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Addiction Counseling student Dorothy Steenbeke (left) and her mentor, Prof. Kelly Luedtke

Each January, NHTI invites the Merrimack County Delegation of the New Hampshire State Legislature to an informational breakfast.

The idea is to introduce any newly-elected lawmakers to NHTI, and to renew our acquaintance with returning legislators. It's an opportunity for the college to remind our elected officials about the importance of what we do, who we serve, and about the critical need for ongoing state support for our programs.

In 2019, NHTI thought the best way to show legislators what NHTI does would be to let them hear from some of our students – and in particular, from some of our alumni. And so, a sumptuous

breakfast was laid out in the beautiful Simonton Lecture Hall on the top floor of the college's newest building, Grappone Hall, three NHTI alums and one current student gave the Merrimack Delegation a taste of what NHTI is all about.

Back to School

"I'm a 'non-traditional' student. That's code for 'old'," quips Addiction Counseling major **Dorothy Steenbeke**. Dorothy started college in her 20's, but dropped out to get married and start a family. She never looked back ... until a bout with breast cancer gave her cause to re-evaluate her life.

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Alum Wins Friendly 5K

NHTI hosted the 12th Annual Davis & Towle Friendly Kitchen 5K Road Race on Saturday, September 7. The 2018 event set a record for number of participants, and money raised over \$10,000 (also a record) for the Friendly Kitchen.

There were 231 runners who finished, plus 45 walkers who were not timed. Alumnus **Brandon McCoo** (Business Administration '17), former NHTI All American and current assistant coach with the NHTI Cross Country team, won the race with a time of 18:11.



Brandon McCoo in a 2016 photo

**NHTI
Commencement
2019**

**Friday, May 24
10:00 am**

All are welcome to attend.
We would love to see you!

From Refugee to State Representative

Safiya Wazir was included on the BBC's annual list of 100 inspirational women from around the globe in November 2018. It's easy to see why.

Safiya was born in Afghanistan, but spent her early years in a refugee camp in Uzbekistan before emigrating to the U.S. and settling in Concord, NH with her parents. She earned her degree in Business Administration from NHTI in 2016.

In February 2018, Safiya received an Unsung Hero award from the NH Children's Trust, recognizing her outstanding volunteer work with the Head Start program. In November, she was elected to a two-year term as a New Hampshire State Representative.

Since her election, Safiya has been featured in numerous publications and broadcasts including the New York Times, the Boston Globe, Rolling Stone magazine, Voice of America, Radio Free Europe, NHPR, PRI's The World, the CBC, the Concord Monitor, the Union Leader, Morning Joe on MSNBC and more.

Congratulations, Safiya!



Flanked by her family, Safiya Wazir receives the Unsung Hero Award from NH Governor Chris Sununu in February 2018. Photo © Becky Field, Fieldwork Photos.

NHTI Dental Programs Lauded

Dental Assisting Ranked in Top 10 Nationally

Washington Monthly magazine, known for its annual College Rankings first published in 2006, ranked NHTI's **Dental Assisting Professional Certificate** program seventh in the nation in its August 2018 study, "America's Best and Worst Colleges for Vocational Certificates."



The magazine's 2018 College Rankings included its first effort – and the first such effort anywhere, it claims – to rank certificate programs as opposed to degree programs. Using data from the U.S. Department of Education's "gainful employment" database, the *Monthly* looked at the twelve most commonly-offered certificates. It compared the median earnings of graduates of the schools offering these certificates, three years after graduation.

NHTI's Dental Assisting program ranked seventh in the nation among schools whose graduates had the highest median incomes. NHTI was the only New England school to appear in the Top 10.

For more information about *Washington Monthly's* College Guide, and for the complete rankings, visit http://wmf.washingtonmonthly.com/college_guide/2018/WM_2018_Embargoed_Rankings.pdf.

Dental Hygiene Makes New England's Top 8

NHTI's **Dental Hygiene Associate Degree** program was listed among the top dental programs in New England in a report released in January 2019 by Dental SEO Marketing, a Massachusetts-based online marketing company that exclusively serves dental practices.

The firm reviewed hundreds of dental programs in New England, arriving at a list of eight "top" programs based on course offerings, tuition, aid, student happiness, and graduation rates. NHTI was the only New Hampshire school to make the cut. View the complete report at www.dentalseomarketing.com/blog/top-dental-schools-in-new-england-2019-edition/.

