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All in the Family

Jean Fiske, '90 describes her childhood as idyllic, having grown up on a farm with many siblings. She launched her adult dream life just one day after graduating from Merrimack Valley High School: at age 17, she married her sweetheart, Bill. This June, they'll celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary.

For most of the first 10 years of her marriage, Jean was stay-at-home to her two children, Stephanie and Billy, Jr. After earning a certified nursing assistant credential, Jean worked at Oddfellows in Concord (now known as Presidential Oaks).

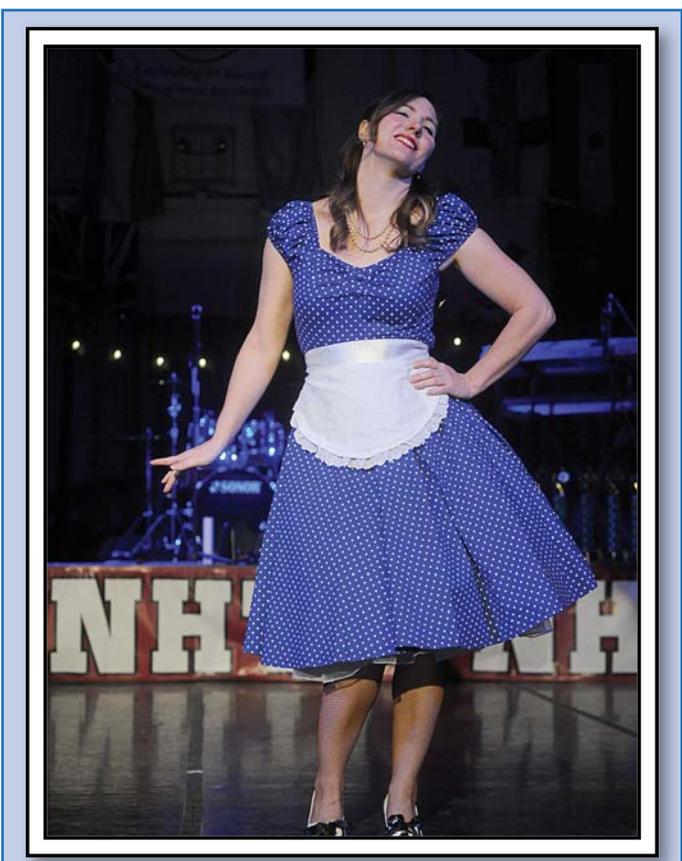
One day in 1988, a friend of Jean's called to ask, "Hey, do you want to go to nursing school with me?" When Jean wondered aloud if she was smart enough, her eavesdropping husband said, "Well of course you are!"

He paid her entire way through school, and in 1990, Jean earned her associate's degree in nursing from NHTI (then affectionately known as "The Tech").

"Graduating from NHTI with a nursing degree opens a whole new world for a person," Jean says. "There is something about the academic structure at NHTI which builds a well-rounded and well-grounded nurse. Mostly, it is the Nursing Faculty who are so compassionate about teaching their students both the art and science of patient care."

After graduation, Jean took a position in the cardiac unit of Lakes Region General Hospital. She's also worked for Riverbend at Miller House (a now defunct 10-bed psychiatric unit) and at Havenwood Heritage Heights. Returning to her love for elderly caregiving, Jean returned to Oddfellows as a registered nurse. During her second Oddfellows stint, Jean's many levels of service included quality assurance, resident care, infection control, head of housekeeping and laundry and workers compensation officer.

Jean has been a nursing instructor at the Red Cross since 1991, and to this day, she still uses the phrase she first heard at NHTI, "We must have patience with our patients." In 1995, Jean was board-certified in gerontology through the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC).



Amanda Damour, of EXACOM, Inc., takes center stage to compete in Winter Fling 2016 "Dancing with the Concord Stars!" Amanda and her partner, Bill Phenix of Binnie Media Group, took home the "most dramatic" award. See page 4 for more Winter Fling fun. Photo ©2016 Scott Bulger Arts.

