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Education Paved His Way

'88 MET grad now heads NH DOT

Chris Clement is a man who doesn't shy away from his history. In fact, he embraces it.

"I was a food stamps and welfare kid who grew up in the Somersworth Housing Project," he tells a packed audience at a recent luncheon hosted by the Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce. "It is possible to get out. It is possible to succeed!"

Chris says education (including a degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology from NHTI in 1988) paved the way for the transition from "welfare kid" to Commissioner of the NH Department of Transportation, overseeing a \$700 million budget and 1,600 employees responsible for the upkeep of 4,559 miles of State roadways.

"I never met my father so my mom raised 6 kids by herself," Chris explains. "She worked hard, and taught us to do the same."

4 Degrees, 4 New Hampshire Schools

A straight-C student at Somersworth High School, Chris questioned his readiness for college when he graduated in 1984. But he had the drive and the courage to try. Seeing some of his older high school friends do well at the New Hampshire Vocational Technical College at Stratham (now Great Bay Community College), he applied. In 1986, he earned an associate's degree in machine tool processing. He went to work in the machine tool shop at G.S. Henschel in Newburyport, Mass. and caught a glimpse of the next step on his path.

"G.S. Henschel manufactures parts for Navy destroyers. The engineers would come out with these drawings of what they wanted me to make," he remembers. "Knowing the machines, I could tell immediately if something in the drawing was going to work – or not work. So I started thinking 'hey, I should be creating the drawings ... I should be an engineer.'"

He entered to the Mechanical Engineering Technology program at NHTI, time he recalls as the most productive and most rewarding of his academic career.

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"The first thing I'll say about NHTI is that there was no way I could have gone there straight out of Somersworth High School," says Chris. "I never took calculus in high school so at



DOT Commissioner Chris Clement in his office.

the Tech, I stayed after every class with Ms. (Janet) Hertzberg to get help. But that's the great thing about NHTI: the professors are down to Earth. You can talk to them about anything. They have real life experience. One of my professors, John Dowd, worked on the Apollo Space Cabin, and Jud Pitman worked for Nike in their early days and designed a machine that simulated wear characteristics of sneakers. Mr. Pitman is also very talented at restoring antique automobiles. Everyone at NHTI – the professors, the administration, the staff – worked very hard to support me. And not only me, but all the students."

Chris was voted "most studious" among his group of friends, but still found time for fun. "I remember during the blizzard of '88, we built this incredibly massive, 12-foot snowball that blocked the entire entrance to the campus,"

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President Kilchenstein Steps Down

NHTI President **Lynn Tolbert Kilchenstein** stepped down from her position at the end of 2013.



Kilchenstein has been associated with NHTI since 1986, first as a teacher, the English Department Head, faculty president, and then associate vice president of academic affairs, before taking on the presidency in 2003. During her 10-year tenure, Kilchenstein oversaw historic growth at New Hampshire's largest community college.

Among the developments at NHTI during her presidency was the completion of a three-phase expansion and upgrade of facilities for the College's hallmark allied health programs. The College doubled the size and enrollment of its Dental Auxiliaries program with the addition of a new wing to MacRury Hall in 2009; the College opened the LEED silver-certified Beverly D. Grappone Hall, a state-of-the-art nursing education facility, in 2009; and the College completed renovation of MacRury Hall in 2010, adding state-of-the-art labs for its Diagnostic Medical Imaging, Paramedic Emergency Medicine and Natural Sciences programs.

Under Kilchenstein's leadership the College experienced dramatic growth in its student population from 5,240 students in the 2003-4 academic year to a peak of 6,685 students served in 2010-11, a 27.5% increase. She guided the College, known locally and affectionately as "The Tech," through a successful rebranding in 2007. Reflecting the evolution of the College to a comprehensive community college offering degree programs in a broad spectrum of technical, career and liberal arts fields, the College changed its name from "New Hampshire Technical Institute" to "NHTI, Concord's Community College."

Known on campus for her pleasant demeanor, open-door policy and collaborative leadership style, Kilchenstein established a reputation for ensuring student needs. She nurtured a sense of community that encouraged growth, innovation and a personal approach to student learning and service.

"It is time for me to explore some of my other interests and to participate more fully in family matters," says Kilchenstein. "It's an appropriate time to move on as the College enjoys numerous talented and emerging leaders; a highly creative community of teachers and staff; a relevant and rigorous academic curricula; solid enrollment and a well-deserved reputation for excellence."

Stephen P. Caccia, who served as Vice President of Student Affairs under Kilchenstein, has been appointed Interim President while the search is underway.

Lynn was a founding member of the Red River Theatres Board, a founding member and original Co-Chair of the Somewhat North of Boston (SNOB) Film Festival, and currently serves on the Governor's Advanced Manufacturing and Education Advisory Council, Capitol Center for the Arts Board, on the Creative Concord Committee, and on the Concord Housing Commission.

In 2011, Kilchenstein received the Pinnacle Award for Business Leader of the Year from the Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce.

Join Us In Celebration of 50 Years!

NHTI will celebrate its 50th anniversary in the Fall of 2015!
There are 3 ways you can participate!

1. Share your stories, photos and memories at www.nhti.edu/50thmemories
2. Share your story on video at NHTI (dates TBA).
3. Save the Date! **Saturday, Oct. 3, 2015** for celebratory events! Including alumni sports challenges and a 50th anniversary dinner.



