02

Sara Hanson and Jeremy Gendron have announced their engagement. Sara graduated from Millbury High School and Salve Regina University. She is a teacher in Millbury. Jeremy graduated from Concord Christian High School and earned a degree in Criminal Justice from NHTI in 2002. He is employed by Best Buy in Manchester. A January 2010 wedding is planned.

Henault, '08 — Baker

Lindsay Henault and Christopher Baker plan to be married. Lindsay earned a degree in Dental Hygiene from NHTI in 2008. Christopher graduated from Merrimack High School and Johnson and Wales University. He is a director of operations with Twin Coast Enterprises in Auburn. A June wedding is planned.

Hock, '08 — Hammond

Meghan Hock and Thomas Hammond are engaged to be married. Meghan graduated from NHTI in 2008 and works as a dental hygienist. Thomas is employed with the Town of Goffstown. A June wedding is planned.

Landry — Foley

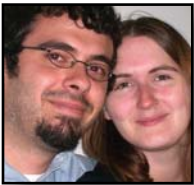
Heather Mary Landry and Scott David Foley have announced their engagement. Heather graduated from Manchester Central High School and Champlain College in Vermont. Scott graduated from Exeter High School and attended NHTI. Scott is a plumber. An October wedding is planned.

Loveland, '08 — Binder

Jenny Loveland and Eric Binder have announced their engagement. Jenny graduated from Hillsboro-Deering High School in 2002 and earned a degree in Radiologic Technology from NHTI in 2008. She is a radiology technician at Concord Hospital. Eric graduated from Concord High School and Mitchell College. He is an account executive for Beneficial Finance.

Palmer, '05 — Dietz

Julie Palmer and Andrew Dietz are pleased to announce their engagement. Julie graduated from Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative High School in 2003 and earned an associate's degree in Hotel Administration from NHTI in 2005. She then received her bachelor's degree in business from Franklin



University in Ohio. She is a communications associate at the NH Local Government Center. Andrew is pursuing a degree in software engineering at the University of Advancing Technology. He is a web developer at Turbine Games. A fall 2009 wedding is planned.

Pescinski, '07 — Dine

Carla Pescinski and Andre Dine have announced their engagement. Carla graduated from NHTI in 2007 and is a radiologic technologist at Concord Hospital. Andrew has served eight years in the Army and is a lithotripsy technologist.

Pilote, '05 — Riendeau

Devan Pilote and Stephan Riendeau are pleased to announce their engagement. Devan is a 2005 graduate of NHTI. She works as a traveling registered nurse and in the emergency room at Grace Cottage Hospital in Townsend, VT. Stephan works in construction. A June wedding is planned.

Plourde, '02 — Barry

Janel Plourde and Jeff Barry are engaged to be married. Janel works as a dental hygienist for Dr. Jon Samaha in Concord and graduated from NHTI in 2002. Jeff graduated from Concord High School and Springfield College in Springfield,

MA. He is employed by Fidelity Investments in Merrimack. An August wedding is planned.

Wade, '05 — Ux

Lindsay Wade and Jason Ux are pleased to announce their engagement. Lindsay earned her associate's degree from NHTI in 2005 and is employed as a dental assistant in Manchester. Jason attended the University of Massachusetts, Lowell and is an automotive technician for Grappone Hyundai in Concord. A September wedding is planned.

Whitehouse, '06 — Diehm

Morgan Whitehouse and Robert Diehm have announced their engagement. Morgan graduated from Plymouth Regional High School and NHTI in 2006. She is currently employed at the Children's Hospital at Dartmouth. Robert graduated from Watkinson School in Hartford and Bryant University. He is a career firefighter the Hanover Fire Department.

Witham — Spaulding, '08

Amber Witham and Justin Spaulding are pleased to announce their engagement. A graduate of Bow High School, Justin earned a degree in Architectural Engineering Technology from NHTI in 2008. He works as an engineer for Insight Technology in Londonderry and is a member of the NH National Guard, 744th Forward Support Company. Amber is a stylist with Peter's Images Unlimited in Concord. An October wedding is planned.

• In Memorium •

Bolgatz

Susan E. Bolgatz passed away on August 14, 2008. Susan earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia and had a successful career in engineering and marketing. In 1987, she married her husband Jay, and had a son, Lee. Sue left the workforce for 12 years to raise Lee. She worked at NHTI as a library technician.

Boulay

Dr. Edward Boulay, a professor at NHTI for 38 years, passed away in February 2009. Dr. Boulay taught Anatomy and Physiology and served as the NHTI Safety and Compliance Officer just before retiring in 2008.