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"The TLC Your Loved One Deserves..."

In 1997, Jean began writing a business plan to open a medical day care center for the elderly. With help from her mother, father, husband, and children, Jean opened TLC Medical Day Care for Adults, Inc. in 1998 on the Heights in Concord.

Licensed by the State of New Hampshire, TLC provides – you guessed it – tender, loving, care for adults. TLC provides all the care and treatment a

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Jean Fiske, '90, President of TLC Medical Day Care for Adults, stands in front of a quilt made by one of many grateful clients.

12th Annual NHTI Northeast Delta Dental 5K Road Race

Friday, April 22 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 benefits the Jen Kemp Memorial Scholarship Fund. For details visit nhti.edu/5k or contact **Perry Seagroves**, pseagroves@ccsnh.edu.

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nursing home does, except that the clients go home at night. In addition to medical care, Jean and her staff at TLC provide nutritious home-cooked meals three times a day. Clients at TLC can take showers, have their hair and nails done, exercise daily, watch television and enjoy a wide variety of other activities such as arts and crafts, bingo, listen to live music from local musicians and even do karaoke once a week.

This year, TLC Medical Day Care for Adults celebrates its 18th year in business. It is clear that Jean adores her clients, and all the passionate, caring people who work alongside her, including the resident dog, Monty.

"I like to say we are Concord's best-kept secret," Jean explains. "People don't know about us until they really need us. We have a wonderful reputation after nearly two decades of caring for people. After all, our motto is 'The TLC your loved one deserves!'"

A Family Affair

Almost every member of Jean's family is involved with TLC in one form or another. Her parents helped paint the walls. Her mother was the cook for the first few years. Her husband, Bill, does all of the maintenance work. Her daughter, Stephanie, is a part-time nurse, administrative coordinator and assistant administrator. All of Jean's seven grandchildren have worked at the Center, some as early as age 12, doing a few hours of housekeeping each week. Jean's sister-in-law Cheryl has been with TLC since day one. Rayma, Jean's best friend from childhood, has worked there for years. Jean's granddaughter Nikki has become a licensed nursing assistant through the Red Cross.

"We are a big loving family here," Jean beams. "All of us, our staff, our clients and their families. It is incredibly rewarding work, and we all feel quite blessed."

Kudos for Professor DelBonis-Platt

Kenny Hutto attended NHTI in 2008-09. He recently emailed Professor **Paula DelBonis-Platt**.

"I wanted to let you know that you had a very big impact on me and my love for writing," Kenny writes. "Looking at the NHTI website I was pleased to see that you are still teaching, and I hope the students you have now feel as fortunate as I did to have you as a professor. I've had more than 60 articles published online in the health and fitness field, the industry I've worked in for most of my adult life. After attending three colleges, I really feel that NHTI made the best impression on me in terms of the quality of education and value. Thank you!"



Kenny Hutto

In 2010, Kenny's essay "Drunk and Disorderly Pregnancy" about Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) was published in *The Eye*, NHTI's student literary magazine. To read some of Kenny's published work online, visit www.ehow.com/contributor/kenneth_hutto.



Paula DelBonis-Platt, NHTI Professor of English and Foreign Languages and advisor to *The Eye*, received the Chancellor's Award for Teaching Excellence in Spring 2015.



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Advanced Training for Dental Hygienists/Assistants \$85,000 from Northeast Delta Dental Helps Fund New Program

In June 2015, Northeast Delta Dental approved a donation of \$85,000 to NHTI to help establish an Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary (EFDA) certificate program at the college. The donation was made in coordination with the NH Dental Society and the NH Dental Society Foundation, which together contributed an additional \$30,000 toward the establishment of the new program.

EFDA's are dental assistants or hygienists who have received additional training and certification, allowing them to perform certain restorative functions – under the supervision of a dentist – in addition to their usual preventative duties. For example, after a dentist drills and prepares a tooth to receive a filling, an EFDA can place the filling material, freeing the dentist to work on another patient. The Dental Society has been in the forefront of promoting the use of EFDA's in New Hampshire.

