# From There to Here

ife is not easy. It is a lesson many of us learn too early in life. For example, how is it possible that a person who's only 18 years old wants to end his life? At 18, many of us are saying goodbye to high school and a major phase of our lives, preparing to embark on a new path in college, or the military, or by starting a full-time job.

"My very first day at NHTI, I was mentally, physically, and emotionally tired. I wanted it all just to end," says Ken Mazzochi.

Ken came to NHTI after what he describes as "the worst summer, and the worst year of my life." Ken's mother had just recovered from a prescription drug addiction. His father was battling alcoholism. Ultimately, his parents divorced, and his mother's remarriage meant a new step-dad. Any one of these situations could be challenging; to have them all occur within a year is practically catastrophic, especially for a teenager.

"I won't sugarcoat it: I was suicidal. I was depressed. I couldn't see a future," Ken explains.

Today, Ken is a happily married father of two, and works as the General Manager at TURBOCAM International in Barrington, NH, overseeing the automotive division.

How does a person get from there to here?

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Ken Mazzochi stands in the lobby of TURBOCAM in Barrington, NH. He encourages his employees to work each day to the company's motto, "Innovate with grace."

# A Life Changing Experience

Growing up, Ken's family never had much money, and they moved around a lot. He describes living in a shack and having to use an outhouse. He was an average C student in high school, graduating from Mascoma Valley School District in Enfield.

"The first time I took pre-algebra, I failed," recalls Ken.

He looked into joining the Army after graduation but was rejected because of a knee operation. With encouragement from his step-father, Ken enrolled in the "pre-tech" program at NHTI, taking non-credit courses in order to learn the material and be able to pass.

"On my first or second day, I went to the counseling office," Ken remembers. "I knew I needed help, and for the first few months of college, I met with a counselor every week. He helped me get unlocked from all the dysfunction in my life to that point. At the end of my first year at NHTI, my whole life started to change. There were great possibilities."

In order to pay his college tuition, Ken held multiple part-time jobs, painting, housekeeping and working in a machine shop. Living in a dorm on campus was another life-changing moment for Ken.

"It was a much smaller community back then. There was a depth to the friendships I made," he says. As an introvert, Ken was happy to make such strong connections. "It helped me grow as a person."

In 1987, Ken graduated – with high honors – with a degree in Mechanical

Engineering Technology. He immediately started at UNH, working on his bachelor's degree. Although there were challenges such as huge classes with 400 people, and less access to his professors, it was while he was at UNH that Ken had a life-changing experience.

"I became a Christian. I studied the Bible, and found my faith," Ken says. "It helped me become the person I am today, a husband, a father, and a leader."

Ken met his wife, Lisa, at UNH; the two have been married for 21 years.

# Working His Way Up to General Manager

After his UNH graduation, Ken worked for Textron Automotive in Farmington, NH. He began as a process technician and was eventually promoted to development engineer. Ken went back to school to earn his Master's of Business Administration from Plymouth State University. He worked as an engineering manager at Park Nameplate in Dover for five years before being hired as the general manager of TURBOCAM.

"Manufacturing can be a tough environment," Ken explains. "At TURBOCAM, we create a place where people are truly valued. Marian Noronha is not your typical CEO. He lives and works with integrity and generosity."

Ken oversees the automotive division, the largest part of the company. There are 135 people in Ken's group, generating more than \$60 million in annual sales. Every day is different than the day before. In his role, Ken oversees the big picture, interacting with managers, employees, suppliers and customers.

"At TURBOCAM, we are excellent at what we do. We develop people along with our product," Ken says. "People don't leave TURBOCAM. We don't have layoffs; we train and reposition folks within the company."

Thinking back to that first day at NHTI, did Ken ever envision that nearly 30 years later, he would be happily married, with two kids (daughter Moriah is 17; son Bryce is 14) and working in a job that truly brings him joy?

"Not in a million years! But I am grateful, and I am thankful. I will never take any of it for granted. Though some of my worst years lead up to NHTI, some of my best years and memories still lie within those three years."

# **Event Planning with Style ... and Class!**

hen Kaleena Guzman graduated from Concord High School, she already knew a lot about NHTI. She had taken several courses in Criminal Justice through NHTI's Running Start program, which offers dual high school and college credit classes in a variety of advanced subjects.

Kaleena arrived at NHTI fully expecting to major in Criminal Justice. But she was soon exposed to a broader range of career possibilities, some of which just happened to fit in nicely with what was going on in the rest of her life.

Kaleena was working part-time for Red River Theatres, Concord's non-profit independent movie house. Though she started out taking tickets, she soon became interested in other aspects of the operation, in particular the many special events that the theatre organized and hosted each year. "They were fun," she says, "but it seemed to me that we could be making a lot more money with them."

It was the perfect time for Kaleena to discover NHTI's Business department, and especially the Hospitality program. It didn't take long for her to decide that what she really needed was an Event/ Conference Management Certificate.



Kaleena Guzman'10

Armed with a bubbly personality, an irresistible smile, and -- in due course -- a certificate from NHTI, Kaleena took over the event cycle at Red River. "Officially, I was Event Manager for two years. Unofficially, it was a lot longer."

