

NHTI

Alumni News

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Accomplished, Riveting... And Elite!

“My daughter Abby just celebrated two years as the co-business owner of Elite Performance Automotive in Concord,” begins an email from Dana Biscotti Myskowski. “Seeing the call for the ‘Rosies of NHTI’ in the last alumni newsletter, I think she would make a riveting story – but I am a bit biased!”

Riveting indeed.

At the tender age of 24, **Abigail “Abby” Myskowski** has already accomplished more than some folks twice her age. A resident of Henniker, NH, Abby attended John Stark High School in Weare for a brief time.

“It was difficult,” Abby remembers, “In a way, it was difficult because it seemed too easy for me. The bottom line was that I was bored.” She was earning straight A’s in honors classes when she asked her mom to consider homeschooling her, as her older brother had done. A professor at UNH Manchester, Dana readily agreed.

“At age 15, Abby’s math skills were beyond mine so we signed her up for a math class at NHTI,” Dana recalls. After six months of homeschooling and having passed her 16th birthday, Abby tested and passed her General Educational Development (GED) requirement. Then she enrolled full-time at NHTI.

“I had been accepted to a state university in Vermont,” Abby says, “but you were not allowed to have a car on campus for the first two years. I really wanted that freedom and I was already familiar with NHTI. Since I really didn’t know what I wanted to do, it was the perfect choice for me.”

She especially loved the one-to-one time with her professors



Abby Myskowski, ’11 Associate in Liberal Arts, stands with business (and life) partner, Johnny Reed. Ammo is their beloved dog who spends his days with his humans at Elite Performance Automotive. (Photo credit: Jan P. Myskowski, Abby’s father.)

at NHTI. Majoring in Liberal Arts, Abby took classes in photography, woodworking, ceramics, and drawing.

“One of my favorite classes was sports psychology. There I was, the one person with absolutely no knowledge of sports, surrounded by athletes,” Abby laughs. “It was the best course, and I learned so much!”

In 2011, Abby graduated from NHTI with honors. Most impressive is the fact that Abby earned her Associate Degree at age 18, while her peers were graduating from high school.

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Working for & Opening Her Own Small Business

Drive and determination were evident from Abby’s early teen years. Since age 14, Abby has worked for small businesses including Dunkin Donuts and St. George’s Café in Henniker. She worked for a time at Pats Peak ski resort. At each place of employment, Abby was consistently drawn to leadership and management roles because of her desire to know about all aspects of the business. She majored in business administration at Southern New Hampshire University, with the hope of one day owning her own business.

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Alumni Give Back to Students

In October 2016, Professor **Melanie Martel** welcomed two NHTI alumni to her College Success course.

Electronic Engineering Technology grads **Susan Dodge '83** and **Marc Dionne '80** spoke to students about preparing for job interviews. The students enjoyed the real-world perspective that Susan and Marc offered.



From left: **Melanie Martel**, Professor and Department Head for General Studies, **Susan Dodge**, EET '83, **Dr. Susan B. Dunton**, President of NHTI, and **Marc Dionne**, EET '80.

13th Annual NHTI Northeast Delta Dental 5K Road Race

Friday, April 21 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.

Save \$, register before race day!

NHTI Offers Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary Program

With the help of the New Hampshire Dental Society and Northeast Delta Dental, NHTI recently implemented an Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary (EFDA) Program to expand the credentials and skills of dental assistants and dental hygienists in order to elevate their role in caring for dental patients.

"The need for people trained in dentistry is on the rise," says NHTI's **Lynnea Adams**, CDA, BA, who is the EFDA program coordinator at the college. "Having this program up and running is an important development for nonprofits and private practices because it trains dental assistants and dental hygienists to administer advanced care, while allowing dental teams to help more patients each day."

Dental assistants and hygienists with EFDA certification are qualified to place, contour and adjust the materials used in restorative procedures, following the removal of decay by the dentist. NHTI's rigorous eight-week program takes place from June to December and is offered through NHTI's Business Training Center. Tuition for the program is currently \$6,500.

After completing NHTI's 270-hour training program, which includes 120 hours of clinical training with a sponsoring dentist, EFDA candidates must register with the NH Board of Dental Examiners. An EFDA must work under the direct supervision of a licensed New Hampshire dentist, and complete additional continuing education coursework every two years.