For more information, please contact **Lee Ann Lewis**:
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The Class of '66, NHTI's first graduates.

police and what we called 'Tech Vice' showed up. We got into a bit of trouble for that one."

Living on the NHTI campus, Chris made lifelong friends. His roommate, Mike Alessi, was the best man at his wedding to Wendy, his high school sweetheart.

After graduating from NHTI in 1988, Chris began working at Heidelberg Web Systems. He started as a level B designer using his drafting skills, and rose through the ranks at Heidelberg over a 19-year career. Chris worked as a design engineer and in product development. He traveled the globe to meet customers, diagnose and solve problems. He's traveled all over Europe, as well as to Russia, China, Japan and Canada. He gained a valuable global perspective he relies on today.

Working at Heidelberg allowed Chris to earn his bachelor's degree from UNH in 1994, and his MBA from SNHU. He takes great pride in having 4 degrees from 4 New Hampshire schools.

Never Say Never

Only two times in his life did people say to Chris, "you will never ...". Someone once told Chris that he'd never get out of the Somersworth Housing Project. He did – at age 18. The second was a professor who told him, "Chris, you'll never be an engineer." He is. Being told he can't do something was a great motivator for Chris.

When a good friend told him he should apply for the position of Deputy Commissioner of the DOT, he did. "I met with then-Gov. John Lynch, and it lasted all of 15 minutes," he laughs. "I thought 'OK, it was a courtesy meeting, and that's that.'" He got the job.



Chris Clement (center) on campus in 1988, holding his favorite book, *Thermodynamics and Heat Transfer*.

In 2007, he began as the Deputy Commissioner and Chief Operating Office for the DOT. He spent two years as the Director of the Office of Economic Stimulus, overseeing the disbursement of \$965 million dollars in Federal funds which included \$130 million for NH's highways. Remember those highway signs? "Your Stimulus Dollars at Work!" In September 2011, Gov. Lynch and the Executive Council confirmed Chris as the Commissioner of the DOT.

Family Man at Heart

Chris and Wendy have been married nearly 25 years. They went to two high school proms together. For 23 years, Wendy has owned and managed Kennedy Gallery and Custom Framing on Market Street in Portsmouth. They have three children together: Madison attends the University of San Francisco, majoring in psychology; son Christopher, Jr. is a junior at Oyster River High School and stand-out athlete; Ben is 14 and plays basketball, soccer and the saxophone.

Commissioner of DOT is a big job with many moving parts, including advocating for funding with the NH Legislature. The political nature of the job still feels new to him.

"I go around the State, simply presenting the needs for NH's roads and bridges," he explains. "It's all about transportation excellence enhancing our quality of life in NH. I call myself 'revenue-agnostic' ... I'm not advocating for a gas tax, or a casino. We have critical needs and wherever the funding comes from ... is just fine with us!"

Although his position can demand 24/7, Chris goes home to his family at the end of the day, and tries very hard to leave his work at work. And on most days, he succeeds.

From Lynx to Lion

Lee Bolgatz '10 was one of the first students to graduate from NHTI's Animation and Graphic Game Programming department. After receiving his associate degree, Lee transferred to UNH Durham as part of NHTI's articulation agreement with that school. UNH Durham's Computer Science program is nationally recognized as a rigorous program of excellence, and Lee was one of the first NHTI students to follow this path.



Having completed his bachelors degree at UNH, Lee has now gone to work for Lionbridge Technologies of Waltham, MA, as a Junior Engineer. Lionbridge provides translation, online marketing, global content management and application testing solutions for more than 800 world-leading brands. The company employs 4,500 people in 26 countries, with revenue of over \$450 million in 2012.

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New Math

A.S. Degree Supports STEM Studies

In the Fall of 2014, NHTI will launch a new 2-year Associate Degree program in Mathematics. This practically-oriented program includes a foundation in computer programming and three semesters of calculus-based physics, along with a range of general education requirements. The program will provide a solid background for just about any type of 4-year math, physics or engineering degree a student might choose to pursue.

"We went to UNH and met with their Math and Physics department heads," says **Kate Sawal**, head of NHTI's math/physics department. "As a result we created five new courses, all of which will transfer as equivalent. It was important to show them not only that our curriculum met their criteria, but that we would be able to maintain the rigor they require." Articulation (transfer) agreements with PSU and SNHU are also in the works.

NHTI's Math Department has nine full-time faculty and about 30 adjuncts. The College recently purchased lab equipment to support the new program, especially the calculus-based physics courses not previously offered.

The development of this new program is part of NHTI's commitment to expanding its STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) offerings. The degree will prepare students for employment in STEM positions in industry, as well as for continued study at the baccalaureate level. Kate Sawal notes that students can take "approximately two courses for the price of one" at NHTI compared to NH universities, making NHTI an attractive alternative for students seeking to launch an academic or technical career.

But for Sawal, establishing a math major at NHTI has been a long-time goal. "I believe in the power of math," she says. "When we teach people to think like this, to do this kind of work, we are creating problem-solvers. These are the people who are going to be able to go out and work on solving society's problems -- maybe not with calculus, but with that kind of rigorous thinking."

NHTI Raises Record \$50,000 at Winter Fling 2014!

In January, NHTI hosted its 4th Annual Winter Fling fundraiser, featuring the ever-popular "Dancing with the Concord Stars" competition! Featuring a record-breaking 14 dancing couples and a sold-out crowd, it was a night of celebration and dance. Thirteen dance teachers from four area dance schools – Concord Dance Academy, Let's Dance Studio, Miss Gen's Dance Studio, and Creative Dance Workshop of Bow – coached the couples in their routines.