Alumni Athletes Return!

A host of NHTI men's and women's soccer alums returned to campus on Thursday, August 30 for a friendly game against the Lynx women's soccer team!



The alumni pictured above include: Monica Horning, Bri St. Pierre, Bri Blaisdell, Sahara Brown, Lexi Duclos, Stef Gauthier, Dan, Kyle Haas, Kendra Strong, Tulia, and Kylie Chase.

NHTI men's basketball alums returned for a game with current players on Saturday, October 20. (The alumni are the guys in maroon below.)



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"And I said, wow, what am I doing? I'm a stay-at-home grandma, which is wonderful ... but at this stage of my life, maybe there should be a little bit more."

A radio program about the need for drug counselors and NHTI's Addiction Counseling program gave Dorothy an idea. She had taken some courses back in college on helping people with alcoholism. Maybe she could build on that experience, and help out now with the opioid crisis. The week after she finished her radiation treatments, she started classes at NHTI.

"I knew it wasn't real," she says. "I knew I was just dabbling, and I would drop out after a semester or two. But I didn't."

Dorothy credits Professor **Kelly Luedtke** with seeing "qualities in me that I had forgotten existed. I'm an out-of-the box thinker. I'm a non-conformist. And here I was being told those are good things! Every step of the way I was given the opportunity to grow and become passionate about something I was interested in."

Changing Your World

Tim Near is out to change your world, and he's well on his way.

Eight years ago, when Tim was a Mechanical Engineering Technology student at NHTI, the Moultonborough native began working as an intern at Land and Sea, Inc., a Concord engineering firm that specializes in the design and manufacture of dynamometers, devices that measure engine horsepower. After graduating with his associate degree in 2012, Tim continued working at the firm; over five years he became its lead engineer.

However, Tim had dreams that went far beyond observing engines; he wanted to create products that changed people's lives. "I've always

been fascinated with the integration of man and machine," he says. So in 2017, working out of his Concord home, Tim started a company set to alter the way that we interface with technology for fitness. Tim explained "I started Cyborg with the high-level mission of using emerging technologies to empower people to be more active. In the coming years, we'll be debuting products which will change athletic industries and highlight engaging new ways for individuals to stay fit."



Tim Near

In the nearer term, Tim's company released its first product while in Alpha Loft's Accelerate NH program in 2018. The Cyborg app is a gamified fitness platform that uses activity equalizing algorithms to allow for virtual athletic competitions. Cyborg went on to become one of the three winners in New Hampshire's premiere technology competition, TechOut, in October 2018. Since then, Cyborg's app has spread to gain users in over 30 countries from around the globe.

Tim credits NHTI's small class sizes and hands-on teaching approach with preparing him for success in the real world. "The professors went way beyond just the curriculum," he says. "They helped me explore my curiosities, which ultimately led me down this road of creation. One of my most prized possessions is my first 3D print, which I made on campus while a student at NHTI."

Coming to America

"My plan was to spend just one semester at NHTI," **Ali Sekou** reminisces with a smile. "But truly, I fell in love with the college, which supported me 100%. Thank you to everyone at NHTI who helped make me who I am today." And who he is today -- a U.S. citizen with a bachelor's degree at Plymouth State, working on a master's degree at UNH -- is a long way from where he started.

Ali was raised in a small village called Karegorou in the Republic of Niger in Western Africa. He emigrated to the U.S. in 2012. Though Ali was immediately accepted to Plymouth State University, he faced challenges, including cost and his limited understanding of English. Ali began taking courses in English as a Second Language at Laconia High School's adult learning program. When he learned about community colleges -- a concept he had never been exposed to before -- he applied to NHTI.

From the beginning, Ali embraced his time at NHTI. He joined the Multicultural Club, and proudly represented Niger at the annual multicultural fairs on campus. He became an orientation leader and was a member of the NHTI Student Senate, representing his major, Hospitality and Tourism Management. Ali also served as a student judge at Winter Fling / Dancing with the Concord Stars, where



Ali Sekou

he met his friend and mentor, Northeast Delta Dental CEO Tom Raffio. In his second year Ali earned a scholarship, the English as Secondary to Other Languages (ESOL) Award for excellence in academics.

Ali says he loved all of these extracurricular experiences, but it was when he was inducted into Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), the international honor society for two-year colleges, that he began to flourish. "Being part of PTK is where my life as a leader really began," Ali explains. "Attending my first PTK convention in Nashua was life-changing. I met people from all over the United States, all of them doing real work in their communities, and creating positive change for people."

