# Alumni News Fall 2014

# Quonquering the Quad – and Life!

Eric Marsh, '01, Owner of Fun Intelligent Training in Concord

ric Marsh has always been a man on the go. As a son, husband, business owner, student, fundraiser and mentor, Eric devotes his full attention to each of his roles. He is a busy man, making the most of the opportunities that have come his way since graduating from NHTI with a degree in Sports Management in 2001.

"When I was 26 years old, I was diagnosed with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)," Eric laughs. "It was like 'ah, well, this information could have been useful sooner!"

Eric conquered this challenge, opening Fun Intelligent Training (FIT), a health and fitness center in Concord, in 2010. FIT now has more than 160 members, and employs two full-time people and three part-time. While the two core programs are C3, the Complete Conditioning Class, and P3, Personal Performance Program, Fun Intelligent Training also offers kickboxing, weightlifting and mixed martial arts. You won't find boring treadmills at Eric's place!

"Ultimately, I want people to love exercise, to come to every class knowing that he or she will have fun, and know what they're doing for themselves is awesome," Eric says.

#### Spreading the Word

He doesn't recruit members to his classes – his clients do that for him. For each new person a member brings in to experience FIT, they get \$50. The person who brings in the most new members gets a free month at FIT. The referral program is FIT's primary marketing strategy.

"I am proud of it, because it really shows that our members are having fun, and that they are fully committed to their fitness," says Eric. "They want their friends and family to join them here!"

After earning his degree at NHTI in 2001, Eric went on to Plymouth State University to earn a bachelor's degree in physical education. He particularly values his time at NHTI because "when I finished, I was completely debt-free and all of my credits transferred."

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Eric developed his business model (which ultimately helped launch Fun Intelligent Training) during a class led by Professor (and his basketball Coach) Paul Hogan. Eric



A rare moment of relaxation for Eric Marsh, '01 at Fun Intelligent Training.

attributes his success to hard work, and to never giving up. He also believes deeply in giving back; Eric returns to NHTI each fall to speak with students in the Sports Management program.

#### **Giving Back**

He is also a fearless fundraiser, volunteering and donating his time and money to charities like the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JRDF), the Frank Monahan Foundation, and Fred's Fund for CHaD (Children's Hospital at Dartmouth), a cancer research fund. He shares his passion for fitness with the community as well, offering a FITness Challenge at Concord's Market Days in July, and Survival of the FITtest contests.

And of course, Eric gives back to NHTI as well. Last year, he designed the course for "Quonquer the Quad," a team fitness



### NHTI's 50th Anniversary in 2015!

On Saturday, October 3, 2015, the College invites its 12,000+ alumni back to campus for the **50th Birthday Gala**.

From 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm, join us for a Video Premiere Reception in Grappone Hall lobby, followed by the 50th Birthday Gala with food, drinks and dancing in Capital Commons in Little Hall.

# **Early Bird Tickets - ON SALE NOW**

#### The Best Deal — cost is \$200

- 4 tickets to Video Premiere Reception & Birthday Gala
- 2 copies of the 50th Anniversary Commemorative Book
- 2 copies of the 50th Anniversary Commemorative Video
- Name and grad year added to the 50th Anniversary Alumni Honor Roll
- Great Deal Savings of \$20

#### A Great Deal — cost is \$100

- 2 tickets to Video Premiere Reception & Birthday Gala
- 1 copy of the 50th Anniversary Commemorative Book
- Name and grad year added to the 50th Anniversary Alumni Honor Roll
- Good Deal Savings of \$10

#### A Good Deal — cost is \$75

- 1 ticket to Video Premiere Reception & Birthday Gala
- 1 copy of the 50th Anniversary Commemorative Book
- Name and grad year added to the 50th Anniversary Alumni Honor Roll
- Good Deal Savings of \$5

#### **Regular Price:**

Video Premiere Reception and 50th Birthday Gala, \$30. NHTI 50th Anniversary Commemorative Book is \$50.



The Class of '66, NHTI's first graduates.

... and
before the Big
Birthday Gala on
10/3/2015, come back
to the NHTI campus for a
day-long
extravaganza
of fun!

#### Kids Fun Run & 5K!

Remember the Seekamp Trail? Run it!

#### **Alumni Games!**

Enjoy some friendly competition with your classmates, playing soccer, basketball, baseball or volleyball.

#### Lynx Teams!

Cheer on current NHTI students as their Lynx Teams face their YSCC and USCAA rivals!