Prior to the dance event, Winter Flingers enjoyed a sampling of the area's best fare at "Concord-by-the-Bite." Please visit the restaurants that participated this year (see facing page), and thank them for their support of NHTI!

Club Soda Band warmed up those hearty partiers who couldn't wait for the dancing to begin, and they played on after the contest, keeping the party going strong until the proverbial wee hours of the night.

Winter Fling raised \$30,000 in corporate sponsorships and over \$25,000 in ticket sales. Altogether, this year's event raised over \$50,000 for the President's Fund for Excellence. The four Winter Fling events held so far have raised more than \$150,000 for the fund.



Top left: Liz Blanchard and Archie Richards danced their way to the "Most Graceful" award. Top right: Jen and Adam Fennelly won "Best Overall" from the student-led Judge's Panel. Bottom: The competitors and dance teachers for "Dancing with the Concord Stars" at Winter Fling 2014! All photos by Scott Bulger.



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10th Annual NHTI Northeast Delta Dental 5K Road Race

Friday April 18 at 6 pm

Come back to NHTI, run a 5K race, have a free barbecue, and maybe win an award for the fastest NHTI alumni! There is also a free children's run after the 5K. Race and Silent Auction (starting April 3) benefits the Jen Kemp Memorial Scholarship Fund. For details visit nhti.edu/5k or contact **Perry Seagroves**, pseagroves@ccsnh.edu.

25th Anniversary Celebration Planned for *The Eye* Student Journal Seeks Former Editors and Contributors

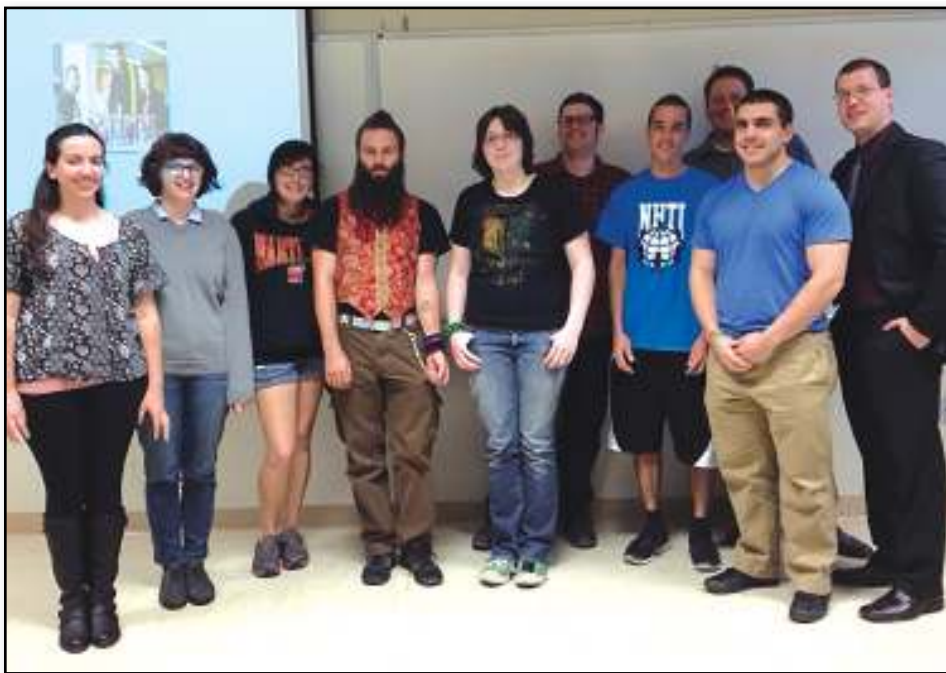
The *Eye*, NHTI's student literary journal, will celebrate its 25th anniversary during the next academic year with a series of special events, including parties, readings, and publication of a 25th anniversary book containing student writing from every past edition. Alumni are encouraged to reconnect with the journal and join in the upcoming festivities.

The current student editors are busy reading through all 25 editions to cull pieces of fiction, nonfiction, and poetry that speak to NHTI's students in 2014 and say much about our campus community's journey through this past quarter of a century. "It's been fascinating to read about events ranging from memories of the Challenger explosion to former students venturing into Eastern Europe after the fall of the Berlin Wall," said current faculty advisor Prof. **Paula DelBonis-Platt**. "Our editors are also finding that much of the poetry is as relevant today as it was during the 1989-1999 academic year when *The Eye* began."

Alternately called *The Eye* and the *NHTEye*, the journal has endured since its founding by former NHTI president **Lynn Kilchenstein**. Kilchenstein has been asked by the current student editors to write a reflective foreword to the 25th anniversary edition. The journal has served as a forum for academic writing, along with more creative pursuits, and it has also served as a showcase for the work of NHTI artists.

Former *Eye* contributors and editors are asked to contact Prof. DelBonis-Platt at pdelbonis-platt@ccsnh.edu or 603-271-6484 x4151 to be invited to the special anniversary events. We'd like to know how your experiences with *The Eye* influenced you and what you are doing now.

Please also feel free to "like" *The Eye* on Facebook at www.facebook.com/TheEyeAtNHTI or follow *The Eye* on Twitter at [@NHTweetEye](https://twitter.com/NHTweetEye).