After an 8-month stint with Exeter Events & Tents, where she "learned the rental business," Kaleena decided it was time to strike out on her own. Her new Concord-based venture, Kagem Chic Designs (the name is a combination of all her sisters' initials) is an event-planning service with an emphasis on the personal. Though she will take on anything from children's birthday parties to corporate fundraisers, her most unique offering is proposal planning.

"A lot of women would just love a really unique, romantic proposal," she says. "But some guys need a little help coming up with an idea. Or they have a great idea, but don't know how to pull it off."

Kaleena cites the case of Sid, who disguised his proposal as a "trailer" for a film starring custom-made Muppets (yes, actual Muppets) made to look like himself and his girlfriend Sara. When Sid and Sara came to see a movie at Red River, Kaleena arranged for the trailer to be slipped in among the previews ... and helped a dozen of the couple's friends sneak into the back of the darkened theater to watch Sara say "I do." (For the full story, and to watch the actual video, visit http://ceaserphotography.com/archives/192!)

Maybe we can't all achieve that level of sheer class, but if Kaleena Guzman has anything to say about it, more of us will try. And she'll be there to help.

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- Criminal Justice

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# These Nurses are Legal!

In August 2012, NHTI honored the first graduates of its new Legal Nurse Consultant certificate program. LNCs are experienced registered nurses who receive specialized legal training so that they can serve in an advisory capacity to both the legal and medical professions. They can work in a variety of settings including hospitals and other health care facilities, insurance companies, law firms, medical malpractice and workers' compensation organizations, and private LNC practices. NHTI's new LNC program, approved by the American Bar Association, is the only accredited program of its kind in the state.



Left to right: Newly-graduated Legal Nurse Consultants Christina Voigt, Mimi Tracy, Patti Dean, Peggy Gilmour, Nanci Moyer, Lois Jourdain, and Mary Beauvais.

# Senator Gilmour Advocates for NHTI and CCSNH

Peggy Gilmour is the newly elected NH State Senator for District 12, representing Nashua wards 1, 2, and 5 and Brookline and Hollis. She is also part of NHTI's first-ever graduating class of Legal Nurse

During her campaign last fall, Peggy talked about her priorities for New Hampshire, including her strong support of NHTI and the Community

College System of NH:

Consultants (see article above).

"Top priorities include securing a strong and vibrant economy for Nashua and New Hampshire. There are many components to the priority of creating sound businesses and good paying jobs. We must ensure investment in education at all levels including the University and Community College Systems, not only for secondary education but for job re-training. As we continue as one of the fastest aging states in the nation (ahead of Florida), we must find avenues to bring and keep young people in our state and in our workforce. Last year, I completed a certificate course in Legal Nurse Consulting (LNC) at NHTI, Concord's Community College, and pay great tribute to New Hampshire's Community College system!"



Peggy Gilmour at home in Hollis.

# Advanced Nursing Partnership with SNHU

Dual Enrollment Students Can Earn Bachelor's or Master's Degrees

HTI nursing students who are New Hampshire residents can now apply for dual admission to the Online BSN/MSN programs at Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU). The application can be submitted after completion of the first semester of NHTI's nursing program. There is no extra cost for applying dual admission, and there is no penalty if the student chooses not to go on for an advanced degree.

All classes taken in NHTI's nursing program can be applied toward an advanced degree at SNHU. Additional general education credits may also be applicable. A student may apply up to 90 credits from NHTI toward the 120 credits required for a BSN, so that only 30 more credits need to be taken at SNHU. A student could theoretically complete a BSN degree in as little as 13 months.

Special discounted prices apply to SNHU classes taken by dual admission students. SNHU will offer a per-credit-hour scholarship of 50% of the difference between the per-credit-hour tuition rates of NHTI and SNHU. (Scholarships are available only to NHTI graduates who were awarded an Associate's degree in 2012 or later. Discounted prices do not apply to MSN courses.) Students who complete the Bachelor's degree can continue on into the Master's program. All BSN courses are applicable toward the MSN degree. All phases of the program are financial aid eligible.

For further information visit www. nhti.edu/nhti-snhu-advanced-nursing-partnership or contact the NHTI Nursing department at (603) 271-6484 x4154 or nhtinursing@ccsnh.edu.

# 9th Annual Delta Dental 5K Road Race

Friday April 19 at 6pm

Come back to NHTI, run a 5K race, have a free barbecue, and perhaps win an award for the fastest NHTI alumni! There is also a free children's run after the 5K. For details contact **Perry Seagroves**, pseagroves@ccsnh.edu or visit nhti.edu/5k.

# About Those Coupons....

In this issue of the NHTI Alumni News, you'll notice coupons for various Concordbased restaurants and specialty shops. These are the folks who donated their time, staff and delicious food to this year's Winter Fling fundraiser. So, clip those coupons and stop by to say "Thanks" to these generous businesses!



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# Please Join Us!

# Donna Clougherty,

Allied Dental Education Department Head at NHTI, cordially invites you to attend . . .