The first class of ten students entered the EFDA program in May 2016 and completed their clinical training in the fall. They now play key roles within their respective dental practices, allowing those practices to run more efficiently while helping to treat more patients.



"I love being an EFDA!" says **Misty Griffin**, CDA, EFDA, of Riverview Dental Associates in Concord, who is among those first ten graduates. "I have a lot more freedom. I choose who I'm going to work on, and can see more patients who are underserved. I'm more knowledgeable, and the patients think it's wonderful. This is what I've been waiting for."

To learn more about NHTI's EFDA program and its admission requirements, contact Lynnea Adams at ladams@ccsnh.edu or (603) 271-6484 x4217.

Misty Griffin, one of the first graduates of NHTI's EFDA program, works on a patient at Riverview Dental Associates.

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In the email Dana recalls that when Abby graduated from SNHU in 2013, she “wasn’t old enough to toast her success with champagne.” What Abby recalls is her disappointment in earning a 3.99 GPA at SNHU, “all because I got two A minuses!”

Elite Performance Automotive – Quality and People First

In her first month at NHTI, Abby met Johnny Reed, her boyfriend and now business partner. Johnny is an accomplished automotive mechanic and technician, who had much experience building and repairing cars and enjoyed most of his days in the garage when Abby met him. Together they built a 1987 Pontiac Fiero for Abby, and the rest is history. Abby and Johnny worked together for a couple of years at an automobile shop in southern NH. Their teamwork and complementary skills pushed them to succeed at whatever work they performed together. Because Johnny had always wanted to open his own garage, and Abby had a lot of business experience, it seemed only natural they would launch their own shop. Elite Performance Automotive opened in Concord, NH in 2014.

“I wrote a business plan with the idea that we always put quality and people first,” Abby says. “Over the last couple of years, we’ve been dedicated to finding a balance between growing the business and building our future. In the past year alone, we have doubled our customer base so it’s very exciting.”

At Elite Performance, Abby and Johnny have a solid commitment to put quality first in their work. Abby stresses, “We believe that quality always comes first, but we offer it at the best possible cost we can.” In August, Elite Performance Automotive will celebrate its third anniversary.

Abby Myskowski: A high school graduate at age 16; an Associate Degree at age 18; a Bachelor’s Degree at age 20; and a small business owner at age 21.

Riveting indeed!



Not only does Abby run the office at Elite Performance Group (scheduling, customer service, accounts payable / receivable, inventory, bookkeeping) she also lends a hand under the hood. Abby credits Johnny with teaching her “most” of what she knows about cars.

Alumni Help Business Programs Gain Reaccreditation



In Fall 2016, the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) came to NHTI for a site visit, meeting with faculty, staff, students and alumni from NHTI’s various business programs.

Graduates of the business majors came back to campus and joined representatives from ACBSP for lunch on September 27, 2016. Pictured below from left to right: **Stacie Harriman**, 2008 Business Administration; **John Godfrey**, 2015 Hospitality and Tourism Management; **Michelle Audet**, 2009 Travel and Tourism Management; **Ashlee Davis**, 2012 Hospitality and Tourism Management; and **Britney Streeter**, 2011 Business Administration.

Originally accredited in 2005, the business programs at NHTI (including Accounting, Business Management, Sports Management and Hospitality and Tourism Management) were reaccredited for an additional 10 years. Congratulations!

7th Annual Winter Fling and “Dancing with the Concord Stars!”

For the seventh straight year, NHTI’s signature fundraiser drew a sellout crowd of more than 500 people! This year there were eleven couples vying for the top two prizes, Best Overall and The People’s Choice Award. The dancers were coached by teachers from Concord Dance Academy, NV Dance Productions, Let’s Dance Studio and Creative Dance Workshop.

After the contest the fun continued as partygoers danced the night away to the music of Club Soda Band.

Winter Fling 2017 raised \$52,000 for the President’s Fund for Excellence. The President’s Fund allows the College to pay for its highest priority needs for academic programs, student scholarships and high-end technology. Since 2011, Winter Fling has raised over \$320,000 for NHTI!



Left: Amanda Orlowskyj of Salon K and Craig Thibaudeau of Granite State Gymnastics took “Best Technical Skills” and “Best Overall.”