#### **Hydration Station Tent & BBQ!**

Open from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm (complimentary BBQ; cash beer & wine)

#### **Campus Tours!**

See how the Campus has changed since 1965! Tours led by student leaders.

#### **Back to Class!**

Visit today's classrooms and meet faculty to see what's changed over 50 years.



or 50 years, NHTI has helped thousands of people transform their lives through higher education. Many graduates of NHTI were the first people to ever attend college in their families. Single parents, people with full-time jobs, veterans returning from war, high school graduates, adults who lost jobs in the recession, and immigrants and refugees from countries across the globe have all "Started Here." NHTI alumni have gone on to pursue their bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees, and found incredible success in careers like engineering, business, education, healthcare, human services, and information technology.

challenge held on campus to benefit NHTI's Jennifer Kemp Memorial Scholarship Fund. Quonquer the Quad is comprised of numerous events created to give participants a full body and mind work out, while testing their will and determination. Nineteen teams participated in the first "Q the Q" challenge, completing the 20+ obstacles and events.

The second annual Quonquer the Quad will be held this fall on Sunday, October 5, 2014 (see sidebar).

Eric has been married to his wife, Vanessa, for five years. Not to be outdone by her husband, Vanessa also founded and runs her own business, Bela Cleaning Service. Eric and Vanessa live in Loudon.



Eric Marsh stands with members of Fun Intelligent Training who are all current NHTI students or graduates of the College! From left: Renee Zobel (Women's Volleyball Head Coach), Deb Clougherty '94 (Computer Information Systems), Vanessa Marsh, Eric Marsh '01 (Sports Management), Adam Babrie, Katie White, Melanie Rigsby, Tom Marsh '85 (Nursing), and Jim Snedeker.

# Special Offer for NHTI Alumni, Students, Faculty & Staff!



For a limited time, you can get a FREE month of group training!

Contact Eric Marsh today, (603) 715-5019 or Eric@FunIntelligentTraining.com

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# Can You "Quonquer the Quad"?



Sunday, October 5, 2014

NHTI Quad (of course) 31 College Drive Concord, NH 03301

8:00 am registration and check-in 9:00 am Q the Q begins

Register at nhti.edu/quonquerthequad

The first 12 teams registered will receive Quonquer the Quad t-shirts.

Great prizes for the Top 3 Teams!

Teams are comprised of 4 people and each team must have at least one female. Participants must sign a Release and Waiver statement.

# From Student to Alumnus to Teacher

s it possible for someone to be very intelligent yet be a poor student? Ask Nick Fegley '10, and he'll say "yes" without hesitation.

"I consider myself a smart person, but I was a really bad student," he explains. "Going through school, I often felt unchallenged, or that particular subject matters just didn't hold my attention."

Until, that is, he took high school calculus, which Nick describes as opening a whole new world to him. He graduated from Prospect Mountain High School in Alton in 2007. His high school librarian, Cathy Frasier, encouraged Nick to attend NHTI.

"Starting at NHTI, I'm not sure I had any overwhelming expectations – of the College or for myself," he says. "But very quickly, I learned NHTI would be great for me. I had an overwhelmingly positive experience at the College, and can't say enough about it."

He majored in General Studies and began tutoring at the Math Lab in the Learning Center. Nick is fond of saying that "being good at math doesn't necessarily translate to being good at teaching math."



Nick Fegley, '10 (right) tutoring a student in the NHTI math lab.

This is where Nick's mentor, Ruth Heath, stepped in. She helped him understand better ways to instruct others in learning math concepts. In a short time, Nick was one of the most sought after math tutors in the lab.

After graduating from NHTI in 2010, Nick went on to major in math at UNH. He earned his bachelor's degree in 2013, and is now teaching at Barnstead Elementary School, which includes kindergarten through eighth grade. As a long-term substitute teacher, Nick refers to himself as "a utility person."

"While I primarily teach middle school math, I also read to the kindergarten class. I work one-on-one with a 7th grader on a daily basis," he says. "Basically whatever needs to be done, I do."

This past spring, Nick began as an adjunct faculty member at NHTI, teaching MT-109, Introduction to Technical Math II. He is good friends with Professor Joe Weiss. One of Nick's fondest memories is Professor Judy King asking him to present at a conference about "comic textbooks" as a tool for learning and teaching math. The presentation was a hit, and Nick has been asked to repeat it elsewhere.

His days during the school year are long: teaching in Barnstead during the day, tutoring in the Math Lab and teaching at NHTI two nights a week. Over the summer, Nick worked as an apprentice on an organic farm in Maine, something he's always wanted to do. And this fall, he'll begin working towards his master's degree in Computer Science.