WHAT: NHTI Dental Hygiene Alumni ReceptionWHO: Alumni of NHTI Dental Hygiene Program

Friends of NHTI Dental Programs

Faculty, Staff, and Students of NHTI Dental Hygiene Program

WHEN: Wednesday, June 19, 2013

WHERE: At ADHA's 100th Anniversary Meeting

Hynes Convention Center, Room 205, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

900 Boylston Street, Boston, MA

**WHY:** Gather and celebrate with colleagues and fellow NHTI graduates

**COST:** \$25 per person

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# RSVP ... by May 31, 2013

	YES, I/we will attend. Enclosed please find a check made payable to NHTI, Concord's Community College for \$ (cost is \$25 per person).
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# Alumnus Ed Otto Speaks at NHTI Legislative Breakfast

d Otto earned two degrees from NHTI. The first was back in 1974, a degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology. In 1995, he earned a second degree

✓ in Electrical Engineering Technology. As a product and project engineer for OSRAM Sylvania's automotive lighting division, Ed says that the design of their products and the manufacturing processes and equipment require skilled professionals with degrees in the engineering disciplines.

Ed spoke at NHTI's annual Legislative Breakfast in January about this need for highly skilled workers, advocating to the State's elected officials to support New Hampshire's community colleges.



Breakfast in January 2013.

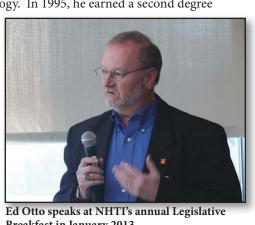
"NHTI is the only college in our immediate area which offers degree programs in the engineering fields that we put to use every day in our facility in Hillsboro. Our facility in Hillsboro is the only automotive light source manufacturer left in the United States," Ed explained. "OSRAM Sylvania has a number of graduates from NHTI working for us now; about half of those people have gone on to earn advanced degrees, and some of us have children who have earned degrees at NHTI as well."

In closing, Ed noted that the Class of 1974 planted many of the trees that we see on campus today. "These trees where maintained and supported over the years so they have grown to provide a landscape which complements NHTI's campus. As with the trees, I ask the legislature to help maintain and support NHTI's academic endeavors, which in turn provide the citizens of New Hampshire with a great, affordable way to advance themselves, and contribute to our State's economic vitality."

# **Thanks Nancy!**

My family and I traveled past "the Tech" earlier this year. I was telling my children about my time there. The foundation laid at NHTI brought me to where I am today. NHTI provides an exemplary education well above and beyond the national standards. Please hold your head high knowing you have an outstanding program.

> - Stephen Violett, '88, thanking Nancy Brubaker, Paramedic Emergency Medicine Department Head





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# · Alumni Updates ·

# 1966

#### **David Decker**

Dave graduated with an associate's degree in Electronic Engineering Technology. Dave was among the initial class that pioneered the new Concord facility and technical degree curriculum in his second year. The class spent its first year on Webster Street in Manchester. Most recently, Dave was the Senior Vice President with Systems & Software Inc. in Williston, Vermont. He retired at the end of the year. Dave is interested to see if there would be any interest in an alumni reunion for the classes of 1965 and 1966.

#### 1973

#### James E. Knee

James earned an associate's degree from NHTI, a bachelor's degree from University of Bridgeport and an MBA from New Hampshire College (now Southern NH University). James is the founder and CEO of Sterling Financial Services. James and his wife, Catherine, have two sons, Michael and Matthew.

## 1974

# Sue A. Hammond

Sue graduated from the Nursing program in 1974. She worked in NH until 1984 when she relocated to Gettysburg, PA. Sue worked in the obstetrics departments at both Gettysburg and Hanover Hospitals until her retirement in 2012.

# Mark G. Williams

Mark earned his Mechanical Engineering Technology degree in 1974. He now works in the Washington, DC area under contract with the Virginia Department of Transportation as a commercial business director for the Virginia MegaProjects Program. He has been selfemployed since 1992 with his own company M. Williams Associates based in Nashua, NH. Mark hopes to retire (someday!) to his Lake Winnipesaukee home.

## 1980

# Teresa Elliot

Teresa earned an associate's degree in Radiologic Technology. She is currently living in Edmond, Oklahoma.

## 1984

# Lorrie (Small) O'Brien

Lorrie graduated with a degree in Computer Information Systems. Lorrie went on to St. Martin's College and earned a bachelor's degree in management of information systems. She is married to Danny O'Brien and lives in Lakewood, Washington.

# John Scippa

John received his associate's degree in Paramedic Emergency Medicine. John furthered his education with a bachelor's degree in sociology from the University of New Hampshire and a master's degree from Western New England University in Police Administration.

He is Chief of Police for the town of Stratham, NH. He says, "I regard my NHTI education and experience as second to none. The level of instruction that I received was outstanding and more than prepared me to enter the paramedic profession. I will always regard my time at NHTI as a tremendous value."

## 1986

## **Beth Boynton**

Beth graduated with an associate's degree in Nursing. Beth is a nurse consultant and author living in Portsmouth, NH. She is excited to announce that F.A. Davis has approved her book proposal to write a textbook for nursing students on communication. In 2009, Beth self-published a book along with a team of creative people from the Seacoast. She says, "Most of what I have done has been grassroots stuff to help make healthcare safer and to help nurses to be more respected."

## Ayla (Lee Parker) Walter

Ayla earned a degree in Early Childhood Education and is a Preschool Teacher in Londonderry, NH.

# 1987

# Jeffrey LeBlanc

Jeffrey earned an associate's degree in Paramedic Emergency Medicine. In 2006, he earned an MBA at the University of Phoenix. Jeffrey is employed with Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center as a manager of programs and operations for patient safety.