The NH Board of Dental Examiners first promulgated rules governing the certification and employment of EFDA's in the state in the summer of 2013. That fall, NHTI began a study on the feasibility of starting an EFDA certificate program at the college. The study examined several states which already have EFDA programs, including Maine, Vermont, Pennsylvania and Ohio, and surveyed New Hampshire dentists regarding their interests in employing EFDA's. The study also considered curriculum and budgetary requirements.

Of the nearly 300 dentists who responded to NHTI's survey, about one-third felt that their practice could support and utilize an EFDA, and the majority of those were prepared to pay at least some of the cost of training that individual.

NHTI will be launching its new program in the spring of 2016. In order to meet the Board of Examiners' requirements for EFDA certification, the curriculum includes 50 hours of didactic (classroom) training, and 100 hours of pre-clinical training in the school's dental labs. The program will start with a 1-week intensive class in May, then switch to bi-monthly sessions meeting Thursday, Friday and Saturday throughout the summer months, culminating with another 1-week intensive in August. This is followed by six weeks of clinical training in a dental office (in most cases, the office where the student is already employed) under the supervision of both a dentist and an NHTI faculty member.

Once training is complete, the student need only register with the Board of Examiners to begin functioning as an EFDA. Continuing education and periodic renewal of EFDA certification will be required.

For more information contact **Lynnea Adams**, CDA, BA, EFDA Program Coordinator, (603) 271-6484 x4217 or ladams@ccsnh.edu.



Engineering Limbs for Life

Michael Elliott, MET 2014, joined the Marine Corps right out of high school and was stationed in Japan for three years. He joined the Army reserves after his time with the corps, and served in Afghanistan for most of 2011.

After Michael returned to the states he knew he wanted to go back to school, his ultimate goal being to work with prosthetics. "Knowing people who have needed them, and seeing some of the struggles they go through, I really want to design better and newer prosthetics," he says.



Michael looked into the Mechanical Engineering Technology (MET) program at NHTI and saw how hands-on it was. He also read about the dual enrollment program between NHTI and UNH Manchester's MET program, and decided to take advantage of it.

Michael says he enjoyed his two years at NHTI, where he was exposed not only to classes in the MET major, but also to electives including fine arts and foreign language. With his deployments, Michael had picked a smattering of other languages. But in his sophomore year at NHTI he took American Sign Language (ASL) for his foreign language requirement and fell in love with it.

After earning his associate degree and transferring to UNH Manchester, Michael continued to take ASL classes, aiming for an ASL and Deaf Studies minor. Meanwhile he has been able to apply his education directly to his dream. At UNH this semester he and a group of students are looking at prosthetics to see how they can be improved.

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6th Annual Winter Fling and “Dancing with the Concord Stars!”

People in the greater Concord area just cannot get enough of “Dancing with the Concord Stars” -- part of Winter Fling, NHTI’s only major fundraising event, held each January. For the 6th straight year, it was a sold-out crowd of more than 500 people!

This year there were 10 couples vying for the top two awards, Best Overall and The People’s Choice Award. The dancers were coached and mentored by dance teachers from Concord Dance Academy, Let’s Dance Studio and Creative Dance Workshop.

Winter Fling 2016 raised more than \$48,000 for the President’s Fund for Excellence. The President’s Fund allows the College to pay for the highest priority needs for academic programs, student scholarships and purchasing high-end technology. Since 2011, Winter Fling audiences have raised nearly \$270,000 for NHTI!



Gerry Tautkus and Julie Lacey (above) won “Best Theme” for their Kitty-Kat routine. Gerry and Julie work at Merrimack County Savings Bank, which has had dancers in all six Winter Fling events.

Claudia Urbina and Shawn Buck (below) won “Best Overall” as awarded by the Judge’s Panel. Claudia is an Adjunct Professor at NHTI.