Right: NH Humanities’ Kathy Mathis and her husband Jeff of BAE Systems performed a rumba that was rated “Most Dramatic” by the judges.

Below: Tammy Amnott of Farms and Barns Real Estate and Tony Schinella of the Concord PATCH earned “Most Creative” and the “People’s Choice Award” with thier Jazz Theater number.



Left: Jane Koliass of NH Audubon and Phil Braley of Cleveland, Waters & Bass won “Best Costume.” Meow!



Below: NHTI alumni Jess Hardiman ‘12 and Chad Johnson ‘13 (now a professor in the IT department) performed a Broadway-style number that received the “Most Theatrical” award from the judges’ panel.





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Three Professors Retire from NHTI



Robert "Bob" Arredondo began at NHTI in 1997. He served for many years as the Department Head of both the Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering Technology departments. After nearly 20 years with the College, we wish Bob the best in his retirement



Gale Hall recently retired from NHTI's Early Childhood Education department. Having started her career with NHTI in 1998, Professor Hall served as the Department Head of ECE for a number of years.

For many years, **Steve O'Donnell** has been a favorite of NHTI students studying Criminal Justice. Steve recently retired after 22 years with NHTI but he will continue teaching as an Adjunct Professor.

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Meranda Chandler '15, Early Childhood Education, Returns "Home"

Meranda Chandler came to live at Kurn Hattin Homes for Children -- a private philanthropic home and school for children from 5 to 15 in Westminster, VT -- when she was 6 years old. She lived and studied there for nine years, went off to boarding school and NHTI, and now has returned -- as a houseparent!

When Meranda graduated from Kurn Hattin, she went to Milton Hershey, a high school in Hershey, Penn. "I've been in boarding school all my life," she says, "but I knew it was best for me, a great opportunity."

She says that Milton Hershey, a much bigger school, prepared her for living on her own at college. "Your senior year they let you live in a dorm they call Transitional Living," she explains. "When you live in TL, you're pretty much on your own. They expect you to do what you need to do on your own, without them telling you to do things at a certain time."

"Luckily I had that experience in my senior year," she went on. "When I went to college I realized it was the same thing. At MHS we had a staff that was there to make sure everything was OK, and it was similar to living in a college dorm with a resident advisor."

Immediately after graduating from Milton Hershey, Chandler enrolled at NHTI, where she earned an associate degree in Early Childhood Education. "I always dreamed of working with kids," she says. "I have many goals in life. I love fashion and want to be a fashion designer, but there's something about kids — they always make me smile."

She was sitting in the living room with her mother when they saw an ad for the houseparent position at Kurn Hattin.

"I thought, Why not apply?" Chandler remembers. "I have the credentials for it, I have the background, I'm familiar with it — why not try it? I applied, and a month later I got a call."

Meranda's job at Kurn Hattin, is wide-ranging. "A houseparent is pretty much like a mother-father role," she explains. "I wake them up for school, make sure they're dressed appropriately — we have a school dress code — make sure they get to sports on time and homework is done, make sure they address their physical and emotional needs. It's a typical family role."

"Each week can be different," she continues. "There might be a long week, but this is my home. As a houseparent we do so much in general, making sure the kids are ready for sports, music, performance, families ... the downside could be, we don't sleep. But it's worth it. There's nothing better than waking up and realizing that you're improving a child's life; you're making them feel loved."

Meranda feels that her experience growing up at Kurn Hattin helps her relate to the children in her charge. "I always tell them, I know your point of view, I was once a student here," she says. "They look at me and realize, She's right. They're going to be fine. I always tell them — they're fine."

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Meranda Chandler, a houseparent at Kurn Hattin Homes for Children, reads to some of the students in her charge.