The Eye Staff, Fall 2013 (left to right):

Mary Beck, Courtney Larabee, Julia Gruber Bailey, Colin Rabun, Kelsea Huckins, Tyler Romprey, Jason Grant, John Bradley, Gunnar Mattson, and Bryon Gilmartin.

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• Alumni Updates •

1969

Donald Lesmerises

graduated with a degree in Electronic Engineering Technology. Donald went to Lowell Technology Institute and earned a BSET in Electronics in 1975. He is the Director of Finance at EcoGreen Hotel in Knoxville, Tennessee. Donald is married to Jacqueline.

Ronald Willis

graduated with a Mechanical Engineering Technology degree. He retired and moved to North Carolina in 2002. He is married to Mary Jane and they have eleven children. The ages range from 21 (a set of twin girls), to 17, 14, 13, 10, 9, 6, 5, and twin boys 3 years old.

Ronald says that thanks to NHTI he started out at a higher salary than other new hires at the same position, and it was the same throughout his career.

1978

Diana (Bertrand) Wellman

graduated with a Dental Hygiene degree.

1979

Patricia Aaron

graduated with an AS in Nursing. She is currently attending SUNY Farmingdale in New York.

1987

Kathleen Donoghue

graduated with a Nursing degree. She works as a School Nurse at NYCDOHMH. Kathleen lives in Brooklyn, New York.

1988

James Pidgeon

received a degree in Business Administration, and lives in Manchester, NH.

1993

Michele (Boutin) Wells

graduated with a Mechanical Engineering Technology degree. Michele went to UNH and earned her BSMET degree in 1995. She is employed as a Customer Service / Sales Engineer at Uni-Cast, Inc. in Londonderry, NH. She has two children, Ashleigh and Jarrett. Michele says that NHTI "was a great base to start with."

1994

Richard A. Ruck, Jr.

received a degree in Criminal Justice, and now resides in Easton, PA.

1998

Peter Fecteau

graduated with a degree in Paramedic Emergency Medicine. He works as a CCT Paramedic for AMR in Las Vegas. Peter is married to Jill Gurney.

2001

Barbie Sylvester

graduated with a degree in Medical Coding. She is an Office Manager at Homefolk Transportation in Northfield, NH. Barbie is married to Timothy and they have 3 children, Shawn, Haley, and Drew.

2004

Amanda (Childs) Brennan

graduated with an AS in Nursing. Amanda is now going to Walden University for her MSN in Nursing, specializing in education, and should graduate in 2015. She is employed at Wentworth Douglass Hospital in Dover, NH, as an RN, clinical manager. Amanda is board certified in ambulatory care, and as a clinical manager of hospital based outpatient practices she specializes in pulmonary and infectious diseases. She is married to Steve Brennan and has two children, Trevor and Tatum. Amanda says that June was her 9-year anniversary at Wentworth Douglass Hospital. "I have been a nurse with this corporation since graduating from NHTI in 2004."

Amanda says, "NHTI provided me with a solid foundation for my nursing career and for continuing my education. I am pursuing an MSN degree specializing in education so that I may go on to teach nursing students/future nurses, and will hopefully have an impact on them like my professors had on me."

2006

Hallie Kay

graduated with a degree in Travel and Tourism, and went on to Southern New Hampshire University for a BS in Hospitality and Business in 2008. Hallie is married to Matthew Anderson and lives in New York.

2007

Melissa (Warner) Carter

graduated with Dental Assisting and Health Science degrees. She works at White Park Dental in Concord. Melissa is married to Jason and has a daughter, Claire.

Kelsey (Tozier) Haskins

graduated with a Dental Hygiene degree. Kelsey is employed as a Registered Dental Hygienist at Tidewater Dental in Maryland. She married Spencer this past June. They make their home in Lexington Park, Maryland.

Heidi (Monterisi) Lawless

graduated with a degrees in Health Science and Dental Hygiene. Heidi is employed with Caring Family Dentistry. Heidi specializes in prophylaxis, patient oral hygiene education, and prevention of oral disease, as well as administering local anesthetic, taking dental radiographs, oral cancer screenings and much more!

"Since graduating from NHTI, I have worked in a couple of dental practices, including my current job at Caring Family Dentistry, which I have been employed with for 5 years now. This is also the place where I met my husband Michael (yes, he is still one of my current patients). We have recently taken our much-awaited honeymoon to St. Maarten this past April, and couldn't be happier together.

"Deciding to pursue my education at the Tech in the dental field was probably one of the best decisions I have ever made. I have a great job and am proud of the services that I am able to provide to the community! Much thanks to all the professors and staff at NHTI."

Ryan E. O'Callaghan

graduated with a degree in Criminal Justice and received a Phi Theta Kappa National honor society tuition scholarship to attend Hawaii Pacific University, where he completed his BA in Justice Administration in 2010. He completed his MBA in Strategic Leadership at New England College in Henniker, NH, in 2013. Ryan is the son of Eugene and Diane O'Callaghan and he currently works full time as a Campus Safety Officer at New England College.

2008

Alane Bigelow

earned a degree in General Studies, and now works as a Front Service Clerk at a Publix grocery store in Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina.

2009

Ellen (Smith) Therrien

graduated with a Dental Hygiene degree. She is a Dental Hygienist at NH Easter Seals.

2010

Mark LeBlanc

graduated with a degree in Nursing in 2010. He has worked full time at Health South Rehabilitation Hospital in Concord for the past two and a half years as a registered nurse on the Neuro wing. In June of 2013 Mark was awarded his specialty certification as a Certified Rehabilitation Registered Nurse (CRRN). He is also frequently tasked to serve as Charge Nurse for his shift.