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Dana Ordway and Jane Tewksbury (above) get down -- literally. It’s no wonder they took home the “Best Footwork” award.



Why, yes, that is Tom Raffio (left), President and CEO of Northeast Delta Dental! Tom’s dance number with Karen Welch (a 1987 graduate of NHTI, and longtime employee of Northeast Delta Dental) was a rip-roaring crowd pleaser. Tom and Karen (below) won “The People’s Choice Award.”





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In this issue of the NHTI Alumni News, you'll find coupons for various Concord-based restaurants and specialty shops. These are some of 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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Ten New IT Certificates

There is a growing demand for Information Technology (IT) professionals in New Hampshire. State government job growth projections range from 7.4% through 30.8% through 2022 for various IT fields (www.nhes.nh.gov/elmi/products/proj.htm).

In response, NHTI introduced ten new Information Technology (IT) certificate

programs this spring. Most of these programs are designed to help students prepare efficiently for professional certification and qualify for entry level to mid-range jobs in the IT field. Classes can be taken day or evening, or up to 100% online. The new programs include:



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- IT Entry Level Networking Certificate
- IT Hardware & Software Certificate
- IT Network Associate Certificate
- IT Security Certificate
- IT Virtualization Certificate
- IT VoIP (Voice Over IP) Certificate
- Linux Certificate
- Microsoft Servers Certificate

NHTI's Information Technology department also offers a two-year Associate Degree program, and certificate programs in tech support and applications development.

For more information about NHTI's Information Technology programs visit www.nhti.edu/academics/programs-study/computer-programs or contact Department Head **Tom Laurie** at (603) 271-6484 x4320 or tlaurie@ccsnh.edu.

NHTI is offering these certificates under a program sponsored by a \$2.5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment & Training Administration, TAACCCT Grant Agreement #TC-26498-14-60-A-33.



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**Start Here, Go Anywhere ...
even if it's your own home town**

Growing up in the tiny town of Washington, NH, **Noah Chidester** knew early on that he wanted to be a landscaper. At age 13 he started sending out letters to find work ... "mostly doing odd jobs for the older ladies around town," he admits, "but it was a start." His reputation grew, and he was able to focus more and more on landscaping.



After high school, Noah sought out NHTI's two-year Landscape and Environmental Design (LED) Associate Degree program. "I felt lucky to have this opportunity so close by," he says. "There aren't many landscape programs around here. All the teachers were good. I was able to learn not only theory, but the construction portion as well, which is part of what I do now."

Noah stood out in the LED program, winning a \$1500 Pearson Scholarship from the NH Landscaping Association (NHLA). He was named the Outstanding Second Year Student in the program in his senior year, and graduated with high honors in May 2015. In June, the NHLA News published an extensive cover article by Noah based on work he did as an intern with the Sullivan County Conservation District while he was a student at NHTI. (The article is available at www.nhlaonline.org/publications/2015_06_NHLA-web.pdf.)

Recently, Noah was able to take over the client list of a retiring landscaper in his beloved hometown. He is now on the verge of incorporating his own landscaping business, turning what has always been his passion into an official career. And he's back at NHTI, working on a Certificate in Business Management. "Now that I actually have a business," he says, "I probably ought to know what I'm doing."

He may need a few business courses, but it's pretty clear that Noah Chidester knows what he's doing.




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NHTI Celebrates 50 Years of Excellence in Education!

On Saturday, October 3, 2015, the College invited its 12,000+ alumni back to campus for a 50th Birthday Gala! The event included a full day of free activities including a 5K race, pickup games for alumni from five different men's and women's sports teams, "Back to Class" lectures and demonstrations in over a dozen academic fields, Lynx team games in five different intercollegiate sports, a BBQ/beer tent, activities for kids, and an Ice Cream Social. Evening activities included the official premier of NHTI's 50th Anniversary commemorative book and video, followed by food, drinks and dancing in Capital Commons. The following are just a few photos to commemorate that epic celebration!