Burroughs

Clara L (Muller) Burroughs died at her home. Clara graduated from Amsterdam High School and attended NHTI, Rochester Institute of Technology and Rivier College. Clara loved the outdoors and the fall foliage. She also enjoyed making jellies, canning and maple syrup. Her handiwork was incredible, and it showed in her afghans and quilts. Clara enjoyed summers on the coast.

Cannon

Surrounded by her loving family, Jean Cannon, 61, died peacefully at Concord Hospital on

Dec. 14, 2008 after a sudden illness. Jean was a passionate teacher for more than 35 years. She taught in Baltimore and Washington, DC before moving to Concord in 1976. She retired from teaching at Rundlett Middle School after 20 years. While at Rundlett, Jean was a winner of the Chubb Life Fellowship and was a Concord Teacher of the Year. Most recently, she was an adjunct writing instructor at NHTI. Jean loved teaching, reading, writing and literature. She found solitude in her gardens, where she worked diligently alongside her family and her favorite golden retriever, Baxter.

Manning

Mary Frances Manning, 45, passed away on June 26, 2008. Throughout her school years, Mary Frances excelled in academics and athletics, finished high school in three years, and was a stand-out in gymnastics, track, nordic and alpine skiing. She was named as a state skimeister at 14, and played varsity soccer on Conant's boy's team. Mary had recently made a remarkable recovery from mental illness, and began taking classes at NHTI. Her new life came to an abrupt end when Mary was diagnosed with terminal cancer. She is survived by many loving family and friends and her fiancé, Stephen Carey.

Naeck

Werner C. Naeck, of North Swanzey, died on January 7, 2009 after a brief illness. Werner spent his early years in Manchester and graduated from high school in 1946. He attended NHTI and Keene State College. During the Korean conflict, he served with the U.S. Army in Wildflecken, Germany. Holding numerous positions at MPB Corporation in Keene, Werner retired in 1991 after nearly 34 years of service. He was very active with community affairs including the Little League, Boy Scouts and the Swanzey Rescue Squad. He was also a member of the International Management Club, and of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers for more than 25 years. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Sandra, and many loving family members.

Seil

Vaughn V. Siel, a highly respected law enforcement officer, died at his home on December 16, 2008. Vaughn was the Director of Security at NHTI until he retired in 1989.

Werkowski

Cathleen A Werkowski passed on November 29, 2008. Cathleen was a graduate of Westford High School and NHTI. She was employed as a registered nurse in Londonderry. Cathleen was an avid gardener and enjoyed spending time among her flowers.

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The Capacity to Feel Good

Gina McGuire has four children and a husband, works full-time as the school nurse at Woodland Heights School in Laconia and runs her own health education and fitness company called the Bod Squad. How does she do it all?

"I have a lot of energy, obviously," Gina laughs.

Gina earned her associate's degree in Nursing from NHTI in 1996 and is now a registered nurse, having earned her bachelor's of science degree in health care studies from Granite State College. As a nationally certified Group Fitness Instructor through the Aerobics and Fitness Association of America, Gina has been teaching fitness classes for more than 20 years.

In short, she is a person who knows how to take care of herself.

"Nurses are notorious for taking care of everyone around them," Gina explains. "Being a school nurse is an extraordinarily busy job. There's case management and between 50 and 100 kids in your office a day. Nurses have a major tendency to put themselves on the back burner."



Gina McGuire, '96, the picture of health.

As an educator for the Bod Squad, Gina travels nationally and internationally, helping nurses and other health-care workers understand the importance of taking care of number one. At a 2005 conference, Gina spoke to nurses from all over New England. In June 2008, Gina traveled to New Mexico to lecture before the National School Nurses Association — a presentation she will reprise in Boston this year.

"Every person has the capacity to feel good within him or herself. Everything you need to live well is within your own body," she says. "And I don't just stand up there and lecture. Everyone exercises when I make a speaking appearance!"

Gina says the time she spent at NHTI was life altering. She was an older student at age 31, with three kids at home. During the first year, she found out she was expecting her fourth child. "I was not terribly confident to begin with so when I realized I was pregnant, I thought 'it's over.'"

However, with individual attention and mentoring from the committed faculty including **Patty Stone** and **Patricia Hutchinson**, Gina was able to come back and complete her degree.

"Getting my bachelor's degree was sort of a walk in the park after the curriculum at NHTI," she jokes. "Seriously, you cannot overestimate the reputation of NHTI's health programs in the local medical communities. It was the best bang for my buck."

Taking His Game on the Road

Gaming is 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 popular Magic: The Gathering.



Courtesy
38 Studios

At NHTI he was part of a team of three programmers who took their game "Infectious Munch" to a competition at 38 Studios, a game development company owned by the Red Sox' Curt Schilling. 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.

Over the summer Chris was

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