# 1988

#### **David Durkin**

Dave earned his degree in Architectural
Engineering Technology. He recently accepted
a position as senior piping designer at Marinette
Marine Corporation (MMC). MMC was founded
in 1942 along the Menominee River in Marinette,
Wisconsin to meet America's growing need for
naval construction. Today MMC is a world-class
shipbuilder, having designed and built more than
1,500 vessels. David has been married for 7
years and lives in Falmouth, Maine.

# 1989

# Steven Dami

Steve earned his degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology in 1989. He is now living in Belmont, NH.

#### Lecia Golden

Lecia graduated with an associate's degree in Nursing. She is a nurse case manager at Pain Care in Somersworth. Her work includes patient education, case management, surgical scheduling, consulting on patient care and operating and recovering room nursing. She lives in Somersworth with her son, Zachary, who is 19 years old.

## Maria Ryan

Maria earned her Nursing degree in 1989. Dedicated to furthering her education, Maria became an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse through Rivier College and earned her

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master's degree in nursing in 1997. She is currently working on her Ph.D. in healthcare administration. Maria is the CEO of Cottage Hospital in Woodsville, NH. She and her husband, Robert, have three adult children, Rob (30), Eric (28) and Vanessa (26) and five grandchildren. Maria says, "NHTI is a great school. I learned what was needed to function as an effective nurse, and all for a great price."

# 1991

# Karen (Rivard) Cote

Karen earned her degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology. She is employed by Fresenius in Berlin, NH. She lives with her 14year old son, Chris.

# 1992

## **Mark Bailey**

Mark majored in Mechanical Engineering Technology. He is the vice president of operations for High Speed Routing in Belmont, NH. Mark is also the owner operator for CNC Milling, a routing, fabrication and plastic stock company. He lives in Laconia.

#### Michael Brady

Michael graduated with a Nursing degree in 1992. He recently received his master's degree in nursing administration from Kaplan University. He says, "I want to thank everyone at NHTI who provided me with a great example and helped me to start an amazing academic career! I owe my start to NHTI's Nursing Department. My advice is to keep trying and keep learning."

#### Shaun St. Germain

Shaun earned his degree in Paramedic Emergency Medicine. He is employed at the Community College of Baltimore County in Maryland. As a clinical education coordinator, Shaun oversees all clinical education in the emergency medical technology program, and teaches advanced life support classes. He is currently attending the University of Maryland, working towards a master's degree in emergency health services. He expects to graduate in 2014. Shaun and his wife, Megan, have three children, ages 10, 6 and 2. Shaun says, "Without question, I've had a wonderful career to this point that never could have happened without my time at NHTI."

# 1994

#### Michael Sivigny

Michael graduated with a degree in Manufacturing Engineering Technology. In 1997, Michael earned his bachelor's degree in manufacturing engineering technology at the Rochester Institute of Technology. He is the General Manager / Owner of CeTaQ Americas in Bedford, NH and runs the day to day operations. He also develops new business opportunities by marketing, educating and selling his products to clients for maintaining machine performance.

# 1995

#### Victoria Girard-Goren

Victoria earned her associate's degree in

Paramedic Emergency Medicine. She now lives in Seminole, FL.

#### **Rosalie Smith**

Rosalie earned an associate's degree in Nursing. She retired in 2009 to devote herself full time to her family. She says, "my time at NHTI was interesting, challenging, and rewarding. The nursing program prepared me well for an excellent career in nursing."

# 1996

# Amie (Keyser) McDonald

Amie graduated with an associate's degree in Business Management. Amie went on to Granite State College and earned her bachelor's degree in business in 2012. She is looking forward to working on her master's degree. Amie is employed at the Winnisquam Regional School District as a payroll administrator. She has a child named Madyson, who is 9 years old. Amie says her time at NHTI "was a great stepping stone to further education later in life."

## 2001

## Sara (Boelee) Baker

Sarah graduated with an associate's degree in Travel and Tourism. She lives in Norwich, New York with her son Ryan, age 9.

# 2004

## Debra Grev

Debbie graduated NHTI in 2004 with an associate's degree in Sports Management. She expects to earn degrees in Human Service and Business Administration in 2013 from Columbia College. Debbie resides in Winter Park, Florida.

## Joseph Hodgkins

Josef graduated with an associate's degree in the Nursing in 2004. He is now at Harvard University in the pre-med program and should graduate in 2015. Josef lives in Derry, NH.

# 2006

# James M. Longton

James received his degree in Architectural Engineering Technology. He is employed by the US Coast Guard in Washington, DC. As a project engineer and equipment specialist, James is part of the Coast Guard's technical authority for pollution response equipment. James expects to earn a bachelor's degree in 2013 from Excelsior College. He and his wife, Melissa, have two children, Samantha and Julia. He is still on active duty with the Coast Guard at their headquarters. James says he "misses NH living!"

## 2007

## **Shannon Osteen**

Shannon earned an associate's degree in arts. Shannon is employed with Peter Christians Tavern and resides in New London, NH.

## 2008

# Deborah (Champy Messer) LaBelle

Deborah earned her nursing degree in 2008. She is living in Warner, NH and hoping to pursue an

advanced degree at Rivier College or Franklin Pierce University.

# 2009

#### **Erin Braley**

Erin graduated with a degree in Dental Hygiene. She is living in Keene, NH.

#### Michael Childs

Michael earned his associate's degree in Criminal Justice. He is employed with Kmart in Fitchburg, MA as a loss prevention manager. Michael is responsible for the safety of the store and works to prevent both internal and external theft. Michael is engaged to be married in May 2013.