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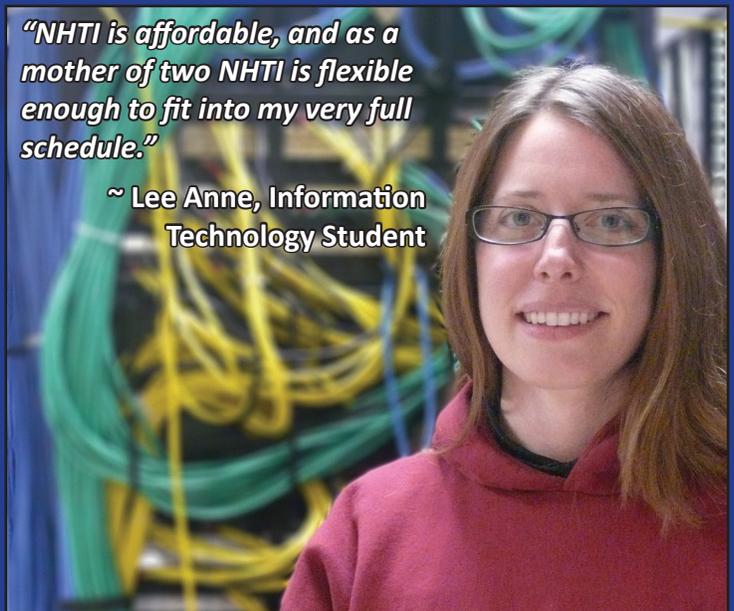
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Meet Bill the Beer Brewer!

Bill Walden, '96 Helps Instruct NHTI Students on the Art & Science of Brewing Craft Beer

Could you imagine having two exciting and rewarding careers – happening at the same time? **Bill Walden** can because he does!

Bill earned his degree in Paramedic Emergency Medicine from NHTI in 1996. He attended Western Wisconsin Technical Institute in LaCrosse Wisconsin, where he gained a degree in Respiratory Therapy.

Today he works as a Respiratory Therapist at Concord Hospital. What is the second exciting career? It's being the co-owner and craft beer brewer at OddBall Brewing in Suncook, NH.

Having been an avid home brewer since 2001, Bill says, "I've dreamed about opening a small, local brewery to create imaginative, well-crafted, great tasting beer."

In 2014, Bill's wife, Sherri (a 2005 graduate of NHTI's nursing program) found the perfect location for the brewery. After spending 15 months doing demolition and then construction with business partner, Mark Ferguson, OddBall Brewing opened its doors in November 2015.

"The business is designed around who we are as individuals, and follows our moral and ethical compasses," explains Bill. "One of our core tenets is to be part of the community and to be educators about the wonderful world of beer."

When a colleague at Concord Hospital mentioned that NHTI was offering a

new course – CHEM 115C Brewing: the Science Behind Beer – Bill immediately seized the opportunity to get involved. He contacted Professor **Tracey Lesser** and offered OddBall Brewing as a place for students to learn the craft.

On Giving Back to NHTI Students

Bill isn't new to the idea of giving back to NHTI students.

"As an NHTI graduate, I've been able to act as a preceptor to subsequent classes of Paramedic students," Bill explains. "I did this as both a Paramedic as well as in my current capacity as a Respiratory Therapist. Opening OddBall to Professor Lesser's students seemed a natural way for me to continue giving back to NHTI. Mark and I look forward to a great working relationship with Professor Lesser, the students and with the College."



Bill Walden, '96 speaks with students Addison Linter, Greg Card and Steve LaFave at OddBall Brewing in February 2017.



Future craft brewers of New Hampshire! The class at OddBall Brewing in February (from left): Greg Card, Steve LaFave, Pat Bolton, Cheyenne Schwalbe, Kat Nutter, Bridget Prince, Rene Desmarais, Addison Linter, Sue Gardner and Kalibb Vaillancort.

Building Inspector Program Honors First Graduates

On January 11, 2017 at the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Hall in Concord, NHTI and 50 members of the New Hampshire Building Officials Association honored the first six graduates of one of the school's newest programs, the Building Inspector and Plans Examiner (BIPE) Certificate Program. The new certificate holders – four men and two women – hailed from across the Granite State: **Bill Booth** of Nottingham, **Mike Cummings** of Allenstown, **Norma Ditri** of Keene, **Steve Martin** of Concord, **Dawn Michaud** of Nashua, and **Corey Rider** of Wolfeboro.



Left to right: **Tedd Evans**, Chief Building Inspector, City of Concord and NHTI Instructor; **Steve Caccia**, VP of Student Affairs, NHTI; **Dr. Susan Denton**, President, NHTI; new graduates **Bill Booth**, **Norma Ditri**, **Dawn Michaud**, **Corey Rider**, **Mike Cummings** and **Steve Martin**; **Bill McKinney**, VP, NH Building Officials Association; and **Bill Nash**, International Code Council representative.