Founding Folks Dave Bashaw and Nadine Strout, widow of first NHTI's President Dr. George M. Strout.



NHTI's Dental Department came out in force at the 50th Anniversary gala, including all five Dental Department Heads! From left, Sue Box, Cheryl Dorfman, Carolyn Hartnett, Donna Clougherty and Deb Albrecht.



Past President Lynn Kilchenstein enjoys the 50th Gala with husband Paul.



George Dobrowski graduated in the first class of 1966 with a degree in Electronic Engineering Technology. Here he stands with his yearbook photo at the 50th Anniversary Gala. Thank you, George, for coming all the way from Texas to join the fun!



Ron Wills, 1969 MET graduate (center) played on NHTI's first ever baseball team. Here he stands with current Lynx baseball players Gavin McFarland (left) and Max Legier.



Ken Mazzochi stands next to his "Party like a rock star" yearbook photo at the 50th Anniversary gala. Ken graduated in 1987 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology.



NHTI coaches, alumni athletes and current student athletes gathered to celebrate NHTI's 50th Anniversary.

50th Anniversary - \$50,000 from 50 Companies!

In the summer of 2014, the 50th Anniversary Planning Committee set a goal to raise \$50,000 from 50 companies. It was ambitious, but we did it!

The donor list below reads like a “Who’s Who” of major corporations, local companies and individuals, all committed to honoring 50 years of excellence in education at NHTI, Concord’s Community College.

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• Alumni Updates •

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Ray LaFlamme

received his degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology. He is a Senior Project Manager at Computer Generated Solutions.

1983

Glenn Tilton

received his degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology. He went on to the University of New Hampshire to get his Bachelor's in Engineering Technology. While he was at NHTI he received the President's Award, and was a member of the Schem Honor Society and Who's Who. Glenn is a Business Development Manager for electronics products in the Aerospace, Space and Test & Measurement Markets.

1986

Timothy Hawthorne

graduated with a degree in Paramedic Education and furthered his education at Providence College, earning his Bachelor's in Fire Science in 1994.

Timothy is a Consultant Engineer and does loss prevention for a world-wide commercial property insurance provider. Timothy identifies exposures to both property and business interruptions, and engineers solutions to help keep his clients profitable. He resides in Layton, Utah.

1992

Patricia Tucker

got her degree in Alcoholism Counseling. She furthered her education at the College of Lifelong Learning in Concord, NH. Patricia worked for the State of New Hampshire at the Multiple Offenders Program for 12 years, and then at Concord Hospital for 11 years as a Substance Abuse Counselor. She has also had a private substance abuse treatment practice in Tilton for 15 years.

Patricia says she meets many people in the field who have graduated from "The Tech" and have very successful jobs. She said they always have a good time discussing how wonderful "The Tech" was and what a great education they received there.

1995

Steven Dube

got his degree in Architectural Engineering Technology. He earned his Bachelor's degree at Boston Architectural College. Steven is employed with Elkus Manfredi Architects in Boston Massachusetts as a Senior Associate.

2002

Pattie Anne (Chapman) O'Connell

earned a Certificate in Special Education. Pattie Anne is a Business Operations Coordinator and works for Junior Achievement of Arkansas, a non-profit organization that brings financial literacy and work readiness into classrooms from Kindergarten through High School. She manages office operations and

oversees the AT&T Aspire program, which gives students who are at high risk of not completing high school the opportunity to spend a day at the AT&T facilities in Little Rock to learn about opportunities they could have if they finished high school.

Pattie Anne married her High School sweetheart, Peter F. O'Connell (Lt. Col-Retired USAF), in June of 2014.

2003

Christopher French

graduated with a degree in Paramedic Emergency Medicine. He went to University of Maine at Augusta, majoring in Public Administration with a concentration in Allied Health. He is a paramedic for Franklin Memorial Hospital in Farmington, Maine. Christopher is married to Amy and has two daughters, Ryleigh and Nora.