#### **Garet Dunham**

Garet earned his degree in Animation and Graphic Game Programming in 2009. He lives in Lebanon, NH.

# Jacquelyn (Piaseczny) Lambert

Jacquelyn earned her Business Administration degree in 2009. She is a customer service representative for Bank of New Hampshire in Gilford, NH. She says, "I got married to my wonderful husband, Jeremy, in August 2010. We hope to start a family in the near future. My education at NHTI was definitely of value to me. I enjoyed the college experience and all the teachers were wonderful."

## **Christopher Lamy**

Christopher earned an associate's degree in Paramedic Emergency Medicine. He resides in Derry, NH.

# **Nathan Larson**

Nathan graduated with a Hotel Administration degree. He earned a bachelor's degree in 2012 at Southern New Hampshire University for business studies with a concentration in organization leadership. Nathan is now an intern with NHTI's Information Technology academic department, while he is pursuing a certificate in IT Networking. Nathan has just moved to Concord.

# Amanda St. Martin

Amanda graduated from the Paramedic Emergency Medicine program in 2009. She is now returning to school to get her bachelor's degree in biochemistry, and molecular/cellular biology from the University of New Hampshire. Amanda plans to attend medical school after that. She wrote to department head Nancy Brubaker, "I'm so excited to be starting this new goal in medicine, and I have you to thank for getting me started down this path. I tell everyone how well prepared I was after graduating from NHTI. You've inspired many students before me, and I'll be far from the last but I am so grateful to learn from you. Thank you for everything!"

#### 2010

#### **Janet Lussier**

Janet graduated with a Nursing degree in 2010. She recently relocated to Charlotte, North Carolina and is working as a registered nurse at Hospice and Palliative Care Charlotte Region.

## 2011

#### **Constantin Condrat**

Constantin earned a degree in Architectural Engineering Technology. He is now working towards his bachelor's degree from Vermont Technical College. One of Constantin's professors at Vermont Tech, Scott Sabol, says, "It looks like we have received, yet again, another high-quality NHTI student. We are never disappointed with the students that come out of AET program at NHTI."

# Noreen K. Cowdrey

Noreen graduated with a degree in Paralegal Studies. At NHTI, she was a high honors student and a member of Phi Theta Kappa. She is employed with Phenix Title Services, LLC in Portsmouth, NH, as a paralegal. Noreen processes real estate transactions and assists attorneys who specialize in rehabilitation housing and short sales. Noreen is married to Elliott. She is considering law school in her future. She says her time at NHTI was "a great life experience and a tremendous value!"

## **Cassandra Cressy**

Cassandra graduated with an associate's degree in Business Administration, after earning an accounting certificate in 2009. She has many years of customer service experience with a focus in marketing and sales. Cassandra is currently working for Sterling Financial Services. She likes snowboarding, reading and traveling.

## **Kate Parker**

Kate earned her degree in Architectural Engineering Technology in 2011. While actively seeking employment in her field of study, Kate found the perfect job on NHTI's website. She now has a position with Cobb Hill Construction as an AutoCAD draftsman. This is a project management company, so Kate is glad to have studied construction management while she was in the program. She says, "I was a nontraditional student having been in the hospitality industry for over 30 years, so this was a huge career change for me. I would like to send a heartfelt thank you to all my instructors and to say that NHTI Concord's Community College ROCKS!"

# Engagements

# Buchanan '12 - Hughes '06

Melissa
Buchanan and
Ryan Hughes
are engaged.
Melissa earned
an associate's
degree in
Nursing from
NHTI in 2012.
She is a
registered nurse
at Concord
Hospital. Ryan
earned an



Buchanan - Hughes

associate's degree in Paramedic Emergency Medicine from NHTI in 2006. He is a career firefighter/paramedic for the town of Hopkinton. Melissa and Ryan will be married on August 10, 2013.

#### Charland '08 - Desmond

Melissa Charland and Matthew Desmond have announced their engagement. Melissa graduated from Coe-Brown Northwood Academy and earned an associate's degree in Education from NHTI. She is a health technician in optometry at the VA Medical Center in Manchester. Matthew graduated from John Stark Regional High School. He is a diesel Mechanic for Venture Construction. They plan a June 2013 wedding.

#### Foster '00 – Allen

Holly Foster and Mo Allen are engaged. Holly graduated from NHTI with an associate's degree in Business and has worked for the US Postal Service for 19 years in Concord and San Diego. Now living in Manhattan, NY, Holly is attending Hunter College for Nursing. Mo graduated from culinary school and the University of Phoenix in Computer Science. He works for Presidio Network Solutions as a computer solutions architect in Manhattan.

# Gosselin '11 - Salta

Nicole Elaine Gosselin and William Pierce Salta are pleased to announce their engagement. Nicole graduated from Manchester Central High School and NHTI. She is a sales and catering coordinator with Radisson Hotel in Nashua. William graduated from Laconia High School and attended NHTI. He is an infantry rifleman with the US. Marine Corps. A 2013 wedding is planned.

## Lassiter - Lloyd

Amy E.
Lassiter
and Charles
(Chuck) Lloyd
are engaged.
Amy
graduated
from
Northeastern
University
with a
doctorate
in Physical
Therapy and
is a physical



Lassiter – Lloyd

therapist for Concord Hospital.