Mark loves his work and his patients. He states, "I was a non-traditional student and had been accepted by two different nursing programs. The reason I chose NHTI is because its curriculum was more challenging and the reputation for excellence was higher. After graduating, I found this to be true."

Kayla Roy

graduated with a degree in Business Administration. She immediately transferred to the University of Tampa, FL (starting in January 2010), where they accepted almost all of her credits and classes from NHTI. Three years later she is now a December 2013 UT grad, with a B.S. in Marketing with a minor in Electronic Media Art and Design.

Kayla writes, "At both of the schools I attended I had an executive position on the student



programming boards, which planned events for the student body, and worked on campus in the Student Leadership Office. During my last semester at UT I received a paid internship in the marketing division of Bisk Education, a worldwide leader in online education, located in Tampa, FL. After three months of interning I

was offered a full time position as an Interactive Web Developer. Art and Graphic Design are both passions of mine, and I've volunteered to create the Spring Concert marketing for NHTI for the past five years."

2011

Scott K. Burt

graduated with a certificate in Career and Technical Education. He is employed with the Hampstead School District Facilities Department as the Grounds Manager / Staff Arborist. He married Pauline on October 6, 2001 and has two children, Coy and Jamie.

"After finishing my certificate at NHTI while going through chemo, I ended up having 3 forms of cancer, 26 weeks of chemo, and being out of work for nine months. I am still a groundskeeper/arborist for the Hampstead School District, and am looking for a teacher's position for forestry and landscape."

Brian Maloney

graduated with a Criminal Justice degree. He is going to the University of Massachusetts-Lowell to earn a Criminal Justice degree with a Corrections Focus. Brian is expected to graduate in 2016.

2013

Garrett Rella

graduated with an degree in Criminal Justice. Garrett has been hired as a Correctional Officer for the Coos County Department of Corrections in northern NH. He says, "It was very easy to get hired and start my career with the degree that I earned at NHTI. I want to give special thanks to my advisor Professor Raymond." Garrett says his next step is to apply to the Department of Safety and become a New Hampshire State Trooper!

• Engagements •

Cappucci - Lamontagne

Melissa Cappucci and Seth Lamontagne announce their engagement. Melissa is attending NHTI for a degree in Early Childhood Education. She is an associate teacher at a learning center in Concord. Seth is the owner of T.C.'s Service Center in Pittsfield, NH. A June 21, 2014 wedding is planned.

Coffill '09 - Duvernay '09

Priscilla Coffill went to NHTI for a Nursing degree. Jordan Duvernay was studying Orthopaedic Technology. They met on a blind date in the Bistro and now they are engaged to be married! Jordan works as an OT at Concord Orthopaedics. Priscilla is a nurse at the Center for Urologic Care, and will begin work on a bachelors degree at SNHU this fall. A June wedding is planned at Jordan's parents' home in Deering. The couple lives in Antrim, and will honeymoon in San Francisco.



Dowse '13 - Ranfos

Kelsea Marie Dowse is engaged to Victor John Ranfos IV. Kelsea earned an degree in Early Childhood Education and is attending Granite State College. She works as an early childhood educator at St. Paul's School. Victor received a bachelor's degree from Southern New Hampshire University. He is employed by Granite State Credit Union as an accounting specialist. A summer 2015 wedding is planned.

Ferri '13 - Howard

Melanie Ferri and Christopher Howard are engaged. Melanie graduated from John Stark Regional High School and NHTI with an degree in Education. Melanie is a secretary at Weare Middle School. Christopher graduated from Milford High School in 2006 and earned a bachelor's degree in history from Keene State College. He is a special educator at Weare Middle School and is working towards a master's degree. A May 2014 wedding is planned.

Howland '10 - Vigneault

Christine Howland and Michael Vigneault are engaged. Christine graduated from Pittsburg High School and received her degree in Dental Hygiene. She is a dental hygienist at North Woods Dental in Colebrook. Michael graduated from Memorial High School and Nashua Community College. He is a material handling supervisor at the federal prison in Berlin.

Lavalle '08 - Gonzalez

Lindsay Lavalle is engaged to Jorge Gonzalez. Lindsay graduated for Bow High School and received her degree in Human Services at NHTI. She is a marketing director with Granite Ledges in Concord. Jorge is in sales with Sears in Nashua, NH. A May 2014 wedding is planned.

Linn - Westney

Jennifer Westney and Eric Linn of Newbury announce their engagement. Jennifer earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Vermont and is a registered nurse at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. Eric graduated from Concord High School, studied mechanical engineering at Santa Barbara City College and attended NHTI. He is an automotive technician team leader in Concord. An August wedding is planned.

McGee - Lauze

Lindsay McGee and James Lauze of Concord announce their engagement. McGee, daughter of Tracey Horner of Concord and Matthew McGee of Bedford, earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education and psychology from Keene State College in 2011, and is enrolled at NHTI in the Teacher Education Conversion Program for special education. She is a one-on-one educational assistant at the Christa McAuliffe School in Concord, and the instructional coordinator at Sylvan Learning Center.

Lauze, son of Paul and Linda Lauze of Concord, is working toward an associate's degree in applied science automotive with a Toyota Certification from Manchester Community College. He is a technician for Grappone Toyota Automotive in Bow. An August wedding is planned.