Christopher says, "NHTI changed my life and gave me the direction necessary to become successful. It was a wonderful experience and I am glad to have been instructed by the likes of Nancy, Marty, and Bob. Thank you!"

2011

Walter Kropavich

received a Certificate in Management. He is now attending the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, with a Major in M.P.A., expecting to graduate in May 2016. Walter has also received the Dean's Certificate of Distinguished Service. After graduation, Walter hopes to settle in the D.C. area and start a family.

Walter writes: "The interactive classes at NHTI made it different from many other schools. Only NHTI provided interactive projects and tools that allowed me to test my knowledge and skills during class instead of learning theory alone. I wish more colleges and universities would adopt this approach, especially at the graduate level."

Shaun McDougall

graduated with a degree in Criminal Justice. He attended the Austin Police Department Training Academy, and will be attending the Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) Regional Law Enforcement Academy starting in 2016 to obtain a license which will allow him to work at any law enforcement agency in Texas. Shaun's ultimate plan is to eventually "go Federal" with either the FBI or US Marshals. Currently, "I have a great job working at the University Medical Center Brackenridge with the Hospital Police/Security Department and moving up the chain."

Shaun writes: "My NHTI experience was very valuable and I learned a lot of valuable skills I still use to this day. My CJ Instructors Professor O'Donnell and Professor Raymond were always there for me and assisted me in my career path. I know I made the right choice in attending NHTI."

2012

Cody Morrison

graduated with a degree in Criminal Justice, and got his bachelor's degree at Franklin Pierce University. He is currently an Intern to District 1 Executive Councilor Joseph D. Kenney, working on event promotion, constituent and media outreach, and on the restructure of the Executive Council Internship Program.

2015

Kyrre Robicheau

graduated with a degree in Business Administration. She works for the Town of Exeter, NH in an IT position. She says she is taking some time to find out what interests her, but definitely looks forward to getting back to school!

• Engagements • and • Weddings •

Davis '12 – Near '11

Ashlee Davis and Tim Near are pleased to announce their engagement. Ashlee is a graduate of NHTI with a degree in Hospitality and Tourism Management. Tim is also a graduate, with a degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology. Their wedding will be in Kennebunkport, Maine, where they got engaged.

Erickson – McNaught '11

Kelsey Erickson and Sean McNaught are engaged. Kelsey attended NHTI to major in Visual Arts. She is the Business Manager for Paradise Valley Stamp Company, and owns her own knitting business. Sean earned a degree in Information Technology and works for the NH Department of Information Technology. A March wedding is planned.

Gurnee – Porter

Sue Gurnee of Deerfield and John Porter of Boscawen announce their engagement. Sue is a graduate of Pembroke Academy and attended NHTI. She has worked for the New Hampshire Department of Transportation for nearly 20 years. John Porter is a graduate of Lebanon High School and the University of NH, Cornell University, and Bob Jones University. Prior to his retirement, he was state dairy specialist for the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension. John now works part-time for UNH, operates his own dairy consulting business, and serves as a part-time guidance counselor for Trinity Christian School in Concord. A February 2016 wedding was planned.

Henry '13 – O'Rourke

Brooke Henry and Patrick O'Rourke were married September 26, 2015, in Portsmouth, NH. Brooke earned a Nursing degree and is a Registered Nurse at Concord Hospital. Patrick attended NHTI and is a Security Guard at Concord Hospital. The couple took a honeymoon to Jeffersonville, Vermont and reside in Concord.

LeBlanc '09 – Gagne '07

Laura LeBlanc and Kyle Gagne were married on June 6, 2015. Kyle graduated from NHTI in 2007 with a degree in Architectural Engineering Technology. He received his Master's in Architecture from Wentworth Institute of Technology, and is now working as an architectural engineer in Boston, MA. Laura graduated from NHTI in 2009 with a dual degree in Human Services and General Studies. Having earned her Bachelor's degree in psychology from New England College, Laura is currently working as a housing case manager.