Chuck graduated from Keene State College, Plymouth State University and received his Ph.D. in education at Northeastern University. Chuck is the Director of Student Life at NHTI. A fall wedding is planned.

#### Salvatore '04 - Casev

Deanna Salvatore and Brendan Casey have announced their engagement. Deanna earned an associate's degree in Addiction Counseling from NHTI, and a bachelor's degree in Human Services from Springfield College (MA?) in 2005. Deanna works at Lincoln Financial Group in Concord, NH. Brendan earned a bachelor's

degree in business management from W.P. Carey School of Business at Arizona State University in 2004. He is a financial advisor representative for Lincoln Financial Securities and part owner of Aggregate Insurance Advisors. A September 21, 2013 wedding is planned.

#### Painchaud - Preston

Elena Painchaud and Kevin Preston are engaged. Elana graduated from Concord High School in 2005 and earned a bachelor's degree in the Business Administration honors program and a master's degree in organization leadership from SNHU. Elana works in the Human Resources Department at Catholic Medical Center in Manchester. Kevin graduated from Bow High School in 2006, and earned an associate's degree in engineering from NHTI and is working toward a bachelor's degree in engineering from UNH. He works for Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. in Bedford. An October 5, 2013 wedding is planned.

## Shurbert - Houston '00

Christianna Marie Shurbert and Roice Edward Houston are engaged. Christianna graduated from Gilford High School, attended Johnson & Wales University in Providence, RI, and is completing a degree in hospitality and tourism at NHTI. Christianna is a business development manager for Sandals & Beaches Resorts. Roice attended Manchester Central High School, is a veteran of the US Army and has a degree in Criminal Justice from NHTI. He is employed by G4S as an armed nuclear security officer and also works at Lakes Regional General Hospital in risk management. A May 3013 wedding is planned.

# Weddings

#### **Chervincky - Button**

Erin Ruth Button and Steven Michael Chervincky were married at McLane Audubon Center in Concord, NH. Erin graduated from Middlebury Union High School and Vermont Technical College. She is a nurse with the VA Medical Center in White River Junction, VT. Steven graduated from Pinkerton Academy, Derry, and from the University of Maine, Orono. He earned a master's degree in environmental studies from the University of Massachusetts-Lowell and a teaching certificate from the NHTI. Steven teaches chemistry and environmental science at Trinity High School, Manchester, NH.

## **Demurs '11 – Sizemore**

Katie Demers and Timothy Sizemore were married October 6, 2012 at Del Lea Country Club. Debbie graduated from NHTI as a dental hygienist. She works in Concord and Henniker. Timothy is a mechanic at Sizemore Trucking. The couple took a wedding trip to Aruba and lives in Weare.

# Sinisgallo '08 -Magee

Michelle Sinisgallo and Todd Magee were married July 14, 2012 at the Audubon Society in Concord. Michelle earned an associate's degree

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in Paralegal Studies. Todd earned an associate's degree in medical assisting from Hesser College in 2007. He is a certified medical assistant and an adjunct professor at Hesser College. The couple took a wedding trip to Washington, D.C and resides in Concord, NH.

#### Dross '11 - Wheeler

Jill Renee Dross and Shawn Adam Wheeler were married at the First Congregational Church in Manchester. Jill graduated from Pinkerton Academy in Derry, NHTI and the University of New Hampshire. She is a nurse in the Portsmouth Regional Hospital emergency department, while also pursuing an MBA in health administration at Franklin Pierce University. Shawn graduated from Caanan High School in Vermont and from the Lakes Region Community College. Shawn is studying to be a paramedic at New England EMS Institute and is scheduled to graduate in February 2013. He is a firefighter with the city of Portsmouth. They took a honeymoon in Aruba and the couple will live in New Durham while they are building a house in Auburn.

# • In Memory •

#### Abelli

Louise F. Abelli, 60, of Raymond died suddenly October 21, 2012 at her home. Louise graduated from Concord Carlisle High School and received her nursing degree from NHTI, working for the Eventide Home in Exeter and the Masonic Home in Manchester, NH. She was a communicant of St. Joseph Church and a member of the Raymond Fire Department Women's Auxiliary.

#### Alexander '97

Sandra Alexander passed on July 25, 2012 at Concord Hospital in Concord, NH. Sandra was born in Boston October 1st, 1940 and was one of 10 children and grew up in Cambridge, MA. After high school, Sandra moved to Mexico City where she worked for the Peace Corps and attended college. While working with disadvantaged children in Mexico she contracted meningitis and returned to Cambridge for her recovery and met her husband. She married Robert and had three children and raised them in Wayland, MA. Sandra and Robert were animal lovers, they had several horses, two Saint Bernard dogs, and over 100 Rhode Island Red chickens while living in Wayland. When Robert died in 1979 she moved to Webster, NH with her youngest son. Sandra earned two associate's degrees at NHTI, one in Paralegal Studies and one in General Studies. Sandra will be remembered by her friends and family as an extremely generous and loving person.

#### Bean '92

Marie C. Bean, 56, passed away on January 2, 2013 after a brief illness. Marie was one of five children raised in Wayland, MA. In 1976 Marie moved to Concord, NH and worked at Concord Savings Bank for 10 years. She graduated from NHTI with a degree in nursing, and worked in numerous nursing homes over the years.