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Robie '10 – Darling II

Christina Robie and David Darling II announce their engagement. Christina earned a bachelor's degree in business from the University of New Hampshire in 2007 and an associate degree in nursing from NHTI in 2010. Christina works at Concord Hospital. David graduated from Motorcycle Mechanics Institute in Orland, Florida and works at HK Powersports in Hooksett. An October 2014 wedding is planned.

Tebbetts – Cerra '12

Laura Tebbetts and Joseph Cerra announce their engagement. Laura graduated from Souhegan High School in 2010 and is attending Colby-Sawyer College in New London. Joseph graduated from Souhegan High School in 2010 and graduated with a degree in Criminal Justice. He works in law enforcement. An October 2015 wedding is planned.

• Weddings •

Aku '09 – Kovacs

Lindsey Suzanne Kovacs and Muzafer Aku of Manchester were married at the Granite Rose in Hampstead. Lindsey graduated from Manchester High School Central and Manchester Community College; she is a preschool teacher with Easter Seals. Muzafer graduated from Manchester High School Central and earned a degree in Criminal Justice from NHTI.

Brasley '11 – Soriano

Holly Brasley and Geoffrey Soriano were married on September 21, 2013 at Dell Lea Country Club in Chichester, NH. Holly graduated from Pembroke Academy in 2008 and earned a degree in Paralegal Studies and a certificate in Accounting from NHTI in 2011. She is a paralegal at NH Public Risk Management Exchange in Concord. Geoffrey graduated from Pembroke Academy in 2008 and from the Connecticut Culinary Institute in 2010. He is an evening supervisor at the Granite Restaurant in Concord, NH. The couple took a wedding trip to Alaska and they live in Concord.

Charland '07 – Desmond

Melissa Marie Charland of Barnstead and Matthew George Desmond of Henniker were married in a double ring ceremony at Hidden Hills Banquet Facilities in Rindge. Melissa graduated from Coe-Brown Northwood Academy and earned a degree in Education at NHTI. She is a health technician of optometry with the VA Medical Center. Matthew graduated from John Stark Regional High School in Weare and attended New England School of Metal Work. He is a mechanic with Venture Construction. The couple honeymooned in Las Vegas and now live in Manchester, NH.

Lounsbury – Colby '12

Kaitlin Lounsbury and Ryan Colby were married June 8, 2013 at Candia Woods. Stacey Peters, department head of the NHTI Paralegal Studies Program, performed the double-ring ceremony. Kaitlin earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from UNH and a master's degree in counseling from Boston College. She is a researcher at the University of New Hampshire. Ryan earned a degree in Paralegal Studies from NHTI. He is a department manager at Target in Concord. Kaitlin and Ryan took a wedding trip to Aruba.

Nunes – Vertigans '13

Charlotte Nunes and David Vertigans of Amherst were married in a double ring ceremony at the VFW Hall in Merrimack. Charlotte graduated from Mascenic Regional High school and is an assistant branch manager with Digital Credit Union. David received his GED from Lowell High School and graduated from NHTI with a degree in Criminal Justice. He works in security at Allied Barton. They honeymooned in Florida and will reside in Amherst.

Painchaud – Preston '12

Elana Painchaud and Kevin Preston were married October 5, 2014 at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Concord. Elana graduated from Concord High School and earned a bachelor's degree in business administration and a master's degree in organizational leadership from Southern New Hampshire University. Elana works in human resources at Catholic Medical Center. Kevin graduated from Bow High School, earned a degree in Architectural Engineering Technology from NHTI, and is working toward a bachelor's degree in civil engineering at the UNH. He works in highway design at Vanasse Hangen Brustlin Inc. in Bedford.

Tomich '09 – Jones

Abigail Tomich and Robert Jones were married October 12, 2014 at the Capitol Center for the Arts in Concord, NH. Abigail graduated from Concord High School, attended the University of Rhode Island, and received a Nursing degree from NHTI. She is a registered nurse at Catholic Medical Center in Manchester. Robert graduated from Pembroke Academy. He is a carpenter for Kerrbuild in Bedford and owner of Jonesy's Reptiles. Abigail and Robert took a wedding trip to Costa Rica and live in Concord.

Wallace 2000 – Lamy

Denise Wallace and Jonathan Lamy were married November 2, 2014 at Paradise Island in the Bahamas. Denise graduated from Weare High School and earned a diploma in Dental Assisting at NHTI. She is a dental assistant. Jonathan graduated from Goffstown High School and works for Lamy Mechanical. The couple lives in Dunbarton, NH.

Whelan – Goss

Kristin Goss of Goffstown and Daniel Whelan of Eliot, Maine were married at Steele Hill Resorts in Sanbornton. Kristin graduated from Goffstown Area High School and NHTI. She is a medical records supervisor with the New Hampshire Neurospine Institute. Daniel graduated from Marshwood High School and Norwich University. He is a police officer in Manchester. The couple honeymooned in Ochos Rios, Jamaica and will live in Goffstown.

• In Memory •

Boucher

Alec Dale Boucher 21, died October 28, unexpectedly at his home. Alec was born in Concord in the fall of 1992 and lived between Penacook, Concord and Gilford all of his life. He attended Gilford High School where he graduated with the class of 2011 and took courses at NHTI. Alec was an exceptional athlete, playing varsity football and lacrosse all four years of high school. His junior year he received the MVP award for

his performance on the football field, and he made the NH Division All-State Football team in both his junior and senior years. Alec loved to be outdoors and his favorite pastime was to find a nice body of water for fishing. He was also an avid music lover and a great snowboarder. Alec adored his younger brother and sisters and will be missed by them very much.