• In Memory •

Allen

Nicole Lynn Allen, 26, of Concord, died suddenly on January 18, 2016. Nicole grew up in Meredith, and graduated from Inter-Lakes High School Class of 2006. She attended SNHU and NHTI for Business Administration.

Charnley (Kenney) '93

Robin (Kenney) Charnley, 60, of Derry, passed away on February 16, 2016. Robin graduated from the Waltham Vocational School of Nursing as an LPN, and earned an Associate's Degree in Nursing at NHTI in 1993. Robin was employed as a RN Case Manager with St. Joseph Hospital for the past 4 years, and had previously been employed with Health Dialogue in Manchester as well as other medical practices throughout her nursing career.

Manthey

Cather Goulet Manthey, 75, of Manchester, died November 24, 2015. She earned her Bachelor's Degree from Bradford Durfee College of Technology, and a Master's Degree from Fordham University. Prior to her retirement she worked as Mathematics Professor at NHTI.

Parker '97

Carrie Ann Parker, age 38, passed away on January 20, 2016. Carrie earned an Associate Degree in Human Services from NHTI. She was an organ donor, and the family takes great comfort in knowing that because of Carrie's selfless and generous nature, with her last act of kindness, others may live on.

Robinson (Norcutt)

Denise (Norcutt) Robinson died peacefully at her home on January 3, 2016. She attended NHTI from 1971 to 1972. Denise worked for many years for Blue Cross Blue Shield and rose to the position of Director of Utilization Review. Denise was an intelligent and dedicated individual who loved hosting family and friends at her home, and was passionate about spending time with her family, especially her beloved granddaughter Evelyn.

Scarponi '79

Edmund "Ronnie" Scarponi, 70, passed away at his home unexpectedly. He was a graduate of Portsmouth High School, and served in the U.S. Army for three years. Ronnie went on to receive his Associate's Degree from NHTI in 1979. Ron worked as a bartender for several years, and then went on to work for the U.S. Postal service, from which he had recently retired after 28 years of service.

Sufat

Robert J. Sufat, 81, passed away on December 22, 2015, at the VA Medical Center. He attended local schools and the New Hampshire Technical Institute. Bob was a man of few words, but he was a mentor and his presence was felt by many. He worked as a mechanic at the Manchester Water Works for more than 25 years. His knowledge of cars and mechanics was welcomed and appreciated by family and friends. Bob enjoyed camping in Laconia with his late companion, Bev, and his nephew Danny. He was a loyal fan of all New England sports. He was a good guy and will truly be missed by his family and friends.

Wade '15

Tyler Douglas Wade, 24, of Tamworth and Meredith, died on February 8, 2016. Tyler was an Inter-Lakes High School graduate, class of 2010, and received an Associate's Degree in Technical Theater from Johnson State College, Johnson, Vermont. He also received an Associate's Degree in Addiction Counseling from NHTI. Tyler worked as lead carpenter for the Barnstormers in Tamworth, NH, and also volunteered for the Inter-Lakes Middle and High School Theater departments, and for The Village Players in Wolfeboro. He enjoyed target shooting, being outdoors, and spending time with his family, friends and his dog Gertie.

Wright

Irene C. Wright, 88, passed on December 5, 2015. Irene was born in Ayr, Scotland in 1927. She came to the United States during the war, and met William Nixon (Nick) Wright while attending Keene Teacher's College. They married in Scotland in March 1952. When they returned to the United States Irene held a variety of teaching positions in New York and New England as Nick's job required frequent moves. When the family, now including two children, returned to New Hampshire in 1971, Irene became the Principal of Salisbury Elementary, then Loudon Elementary and finally Pleasant Street School in Laconia. Irene continued to teach and work with a variety of schools -- including NHTI -- until she retired at age 80. She received many awards for her work in education.