In time, Ali was elected a regional officer of Phi Theta Kappa, the first NHTI PTK member to hold such a post. The position allowed him to travel to national conventions across the U.S., including Florida, Texas and even an honors institute in Missouri.

Ali earned his associate degree in Hospitality and Tourism Management from NHTI in 2015. He went on for a bachelor's degree from Plymouth

State University in 2017, majoring in tourism management with a minor in political science. He is now a master's candidate at UNH's Carsey School of Public Policy, with aspirations to work for an international non-profit or the U.S. State Department. (It doesn't hurt that he speaks five languages: Fulani, French, Hausa, Zarma, and of course English.)

Ali believes that the U.S. is truly a land of opportunity. He says, "It is great to be in a country where people see something in you – they recognize the potential you have, and offer you an opportunity to learn and to grow." And for him, that opportunity clearly began at NHTI.

Bringing It Home

Rae Mello graduated from NHTI's Nursing Program in 1988, and worked in acute care for 30 years before coming back to NHTI to teach! Along the way she earned a bachelor's in nursing from the University of Phoenix and a master's in nursing from New England College. She is now working on a second



Rae Mello

master's degree in Nursing Education from Rivier University, with plans to pursue a doctorate in the same field.

"I am proud to be back at NHTI," says Rae, "as it was a great opportunity to start my nursing career, and an affordable way as well! I liked the fact that the first week of school we were immersed in the clinical setting. I had great instructors and experiences that prepared me for my career. Now I have a chance to give back to my school as well as my profession.

"Teaching was always a passion for me, as I taught many EMS classes before and after I became a nurse, as well teaching my colleagues in the acute care setting. Now I get the best of both worlds, doing what I love to do and helping students attain their goals at an affordable cost."

15th Annual NHTI Northeast Delta Dental 5K Road Race



Northeast Delta Dental

Friday, April 19 at 6 pm

Come back to NHTI, run a 5K race, enjoy a free barbecue, and maybe win an award for the fastest NHTI alumni! All proceeds benefit the NHTI Jennifer Kemp Memorial Scholarship.

For details visit nhti.edu/5k.

The “Concord Stars” Shine!

Over 400 Concord glitterati turned out for NHTI’s 9th Annual Winter Fling fundraiser, featuring the ever-popular Dancing with the Concord Stars competition. The event raised over \$47,000 for the President’s Fund for Excellence, which awards scholarships to NHTI students. Winter Fling has raised more than \$400,000 since it debuted in 2011.

Emily Ricard of Bar Harbor Bank and Trust and the City of Concord’s Sam Durfee brought home the coveted “People’s Choice” Award, while Kristin Clark, representing Presenting Partner Merrimack County Savings Bank, teamed with New Hampshire Humanities’ Anthony Poore to win the “Judges’ Choice” Award. Congratulations to all our “stars”!



Left: NHTI alumna Emily Ricard and Sam Durfee’s Rockabilly Paso Doble earned them the People’s Choice Award.



Right: Kristin Clark and Anthony Poore won the Judges’ Choice Award for their interpretation of Aretha Franklin’s “Think”!

Below: Bryanna Marceau of the Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce, and Lucas Meyer of Preti Strategies, won “Best Energy” for -- what else? -- the Jitterbug!



Left: Sarah Tilton of NH Ball Bearing, and Jason Bishop, Director of Campus Safety at NHTI, performed a hip hop number that the judges deemed “Most Playful.”



Right: NHTI alumna Sue O’Donnell of the new Hotel Concord and Anthony Mento of SMP Architecture teamed up to perform a Bollywood/ Irish Step Dance that won “Best Theme.”

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Friday, June 14, 8:30 am
18 Holes
\$125 pp / \$500 per team



Tuesday, August 20, 3 pm
9 Holes
\$65 pp / \$225 per team

Entry fees cover:

- non-alcoholic refreshments,
- welcome bag of goodies,
- use of the driving range,
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Alumni Updates

1992

Todd Donovan

(Paramedic Emergency Medicine '92) was a guest on NH Public Radio's The Exchange on June 14, 2018 on the topic "Why are Suicide Rates Climbing? And How is NH Approaching the Problem?" Todd is a firefighter and paramedic for the Derry Fire Department, and a Data Specialist for the Division of Fire Standards and Training and Emergency Medial Services. He has survived several suicide attempts and experienced lifelong depression before receiving treatments as an adult that helped manage his illness. He shares his story with first responders and other groups to help spread awareness about treatment and to help prevent suicide.