Chapman

Laurel L.H. Chapman of Vineyard Haven, MA, passed on September 30, 2013; she was 66. Laurel was born in Bridgeport, CT, attended Trumbull High School, and earned a B.A. and an M.A. from Springfield College. Laurel enjoyed traveling, music, Broadway, writing, entertaining and gourmet cooking. She taught at NHTI for 10 years, and at Nashua Community College for 21 years. Laurel also sold Real Estate. She was an active member of the Henniker Congregational Church. In 2000, she fulfilled her retirement dream of moving to Martha's Vineyard. Her generosity had her devoting much time to volunteering and providing meals for others.

Dube

Timothy N. Dube, 64, of East Hampstead died on August 10, 2013. He was born in Berlin, NH, and had lived in East Hampstead for over 30 years. Timothy graduated from Berlin High School and went on to attend the New Hampshire Technical Institute. Mr. Dube was a disabled veteran who served in the U.S. Army as a Specialist 4 during the Vietnam War, and was the recipient of the Bronze Star Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, and the Vietnam Campaign Medal. Mr. Dube worked in computer sales as a regional sales manager first for Computer Vision and later for Xerox until his retirement. He was a member of St. Annes's Parish and the VFW Post 11254 of Hampstead. Timothy enjoyed camping, yard work and his tractor and motorcycles.

Earle '77

Robert J. Earle, 71, died July 8, 2013, at his home after an extended illness. Bob attended local schools in Merrimack, MA, and was a 1960 graduate of Pawtucket High School. He was a 1977 graduate of New Hampshire Technical Institute, earning his degree as a registered nurse. Two of the most influential people in Bob's life were Mrs. Grace Leslie, and Mary Anne Norman, who fostered his great interest in music. Bob ultimately attended New England Conservatory of Music, where he majored in organ. For several years Bob worked in various hospitals along the east coast. In 1990 he moved to Maine to become Director of Nursing at Shore Village Nursing Center in Rockland, where he worked until 1992. Bob worked from 1996 as a nurse with Kno-Wal-Lin Home Health Care in Rockland, Maine. From 1996 to 1998 he enjoyed working as a sternman with John Hall, lobstering out of Port Clyde. Twice from 1992 to 1994 and 1998 until retiring due to illness in 2012, Bob was able to fulfill his love of music, serving as organist at St. Peters Episcopal Church in Rockland. Bob loved being near the ocean, music and reading.

Gorton '72

Sue (Scott) Gorton, 65, passed at her home in Fryeburg, Maine on November 5, 2013. Sue was born in Keene, NH, but grew up in Chester, NH. She graduated from Pinkerton Academy and

received her degree from NHTI. Sue received her B.S. degree from Rivier St. Joseph's School of Nursing in 2001. Sue worked as a Registered Nurse at the Holy Cross Health Center until she retired and moved to Fryeburg in 2006.

Grass '95

Richard "Rick" Grass, 48, of Tamarack Road, Lee, died January 28, 2014 at home surrounded by family and friends. Rick graduated from NHTI with a double degree in Computer Information Systems and Management, and went on to graduate from RIT in Rochester, New York. He worked for Bottomline Technologies in Portsmouth, and most recently was the senior systems manager for the Community College System of NH. He enjoyed going to sports events with his son, snowmobiling, 4-wheeling, boating, riding his Harley, campfires at his camp in, Maine telling great stories, and fireworks. Most of all Rick enjoyed being Austin's dad.

Heath

Sarah L. Heath, 54, passed on January 28, 2014 at her home in Epsom, NH. Sarah lived most of her life in Epsom, graduating from Pembroke Academy in 1977. She earned a degree at NHTI, and went on to earn additional degrees in Computer Science and Accounting. Sarah was a self-employed accountant, operating Sarah L. Heath & Associates. Sarah was also a Notary Public and Justice of the Peace. She was a member of the Webster Park Committee and enjoyed all youth sports, and spent many years playing and coaching softball and T-ball.

Krzyicki

Gail L. Krzyicki, 62, of Salem, NH has passed away. Gail was born in Lawrence, MA, and grew up and was educated in Salem. Gail later graduated from St. Joseph Hospital School of Nursing, and NHTI. She was a registered nurse and MDS coordinator for Courville Community in Nashua. Gail worked for Parkland Medical Center in Derry and Merrimack Valley Hospital in Haverhill, MA. Gail enjoyed needlepoint, crocheting afghans, and going to the casino. Most of all Gail loved being a nurse and being with her family.

Lockwood

Michael C. Lockwood, Sr., 55, longtime resident of Milford, died unexpectedly August 31, 2013. He was born in Utica, NY, and was raised and educated in New York, graduated from Oriskany Central High School in Oriskany, NY, and NHTI. Mike worked as a master mold maker for several companies in southern NH, including Cote Machine in Milford. Mike was most recently employed at Whelan Corporation in Charlestown. He had a true passion for fishing and most recently enjoyed an evening in his boat on the Connecticut River. Michael enjoyed playing cards, golf and following all New England sports. He was a loving husband, father, devoted son and brother. A true friend to all whose greatest love was spending time with his family.