Launched in Fall 2015, this three-semester, 18-credit-hour program prepares students to critically examine permit applications and plans for residential, commercial, and other building types, and to subsequently ensure that the construction of buildings with permits is conducted in accordance and within the provisions of relevant building codes. The program can help experienced construction workers transition into a new career, or provide the foundation of a new career for those just out of high school.

Tedd Evans, Chief Building Inspector for the City of Concord and an instructor in the program says, "Many of the people currently working in this profession are baby boomers, and will be retiring soon. Unfortunately we're finding it difficult to attract younger people to the profession to replace them.

"Many people now working as inspectors got into it mid-career, like I did, after working in the construction world. But we had to learn on-the-job because there was no place to get training, especially for things like construction law. NHTI's new certificate program would put anyone – even a high school graduate with no construction experience – at the top of the list for an inspector's position, because they would already have the theoretical knowledge required."

New BIPE graduate Dawn Michaud, who currently works as a Plans Examiner for the City of Nashua, says, "I feel very lucky to be part of this fledgling program – the only one of its kind in the nation." With some 85% of New Hampshire's inspectors approaching retirement age, Dawn says that expanding her skill set will open up a wide variety of jobs she can perform, enlarging her choice of occupations in the future.

The BIPE program meets in the evening, and is financial aid eligible. All courses are three credits. Students may sign up for individual courses, as well as for the certificate.

For more information visit www.nhti.edu/academics/programs-study/engineering-technology-programs, or contact Admissions at (603) 230-4011 or nhtiadm@ccsnh.edu.

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• Alumni Updates •

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Charles O. Stevens

earned a degree in Electrical Engineering Technology from NHTI in 1967, and a Bachelor's degree from Northeastern University in the same field. He began his career as a senior technical associate for Bell Telephone Laboratories in Holmdel, New Jersey, and was transferred to North Andover, MA. Charles received one patent while at Bell Labs for an improved method of tuning microwave radio communications transmitters. He transferred from Bell to Western Electric where he served as an engineer for manufacturing microwave communication radio equipment. Charles retired from Western Electric in 1996 and lives in Stewartstown, NH.

1968

Gerald "Jerry" Blanchard

received his degree in Electronic Engineering Technology in 1968. He was a member of the Sachem Society while studying at what was then known as "New Hampshire Technical Institute."

After working a few years, Jerry went on to earn his Bachelor's degree in EE from UNH where he graduated Cum Laude. He worked for many years in the telecommunications field with companies including Northern Telecom, Nortel Networks, Inc. and EXACOM, Inc. based in Concord, NH. Jerry retired in October 2016.



Jerry Blanchard, from his 1968 yearbook picture

1971

Michael Farina

earned his degree in Electronic Engineering Technology in 1971. He has had a long and successful career in telecommunications, working for AT&T, GTE, and Northern Telecom among others. Currently he is a VP at Hewlett Packard. He has lived across the U.S. and travelled extensively throughout the world, but now lives in Wesborough, MA, with his wife of 26 years. They have two children, a son who has just completed his MD studies at the University of Chicago, and a daughter who just received her White Coat from the Tufts Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine.

1972

Roger B. Diener

received the 2017 President's Award from the the Institute of Environmental Science and Technology for his leadership, mentorship, and devoted technical service to IEST and the contamination control industry. He was a 1972 graduate of NHTI's Electronic Engineering Technology program, and recently retired from Analog Devices, where he was in charge of their clean room technology.

1978

Gary M. Raymond

graduated in 1978 with a degree in Architectural Engineering Technology. Gary was recently named as the director of hospitality projects for High Hotels Ltd. in East Lampeter Township, PA. Prior to this, Gary was a consultant for LaQuinta Inns and Suites.

1982

Wayne Goss

earned his degree in Computer Information Systems in 1982. He landed a job with Liberty Mutual Insurance company six months after graduation, and has worked for them for nearly 35 years.

Wayne says, "Watching the College's 50th Anniversary video on YouTube made me proud to be part of such a successful school. My education at NHTI was very affordable; I have clearly made a great career on a small, but vital investment!"

1992

Joan Mirantz

earned her General Studies degree in 1992. Joan has spent more than 30 years in the food service business and nearly a decade as a Realtor. She was recently named a certified small business mentor by the Merrimack Valley Chapter of SCORE.