Will Riley

(Paramedic Emergency Medicine '92) has been appointed Director of Emergency Department Operations at Huggins Hospital, Wolfeboro, New Hampshire.

1994

Dr. Richard A. Ruck

(Criminal Justice '94) is a Professor of Criminal Justice at East Stroudsburg University of PA, and recently published an article about criminal justice students and law enforcement working together to provide realistic training to police responses to active shooters. The article is in the January 2018 issue of American Criminal Justice Sciences – ACJS Today.



1997

Kirk Beattie

(Paramedic Emergency Medicine '97) After 21 years with the Laconia Fire Department, Kirk Beattie was sworn in on November 26, 2018 as its new chief. With the promotion, Beattie also becomes the

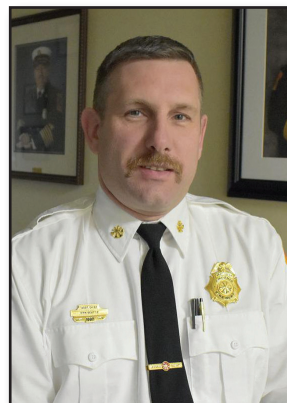


Photo: Laconia Daily Sun

Chief of the Belmont Fire Department through the city's inter-municipal agreement for fire administration services.

Kirk holds a bachelor's degree in public service management from Granite State College, and a master's degree in public administration from Columbia Southern University. He was the city's first paramedic-firefighter. A Laconia resident, Kirk grew up in Franklin, where his father and grandfather were firefighters.

**Tracey (Jordan)
LeBlanc**

(Human Service '97) joined Bank of NH as a mortgage loan officer in the greater Concord area. She is a graduate of the NH Housing Homeownership Fellowship, and volunteers as a Chamber Ambassador with the Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce.



Photo: Laconia Daily Sun

2006

Sara Lauze

(Business Administration '06) was promoted to vice president, digital banking officer for New Hampshire Mutual Bancorp. In this role, Lauze will be responsible for researching and developing emerging technology for digital services and channels. She will continue her oversight of digital banking customer support, as well as related systems and services at Meredith Village Savings Bank and Merrimack County Savings Bank.



Photo: Laconia Daily Sun

Lauze is a graduate of the Northern New England School of Banking and the New England School for Financial Studies. She also earned her Certified Associate in Project Management certification in 2012 from the Project Management Institute. Lauze currently serves on the Board for Granite State Independent Living, and resides in Concord with her family.

2011

Bridget Franciscovich

(Hospitality and Tourism Management '11) is an Associate Professor and Program Coordinator of the Sport, Recreation and Tourism Studies Program at NHTI.

2013

Michael Benoit

(Paramedic Emergency Medicine '13) was named 2018 Local 856 Rookie of the Year at the annual Manchester Professional Firefighters Association awards night.

2014

Andre Turgeon

(Orthopedic Technology '14) earned a Bachelors Degree in Exercise Physiology from U-Mass Lowell. He is working at Tewksbury Sports Club helping to improve clients' lives with expert programming, nutrition counseling and keeping his clients motivated and accountable to their goals.



2015/2016

Kyle Haas

(General Studies '15, Health Science '16) graduated from the NH Fire Academy on September 21, 2018.

2016

Colby Chaput

(Criminal Justice '16) returned to NHTI this Fall to serve as an AmeriCorps*VISTA, and became Residence Director of Strout Hall this Spring. Colby is also Co-Advisor to the Alternative Spring Break Club.



2016

Maryssa Goodrich

(Paramedic Emergency Medicine '16) was hired as a firefighter with North Hampton Fire & Rescue in November 2018. Maryssa holds a BA in Psychology from UNH, and is an adjunct professor at NHTI, working as an instructor for the paramedic program in laboratory and hospital clinical settings.

2017

Julia Glisson

(Health Science, Coaching Certificate, '17) has not slowed down any since leaving NHTI. She won 2nd place on September 15, 2018 in the Mariner Invitational 5K at Husson University in Bangor, Maine, with the best time of the day at 21:48.7, pacing a 7:02 mile.