#### DeFosses '74

David Michael DeFosses, 61, a resident of Brattleboro, VT for over 15 years, died on August 21, 2012 at Dartmouth – Hitchcock Medical Center following a period of failing health. David was raised in Franklin and Laconia, a graduate of Laconia High School, and he graduated from NHTI with a degree in Business Administration.

#### Flanagan

Michael John Flanagan, 56, of Manchester, died on August 24, 2012. He graduated from Manchester High School Central, Class of 1974 and had attended NHTI prior to earning his Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Maine at Orono in 1980. Michael had worked as an Electrical Engineer with Analogic in Peabody, MA for many years.

#### Hubbard '08

Joan Hubbard died on February 19, 2013. After many years working for local non-profit organizations such as the League of NH Craftsmen, NFI North and the Community Services Council, Joan returned to school to earn



Joan Hubbard

her nursing degree in 2008 from NHTI. In 2009, she won the Clint Jones Nursing Award by the Foundation for Healthy Communities for her exceptional commitment to high-quality patient care and to the nursing profession. Joan was devoted to NHTI, serving as an advisory board member for the Nursing Department, assisting with lectures, and offering the keynote speech at the May 2011 nursing pinning ceremony.

"Joan came to nursing later in her life, but she was as passionate and committed as any student I've ever had. She will be greatly missed by all of us, most especially her patients," says Anita Pavlidis, NHTI Nursing Department Head.

#### Huot-Keeler '96

Therese Helene Huot–Keeler of Canterbury died Jan 16, 2013 of complications of breast cancer after a two year struggle. Therese was a graduate of the NHTI dental program and worked as a dental hygienist since then at Bara Dental of Hillsborough, NH.

#### Mondoux

Lorraine G. Mondoux, 68, of Allenstown, died November 1, 2012 at the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon. Lorraine was born in Manchester NH and was a 1962 graduate of St. John's High School in Concord, and received her certificate in accounting from NHTI. Prior to her retirement, Lorraine spent 10 years with the State of New Hampshire, Department of Health & Human Services and had worked at Orr & Reno for 27 years before that.

#### Mullen

William A. "Bill" Mullen, 58, died September 11, 2012, in the care of his sister and brother. Bill was born and raised in Westfield, MA and graduated from Westfield High School in 1972. Bill later relocated to Wolfeboro, NH where he lived for a few years before moving to Manchester. He graduated from NHTI with an associate's degree in early childhood education and from Notre Dame College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education. Bill was an educator in the Manchester School district for 17 years. He taught at Beech Street School for many years and more recently fifth grade at McDonough School.

#### Stone

Nancy Nolan Stone, 63, formerly of Warner died on January 15, 2013. Nancy was a graduate from Mt. St. Mary Seminary and received her nursing degree from NHTI. Nancy had worked for Merrimack County Nursing Home in Boscawen for more than 30 years. Prior to her retirement, she was director of recreation, rehabilitation, and volunteers in which she took great pride.



# NHTI's Raises \$38,000 at Winter Fling "Dancing with the Concord Stars" in January

HTI hosted its third annual Winter Fling and "Dancing with the Concord Stars" competition, raising more than \$38,000 for scholarships and hightech equipment. "It was another smashing success," reports President Lynn **Kilchenstein**. "All of the dancers performed beautifully and our 500 guests enjoyed a great night of food, live music and dancing – all for a great cause."



Jeremy Woodward and Erin Girzone won both the Judges' "Best Overall" Award and the "People's Choice Award," determined by audience vote.

The evening began with "Concord By the Bite," featuring 16 local restaurants offering a wide array of finger food to a sold-out crowd of over 400 eager party-goers in NHTI's Student Center. Winter Flingers were treated to a dazzling selection of munchies, plus a free beer and wine tasting.

Meanwhile, Club Soda Band was warming up in the Wellness Center Gym, which had been magically transformed into a nightclub with over 50 tables and a professionally-lit dance floor. Couples soon took to the floor, and the dancing -unofficially -- began.

But the highlight of the evening was when the "Concord Stars" took the floor for this year's competition. Professional dance teachers from Concord Dance Academy, Let's Dance Studio and

Gen's Dance Studio had been coaching the Stars since last fall, and they gave their all for an enthusiastic audience. Jeremy Woodward and Erin Girzone won both the Judges Panel's "Best Overall" and the "People's Choice Award" as determined by audience vote.



The dancers and instructors celebrate together at the end of 'Dancing with the Concord Stars' event. Photos by Scott Bulger.



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# A Priceless Education

then Michael (Day) Moore was a student at NHTI, he majored in Sports Management and was involved in different campus activities such as Student Senate and the Campus Activities Board.

After graduating NHTI in 2006, Mike transferred to SNHU where he mixed working full-time with day and evening courses. In 2008, Mike earned his Bachelor's degree in Organizational Leadership, and in September 2012 he completed his Master's degree in Organizational Leadership. He is now working towards his MBA in Corporate Social Responsibility.

Since 2008, Mike has worked for Follett Higher Education Group. As a manager in training, he worked at the bookstore at St. Paul's School in Concord for almost a year, while traveling the country to visit and work in other Follettmanaged bookstores. After spending two years at the University of San Francisco, Mike took a promotion to manage the bookstore at Kingsborough Community College in Brooklyn, NY, where he still works today.