Omot

Ngel Ojulu Omot passed on July 21, 2013 at his home in Concord. He was born January 1, 1986, in Malakal, Sudan. Ngel came to the United States in 1998 and was proud to have recently become a U.S. citizen. Graduating from Concord High School in 2005, he attended NHTI. He worked at McLane North East in Contoocook.

Ngel enjoyed all sports, being outside, and he excelled at soccer. He was a very kind hearted man and everyone enjoyed being around him. He did all to help everyone and always put others first. Ngel had many close friends, and worked very hard for everything that he had. He loved riding his motorcycle and showing off his new truck. Ngel was a very proud man and wanted everyone to live by his two favorite expressions: "Why so serious?" and "Live Life to the Fullest!" Ngel touched everyone and will be missed by all.

Pirog '70

James Pirog, 64, of Concord passed on January 26, 2014. He graduated from Memorial High School, received an AS in Electrical Engineering from NHTI in 1970, and a B.S. in Business Management from New Hampshire College in 1972. James resided in Londonderry with his family for almost 20 years before moving to Concord. He was an engineer at Jewel Instruments for 10 years, and then a manager at Beede Electrical, where he continued to work until shortly before his death. He was well respected and liked by his colleagues.

Jim was a fiercely independent perfectionist of great passion who cared about doing things the right way. This was reflected in his beautiful works of stained glass, his self-taught and masterful home improvements, and a well-tended garden. He loved fishing, and enjoyed playing football, softball and volleyball in his youth. Jim's dry sense of humor and sarcasm were legendary. He was a loving and caring father who did anything and everything for his children.

Sanborn '80

David A. Sanborn, 55, passed away peacefully on November 8, 2013. David was born in Exeter, NH. He attended school in Candia, graduated from Central High School in Manchester and from NHTI in 1980. David was employed with UPS for 23 years as a part time driver and pre-loader. He also ran the family business, Sanborn Farm in Candia, for 40 years with his grandfather and father. David belonged to a church bowling team in Manchester for many years. He loved watching baseball, football and enjoyed the 2013 World Series games, where he could name every player and their history. David was a loving husband, father, and son. He was willing to help others by participating in a trial research program for cancer, knowing that the outcome might not help him, but might help others.

Sanford Dillon '90

Michael "Mike" Sanford Dillon, 46, of Old North Main Street, Laconia, NH died suddenly in a single automobile accident on July, 30, 2013. Mike was born in Wilmington, Delaware and was raised in Concord, NH. He graduated from Concord High School in 1985 and from the New Hampshire Technical Institute in 1990. He was a devoted employee of 22 years at Graphic Packaging, Concord, NH. Mike was the National Packaging Manager of the Laminations Division. Mike and Holly primarily raised their children, Carter and Katia, in Bow, having recently moved to Laconia to be closer to family. Mike's biggest joy was his family. He was an avid sports fan, whether he was watching professional sports or more importantly his children's sports. Mike took great pride as a coach and enjoyed golfing, boating, participating in sporting events with his family, and just hanging with the "fam."

Siegler

Brandyn Hawthorne Siegler passed on December 24, 2013 at home in Concord. He graduated from Concord High School in 1994 and received a degree in Computer Information Systems from NHTI. During his career he worked for Scientific Games and Fairpoint. Brandyn was a musician who played violin, guitar, keyboards, and composed his own music. He was also an artist who painted landscapes on canvas, and created pencil drawings and computer art.

Sullivan

Charles W. Sullivan III died January 24, 2014. He was born in Concord on May 20, 1982. During the war in Iraq he served with the U.S. Army for six years as a heavy equipment mechanic. Chuck was a student at NHTI. He will be remembered for his musical talents; he enjoyed playing the drums and the guitar.

Varney

Alberta G. Varney died on August 21, 2013. She was born in Pittsburg, NH, graduated from Pittsburg High School, and married her high school sweetheart Edward D. Varney on November 14, 1953. Alberta was a homemaker and stay-at-home mom while raising six children. At the age of 50 Alberta graduated from St. Joseph Hospital School of Practical Nursing and received her Nursing degree from NHTI at the age of 56. She was employed as a nurse by St. Joseph Hospital in Nashua and Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Milford. Known for her caring and compassionate care of her patients, she treated them all as if they were family. Following her retirement from nursing she was employed at LA Limousine in Wilton.

Alberta enjoyed spending time with family and friends. She was a talented knitter, loved going to bingo and was an avid Boston Red Sox fan. Alberta was a member of the Bent-Burke Post Women's Auxiliary, the Second Congregational Church and a woman's bowling league. She looked forward to trips up to Pittsburg for Old Home Day. Alberta enjoyed many family vacations on cruises and trips to Las Vegas. In recent years she and her husband would spend the winter months in their home in Port Richey, Florida. In November 2013, they would have been married for 60 years.

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NHTI graduate Daniel Rojas
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NHTI alum
Simon Keeling
(Sports Management
2004) swimming
with the black
tip reef sharks in
Bora Bora over the
holidays!



... and Coming Home



Home for the holidays last December, these
NHTI grads – and Campus Activities Board
(CAB) members – held an impromptu
reunion! Back Row, Left to Right: Ryan
Devoe, Sean Phelps '11 SPM, Robert Stitt '12
AGS, Ben Breault '13 BA, Renee Kenney, and
Heidi Schmidt '09 ECE.
Front Row: Amy McCarthy, Troy Colby '12
BA and '13 ACC, Kasey Sheridan, Kaitlin
Moody '12 AGS, and Val Therrien '12 IT.