2018

Joseph Dougherty

(General Studies '18) joined Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Manchester, NH.

Engagements and Weddings

2018

Courtney Cullen

is engaged to John Jarvis. Cullen of Concord earned a degree in nursing at NHTI and currently works at Concord Hospital. Jarvis of St. Albans earned a degree in nursing from Rivier College. He works in the emergency department at Concord Hospital. A September 2019 wedding is planned.

In Memory

Blood

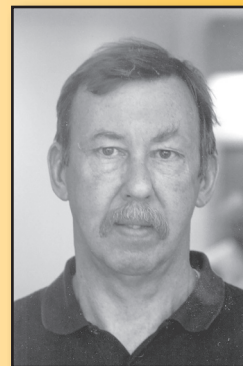
Joyce Helene Blood, 76, died peacefully on December 26, 2018 in Concord, NH. Joyce was born in Chicago, Ill. She received her nursing degree at the University of Illinois at Chicago and her PhD in Psychiatric Nursing at Boston College. Joyce was a psychiatric nurse practitioner at Concord Hospital for many years and was committed to providing mental health care to those in need. Prior to working as a nurse practitioner at Concord Hospital, she worked in the nursing departments at Colby Sawyer College and NHTI.

Curtin

Jocelyn Curtin, age 40, of Brookwood Drive passed away peacefully on Monday, November 19, 2018 at Tufts with her family by her side after complications from pneumonia. She was born in Laconia, NH. She was a graduate of Concord High School and attended higher education classes at UNH and NHTI. Jocelyn lived an extraordinary life filled with joy, love and adventure. She was supported by family and friends to "try anything once," living her life to the fullest.

McLetchie

Magnus Norman McLetchie, 73, died on January 10, 2019 at his home in Ellsworth, Maine. Magnus was born in Glasgow, Scotland in 1945. He was named after Saint Magnus, the Earl of the Orkney Islands, from where he can trace his lineage.



Magnus and the family emigrated from the United Kingdom to Canada, and then to the United States where they made their home in Laconia, New Hampshire. After graduating from Laconia High School, Magnus attended the Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston, where he received his degree in engineering, and the University of Colorado Boulder, where he received his degree in architecture. In addition to working as a professional architect, Magnus dedicated his career to teaching architecture for nearly three decades at the New Hampshire Technical Institute in Concord, chairing the architectural engineering technology department for the years preceding his retirement.

A resident of Belmont, New Hampshire for 35 years, Magnus and his wife Jane retired to Ellsworth, Maine in 2010, a region of Downeast Maine they had grown to love through many happy summers spent at their cottage with their extended family in Harrington. Magnus will be remembered for his love of woodworking, gardening, and his great appreciation for the outdoors.

He was an avid reader, with the topics of world history and arctic exploration among his favorites. He was always quick to impart all of his newfound knowledge from reading among his children, whether they wanted to hear or not, and more recently delighted in reading to his granddaughter.

He was a kind and humble man who loved his family and the many pets he had over the years, always with a dog or cat by his side.

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Diekmann, '88

Paul J. Diekmann, Jr., 71, of New London, NH, died suddenly Saturday, August 18, 2018 at his home. He was born in Sacramento, CA on June 15, 1947. He married Sidney Sawyer in 1971 and they lived in Springfield, NH before moving to New London in 1979. He worked for O.D. Hopkins in Contoocook installing ski lifts and skyrides and also on the maintenance crew at King Ridge. Later he found his true calling and became a registered nurse. Paul graduated NHTI's Nursing program in 1988. Paul was an EMT and started the FAST Squad in Springfield, and was co-founder of the ambulance service in New London. He had just retired from nursing in July 2018.

Howlett, '99

John L. Howlett, 71, of Chichester, passed away on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 following a lengthy fight against the effects of exposure to Agent Orange. Born on March 3, 1947 in Gardner, MA, John proudly served his country in the United States Army, seeing two tours of duty in Vietnam before his honorable discharge. He went on to receive Associate Degrees in Science and Nursing from NHTI, and a Bachelor's Degree in Human Services from Springfield College. His passion for serving his country and caring for patients showed every day. John had a love for fishing, hunting, golfing, gardening and landscaping which he passed on to all his children and grandchildren. He was a modern homesteader.