1994

Douglas Richard

graduated with a degree in Electronic Engineering Technology, and went on for BS in Engineering Technology from UNH. He now works as an R&D Engineer for Secure Care Products LLC in Concord, specializing in embedded software development.

"The education I received at NHTI was invaluable to me," he writes. "I fell in love with embedded programming at NHTI, and have made it my career."

2000

Willam R. Mullen, PA-C

earned a degree in Health Science from NHTI, and went on for a B.S. in Biology from Notre Dame College in Manchester, NH, and a Master of Physician Assistant Studies from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Science. He is presently a Physician Assistant with Concord Orthopaedics, specializing in sports medicine.

2011

Jonathan Allard

graduated in 2011 with a degree in Architectural Engineering Technology. He transferred to Arizona State University to continue his education in architecture, but returned to New Hampshire a year later to co-found and run a digital media company. After three years, "I decided to sell my half of the company and go after what I was passionate about, which is architecture."

Jonathan now works as an Associate Architect with Bruce Ronayne Hamilton Architects in New Ipswich. He was recently elected to the Board of Directors of the American Institute of Architects - NH as the Emerging Professionals Network Liason.

Jonathan writes, "I found my NHTI experience and education to be very helpful post graduation, not only continuing my education, but using the experiences I gained in the real world."

2016

Jared Roberts

earned his General Studies degree from NHTI, and will enroll at the University of Toronto in Fall 2017.

• Engagements • and • Weddings •

McGee - Severance '03

Lindsay McGee of Concord and Scott Severance of Northwood announce their engagement.

McGee earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education and psychology from Keene State College in 2011. She is currently a student at NHTI, studying to become a certified special education teacher. She works as an educational assistant at Abbot-Downing School in Concord and Sylvan Learning Center in Bedford.

Severance earned an associate degree in Paramedic Emergency Medicine from NHTI in 2003. He is currently a student at American Public University, studying for a bachelor's degree in emergency and disaster management. He is a firefighter and paramedic at Northwood Fire-Rescue. An August 2017 wedding is planned.



McGee-Severance

Broussard '13 - Poirier '14

Elanor Broussard and Michael Poirier were married June 4, 2016 in Lawrence, MA. The bride attended

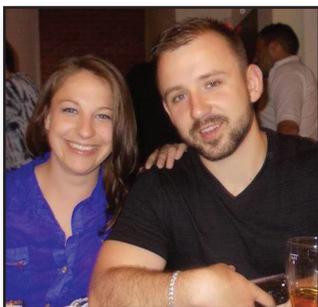
Montserrat College of Art and NHTI, earning a degree in Visual Arts. She works at the Kimball Jenkins Estate and School of Art in Concord. The groom earned a degree in Computer Engineering Technology from NHTI and a bachelor's in Computer Science from UNH. He is a programmer at Liberty Mutual Insurance in Exeter.



Broussard-Poirier

Schmidt '09 - Karajcic '08

Although Heidi Schmidt and Branimir Karajcic were NHTI students during the same time period, their paths didn't cross until they both started working full time at NHTI in 2009. Branimir moved from Serbia to Concord, NH back in 2002, while Heidi grew up in Merrimack, NH. Branimir works as an IT Engineer for Mainstay Technology, and Heidi has worked at NHTI in Student Life for 7½ years, and will soon move to a new position with Academic Affairs. They shared their first date in May of 2013 and are excited to announce their engagement.



Schmidt-Karajcic

• In Memory •

Farmer '96

Charles "Chuck" B. Farmer, Jr., 65, of Franklin, died at his home Tuesday, February 28, 2017, following a long journey battling cancer. A lifelong resident of Franklin, Chuck was a graduate of Franklin High, class of 1969. He served with the U.S. Marine Corps and Army Reserve, and was a member of the Franklin Lodge of Elks, BPOE # 1280. He studied Business Management at NHTI, and received an Associate Degree. He was employed for over 25 years at the Webster Valve Company and Foundry in Franklin.

Chuck loved Franklin, and believed in giving back to the community. He volunteered regularly, and received an award for his work on Franklin's historic lighting "from bridge to bridge." Along with the "Franklin Lamplighters," he received a Commendation from the Governor in 2008.