Whitley

Kevin Harrison Whitley, 19, passed away July 13, 2015, due to head injuries suffered during a long boarding accident. Kevin graduated from Bow High School and was studying Computer Science at UNH and also attending NHTI.



Tyler Yeaton attended NHTI in 2011-12, majoring in General Studies with a focus on exercise science. He was recently hired by the Boston Celtics as their associate strength and conditioning coach. He is also head strength coach for the Red Claws, a Celtics affiliate team in Maine. Here Ty stands in the Celtics weight room, wearing one of Shaq's shoes!

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Heroin Panel Features

NHTI Faces

On Tuesday Feb 23, NHTI hosted a panel discussion on “Many Faces of Heroin” in Sweeney Auditorium. Although the presenters offered many different perspectives on the opioid epidemic currently sweeping New Hampshire and the nation, almost all had strong ties to the NHTI community.

The presentation led off with **Eric Adams**, a Laconia police officer who is also



a current student in NHTI's Addiction Counseling program. Eric started his law enforcement career in 2000 as

a corrections officer with the State of NH. He joined the Tilton Police Department in 2004, and worked as an undercover narcotics detective with the NH Attorney General's office in 2005. In 2012 he joined the Laconia PD, and in 2014 he became Laconia's drug prevention, enforcement and treatment coordinator.

Eric now works directly with individuals suffering from substance abuse disorders. He told stories of his successes – and his failures – in trying to get such people into treatment. In 2015 Eric made contact with over 100 users. Seventy-eight of them eventually started some form of treatment, and 36 of them have been clean for at least 60 days.

The success of Eric's efforts has gained him statewide and even national attention. Police departments from around New Hampshire and across the country are adopting Laconia's methods, and Eric himself was recently profiled by CNN. www.cnn.com/2016/02/05/health/new-hampshire-heroin-tactics/

The next speaker was **Shawn Riley**, a 1990 graduate of NHTI's Paramedic program and currently Laconia's Deputy Fire Chief. Shawn spoke primarily about Narcan, an “opioid blocker” which can be used to reverse the effects of a heroin overdose.



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As a paramedic, Shawn has had access to Narcan throughout his 25-year career and administered it countless times. But in the wake of the current heroin epidemic, Narcan has been made more readily available to the general public in hopes of reducing the alarming number of overdose deaths – over 250 in New Hampshire last year.

Some claim that easy access to Narcan merely “enables” heroin users by making the use of the drug less risky. But Shawn argues that people who are hooked on opioids will use the drug regardless of risk; that is the nature of addiction. “I've actually had people ask me, ‘Why did you save that guy? You should have just let him die.’ But my job is saving lives, not passing judgment. Everybody who lives is somebody who might someday get into treatment and turn his life around. You can't get into treatment when you're dead.”

The third speaker, NHTI Nursing Prof. **Amy Thompson**, has treated many drug overdose victims in her fifteen years in the emergency room. She backed up much of what Shawn had to say about Narcan, but added some cautionary notes about the safety of administering the drug.



“Think about why they took heroin in the first place. They did it to get high.

Narcan may save their life, but it takes that high away. They don't like that. Some of them can get violent.”

Peter DalPra, an NHTI alum, is now the Program Director of Phoenix House in Dublin, NH. (Phoenix House is a national drug and alcohol treatment program with over a hundred facilities across the country.) He is also a licensed alcohol and drug counselor with an independent practice, and a member of the Human Services faculty at NHTI.



Peter introduced a “surprise” fifth speaker, a resident of Phoenix House now in his sixth month of recovery. This young man spoke honestly about his descent into addiction, which for him went by way of alcohol and prescription painkillers, and the slow and painful path back to sobriety. His story put a very human face on the problems the others had spoken about in more abstract terms.

In the Q&A session that followed, many of the questions came from older audience members wanting to know what parents could do to protect their children from drugs. The general response from the panelists was that open communication and honest conversations about drugs needed to start at a very young age.

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