Reflecting on his education at NHTI and his experiences since graduating, Mike says, "As I have traveled the country, I have come to realize that my education at NHTI was priceless. The lessons I learned were invaluable, and came not only in the classroom but from student organizations like Student Senate, Campus Activities Board, and the Sports Management Club. I still lean on lessons learned in Marty Hunt's business classes, from Chuck Lloyd in Student Life, from Steve Caccia in Student Affairs, and the people I worked with in the maintenance shop and around campus. After being at so many college campuses, it's clear that NHTI offers students an incredible classroom experience blended with realworld, practical application and faculty dedication."



What better place to propose marriage than in romantic Italy? Mike Moore with his fiancé, Debra Johnson, in Tropea. They plan to be married in May 2014.

# **AML Partners "Raids" NHTI**

oney laundering, Mexican drug cartels, and international banking...what could these things possibly have in common? The answer is AML Partners, a company based in Franklin, NH.



Frank Cummings, of AML Partners, speaks at NHTI's Legislative Breakfast

AML Partners LLC specializes in creating software for banks to comply with anti-money laundering laws. Their client list includes 32 international banking customers in the U.S. and four other countries. Co-founder Frank Cummings moved the company from New Jersey to its new headquarters Franklin in 2012. A Concord Monitor article last fall noted that AML "employs about a dozen local technology wizards." Just where do these wizards come from?

"We essentially raided the community colleges, NHTI to be exact," says Frank. "We are looking for very specific programming languages. The schools around here are one of the major reasons we moved to New Hampshire. Colleges

like NHTI make it the perfect place to find sharp technical minds to help build the software."

One of the unique factors in Frank's hiring of NHTI graduates is that they come from many different majors including Computer Engineering Technology, Information Technology, and Animation and Graphic Game Programming.

"High-tech tools are critical to the success of counter-terrorist financing and antimoney-laundering efforts," explains Frank. "We're at the forefront of developing the best tools, the best software that enables us to look for indicators or behaviors of possible crimes, be it money laundering, terrorism or fraud."

The Federal Government has some pretty stringent international banking rules in place. As these rules and regulations change, so too does the software AML creates. Indeed, AML Partners will expand their business to 25 – 30 employees within the next year. Frank insists, "As fast as NHTI can graduate them, I'll hire them!"

Pictured at right in front of AML Partners' headquarters in Franklin are the "technology wizards," including: (back row, l-r) **Brad Wojceshonek**, Programming Certificate 2012, and **Chris Marsh**, Animation and Graphic Game Programming, 2012; (front row, l-r) **Andrew Oliveira**, Information Technology, **Kevin Hunter**, Animation and Graphic Game Programming, 2012, **Chris Duval**, Animation and Graphic Ga

Chris Duval, Animation and Graphic Game Programming, 2012 and Larry Champagne, Computer Engineering Technology, 2009.



Not pictured: **Kevin Howe**, a paid intern who is studying application development at NHTI. Kevin will work part-time at AML until he graduates in the fall when he'll begin full-time employment.



Check out NHTI's new website at nhti.edu!

# New Advanced Manufacturing Processes Certificate

ver the past two decades, New Hampshire's manufacturing economy has been moving away from manual mill work and toward automated, "smart" manufacturing. The technology infusion and high productivity that dominate the advanced manufacturing landscape demand a smart, safe, and sustainable manufacturing workforce. This requires individuals with professionalism, applied science, technology, math, and engineering skills, as well as knowledge of manufacturing principles.

A recent study of New Hampshire employers identified a shortage of technician-level manufacturing production workers. As the aging workforce begins to retire there is already of evidence of a skills gap in the current workforce. Careers in advanced manufacturing are high-quality, middle class jobs and today's manufacturing employees earn higher wages and receive more generous benefits than many other working Americans.

NHTI has launched a new certificate program in Advanced Manufacturing Processes as a way to help employers fill the gap of skilled workers. The certificate is designed to provide the basic knowledge of machining operations using traditional machine tools and basic CNC programming and CNC machine operation.



NHTI student working on the CNC machine.

To learn more, visit www.nhti.edu or contact Robert Arredondo at (603) 271 – 6484 ext. 4105 or rarredondo@ccsnh.edu.

# Ricker '87, Delivers 'Wings' Lecture

t was standing room only at the February Wings of Knowledge presentation at NHTI. Alumnus James Ricker, a 1987 graduate of the Architectural Engineering Technology program, spoke about Green Roof Technology. Students from different majors including Architectural Engineering Technology, Environmental Sciences and Landscape and Environmental Design attended the lecture entitled, "High Performance Green Roofs for the Northeast."

So what exactly is a green roof? It's a roof of a building that is covered in vegetation and a growing medium planted over a waterproofing system. Sometimes referred to as a "living roof," they can also include additional layers such as root barriers, and drainage and irrigation systems.

Jim is the operations manager for Weston Solutions, Inc., an industry leader in

Jim Ricker '87

environmental, energy efficiency, and sustainability offerings to clients worldwide. He covered four primary topics: storm water management; how a green roof impacts a building's energy performance; design

approaches and considerations; and the differences in vegetated roof design principals.

Jim received his associate's degree in Architectural Engineering Technology from NHTI in 1987 and a bachelor's degree in geology from UNH in 1994. He has more than 20 years of experience in environmental consulting, engineering, and "green" design/build construction services.



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