Landis, '99

Matthew Turner Landis (Matt), age 42, died unexpectedly of severe pneumonia on the morning of December 8, 2018. Matt believed it was important to live his life as a good and grateful person and he did so. Matt had a degree in Criminal Justice but wanted the freedom of being outside. As a result, he built up a successful landscaping/plowing business, Landis Lawncare. Matt loved Concord and the feeling of community, and he never had any desire to leave except for much anticipated hunting and fishing trips with friends.

Szostak, '95

Gail Laraine (Morrell) Szostak died at Concord Hospital in Concord, New Hampshire on Sunday, August 12, 2018 at the age of 71. Gail was born on March 3, 1947 in Gray, Maine. Gail held an Associate degree in Human Services from NHTI, and a Master's degree in Education from Notre Dame College in Manchester. She taught at Pine Haven residential school in Suncook, Merrimack

Valley High School in Penacook, and the Student Assistant Program in Andover, and she counseled students at the Outward Bound program at Beech Hill Hospital in Dublin. Although Gail suffered from Parkinson's disease and lived in Merrimack County Nursing Home for the last few years of her life, she remained active, making art, writing stories, and helping others. She believed that people are never too old to learn, and encouraged everyone to "Look at yourself where you are, with hopes of doing better each day."

Willis, '81

Dana Victor Willis passed away on October 29th. He was born on November 4, 1957 in Salem, MA and was raised in Swampscott, MA. He graduated from Swampscott High School and majored in Architectural Engineering and Business Management at New Hampshire Technical Institute, Concord New Hampshire.

Attention Alumni!

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We're #1 ... Again!

A newly-released study ranks NHTI first among New Hampshire junior colleges in terms of graduate earnings. This confirms the results of earlier reports by the Brookings Institution (2015) and the U.S. Department of Education (2016).

The new study by Zippia, a job and career search firm for recent college graduates, looked at the earnings of graduates of "community colleges or institutions that offer technical degrees, associates degrees, or bridging programs for bachelor degrees" working 10 years after entering their programs. NHTI ranked the highest of any such school in the Granite State, with an average graduate salary of \$42,100.

For details visit www.zippia.com/advice/junior-colleges-with-highest-earning-graduates-in-each-state/.



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NHTI Scores on Campus Pride Index

Alliance Club spearheads school's inclusion

Last fall, NHTI was included on the Campus Pride Index, a national listing of LGBTQ-friendly colleges and universities. NHTI is the first community college in the state to receive this honor, joining several 4-year schools including Plymouth State, Keene State, Dartmouth and SNHU.

Founded in 2007, the Campus Pride Index serves as the premier LGBTQ national benchmarking tool for higher education. A listing on the Campus Pride Index shows that a school has “come out” as an institution that seeks to improve the academic experience for LGBTQ students. The index is updated every May so that schools may “up their game” and strive for a higher rating over time. NHTI currently has a score of 3 out of 5 overall, with sub-scores of 5 out of 5 in Residence Life and Campus Safety.

NHTI's inclusion on the index is largely the work of the campus Alliance Club and its current president, Information Technology student **Richard Nowlin**. “Mostly it was just a matter of trying to get the right people into a room to answer a questionnaire,” he says. “I kept thinking, we have a strong club and this is a very open campus ... we should be listed!”

But getting on the index is only the first step. “The bigger picture,” says Nowlin, “is how can we improve our scores? We're at 3 out of 5 now, but I think we have the potential to get to 3½ or even four by the end of the year.” Initiatives that could help boost the school's score might include giving NHTI applicants the opportunity to self-identify by gender and sexuality, starting an LGBTQ alumni association, and expanding NHTI's academic offerings in the fields of gender and diversity studies.

“There's a lot of things I'd like to do,” says Nowlin. “I'm in a position where I can get things moving, with the overall goal of making NHTI a safe home for people who are LGBTQ.”

The Alliance is already one of the most active student organizations on campus. This academic year, among other events, the club has sponsored:

- “Coming Out” Event – a chance for students, staff, and faculty to support the LGBTQ community by having their picture taken to self-identify;
- “Ask a Trans” Panel – an opportunity to “ask a trans person anything,” and learn more about what it is like to be transgender – presented by the American Civil Liberties Union;
- “The Rocky Horror Picture Show” – Halloween night screening of the cult classic film;
- a major fundraising campaign, half the proceeds of which helped purchase Christmas wreaths laid at gravesites in the Boscawen veterans cemetery;
- a screening of the film “Kinky Boots” in January; and
- the club's annual drag show in March.



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