Payne '81

Alan Keith Payne, 80, of Concord, died at home Saturday, December 3, 2016, after a long period of failing health. He was born in Brockton, MA, and grew up in Randolph, MA. After high school Alan joined the U.S. Navy, serving over 20 years, the last 17 in the submarine service. He then attended NHTI, graduating in 1981 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology, moving on to UNH, graduating in 1983 with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering. He worked as an engineer until his health prevented him from working. He was also a numismatist and an avid reader, especially of history, and enjoyed classical music and woodworking.

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Whitcher, '12

NHTI Grad Dies in Line of Duty

Staff Sgt. David J. Whitcher Sr., 30, died November 2, 2016 during a dive training exercise off the coast of Key West, FL.

He was born on July 4, 1986 in New London, the son of Horace

"Bud" and Kathleen (Morrison) Whitcher. David grew up in Bradford. He knew from the age of six that he wanted to serve in the military, and that's just what he did, joining the Army after high school and gaining the Honor Grad Award in basic training 2004, serving two combat tours in Afghanistan and then achieving his dream of becoming a Special Forces soldier-Green Beret.

David enlisted in the New Hampshire National Guard in 2008 as a carpentry and masonry specialist. He earned many awards, the Army Commendation Medal (3rd award), Army Achievement Medal (4th award), Valorous Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Commendation, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal. David was a student in the Combat Diver Qualification Course (CDQC) assigned to Company C, 2nd Battalion, 1st Special Warfare Training Group, U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School. He also earned an associate degree in Criminal Justice from NHTI in 2012.

In 2013 David came on active duty and was assigned to the 6th Engineer Battalion, 2nd Engineer Brigade, Fort Richardson, Alaska. During this time in Alaska, he volunteered for a humanitarian mission to Palau to rebuild roads, schools and hospitals. In 2014 David volunteered for Special Forces training. He graduated from the Special Forces Qualification Courses in 2016.

David was known best by those who were close to him as a free spirit. He enjoyed the outdoors and spending time with his friends and family. He was amazing at everything he did.

In addition to his mother Kathleen Whitcher of Bristol, he is survived by his wife, Victoria (Stewart) Whitcher of Bristol, his son, David J. Whitcher Jr. of Bristol, his three brothers; Matthew Whitcher of Andover, Danny Whitcher of Chesapeake, Va., and Michael Robbins of North Andover, Mass., and three sisters; April Messer of Newbury, Rebecca Whitcher, of Claremont, and Ruth Koloski of Claremont, and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his father, Horace "Bud" Whitcher in 2015 and one sister, Laurel Coronis.



Let It Out: NHTI No Longer Concord's "Best Kept Secret!"

July marks the beginning of my fourth year as President of NHTI, Concord's Community College. In that time, there has been a whirlwind of nearly non-stop activity. While we began in 1965 as New Hampshire Technical Institute offering 3 majors, today NHTI is a fully comprehensive community college offering more than 90 degree and certificate programs. In the past five years alone, nearly 3,000 people have earned their associate degrees at NHTI!



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Pres. Susan Dunton at Winter Fling 2017

What can be said about our esteemed alumni? Over the course of their careers, NHTI graduates rise to the top! Whether it is business, information technology, education, criminal justice, engineering technology, health and science or human services, our alumni are highly-skilled and in demand.

As I travel around Concord and across the state in the NHTI car (right), I consistently meet our alumni, current students, and former faculty and staff who all want to share their stories and memories. Over the past (almost 3) years, I have met hundreds of people who are passionate about this College.

So how can it be that I consistently hear in the community that NHTI, Concord's Community College is Concord's "Best Kept Secret?"

As graduates, you experienced first-hand the dedication, passion and commitment our faculty have in helping students succeed. So this is where you – our dedicated alumni – can help!



- Tell people – your neighbors, your colleagues, your children, nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles – about NHTI: how they can get an exceptionally high quality education at an affordable price.
- Share your *own* success story with us – email nhtialumni@ccsnh.edu.
- Encourage folks to attend an Open House at NHTI, or arrange for a tour of the Campus.
- Invite me (or another NHTI person) to speak about NHTI at your local community organization(s) or professional associations.
- Come back to Campus as a guest speaker in a classroom, or mentor current students.

In short, tell people NHTI, Concord's Community College is no longer the "Best Kept Secret!"

Warmest wishes,

Susan B. Dunton