But...remember, Nick is a person who likes to be challenged!

#### NHTI - The Mission, The Vision, and The Values

Last fall, NHTI worked to review and revise the mission, vision and values of the College. These are not just words on paper! Every faculty member, staff person and administrator at NHTI strives toward these ideals every day.

#### "We Are All Teachers, We Are All Learners,"

#### MISSION

NHTI is a dynamic public institution of higher learning providing accessible, rigorous education, serving students, businesses, and the community by creating pathways for lifelong learning, career advancement, and civic engagement.

#### VISION

By strengthening and expanding partnerships across the education and business spectrum, NHTI will create an environment that fosters innovative teaching and learning, supports economic vitality, and meets the needs of a diverse community of global citizens.

#### VALUES

These values support our Mission and Vision:

Learning We foster intellectual curiosity and the application of knowledge to

promote lifelong critical and creative thinking.

Mutual respect We encourage an environment in which civility, humor, kindness,

and collegiality cultivate an open exchange of ideas.

Engagement We actively seek interaction, collaboration, and partnership with

individuals, businesses, and community organizations for mutual enrichment in a diverse community and global economy.

Accountability We are committed to individual and institutional responsibility in the stewardship of our human, physical, and fiscal resources.

Innovation We support responsible risk-taking and the pursuit of new ideas to

thrive in an evolving world.

Integrity We expect all members of the college community to demonstrate

fairness, honesty, and ethical behavior in all of their actions and

interactions.



# Saturday, January 24, 2015

an you believe that Winter Fling has helped raise more than \$150,000 for the President's Fund for Excellence at NHTI? Can you believe that the 5th Annual Winter Fling is coming up next January?

Announcing (some of!) the contestants for "Dancing with the Concord Stars 2015"...

- Kathy Bacon, Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce
- **Melody Broider**, Spank Alley Skate Shop
- Heather Brown, Northeast Delta Dental
- Nancy Brownstein, Act One Creative, LLC
- Sammi Daniels, Shaker Road School
- Scott Daniels, U.S. Federal Judge
- Mark Dartnell, Taylor Rental
- Laura Jones, Whole Health Concord
- **Jennifer Kretovic**, Parker Education
- Kirk Leoni, Nathan Wechsler and Company, P.A.
- Jim Rosenberg, Shaheen & Gordon, P.A.
- **Johane Telanger**, Center for Health Promotion



Debra Douglas and Stasiu Silva, winners of the "Best Footwork" award at the 2014 Winter Fling.

- Brian Waldron, Christian Michael Salon
- Matt Walsh, City of Concord
- Stephanie Zinser, True Brew Barista

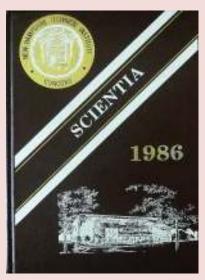
Tickets on sale November 1, 2015.

\$85 per person or \$595 for a table of 8.

Visit nhti.edu/winterfling for more information.

# Remember Scientia? Yearbooks for Sale!\*

The library here on campus is getting crowded, so the Alumni Office received some extra copies of *Scientia*, the annual NHTI yearbook that was produced until the late-1990's.



Do you want one for your grad year? Call Lee Ann Lewis at (603) 271-6484 ext. 4239 or email llewis@ccsnh. edu to get your copy! Years available include: 1970 - 1980, 1982 - 1989, 1991, 1992, 1997.

\*Limited supply; fair to good condition

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#### **Sensors: A Career Theme**

or Peter Riendeau (pronounced RINE-do), EET '85, sensors have been the key to his career, even predating his time at NHTI. At Milford High School, he was a self-described "AV geek, always helping with the VCRs and other long-outdated technologies we used in class back then!"

He loved working in the vocational electronics program at Milford. After graduating in 1981 and taking some night courses in Nashua, Peter enrolled in the Electronic Engineering Technology program at NHTI. He worked part-time at



Sprague
Electric as
a weekend
test
technician
while
studying
at NHTI.
It was his
experience
at Sprague
that
led to a
successful
senior

project which relied heavily on sensors.

"Sensors are the ongoing theme in my career," Peter explains. "Starting at Sprague, I continued through Cherry Electrical Products, Concord Sensors and Allegro Microsystems, landing with Melexis as a sensor applications engineer in 1998."

At that point, Melexis was just breaking into the North American market and had less than 100 employees. Today, Melexis is a \$300 million global company with nearly

# NHTI's Cisco Academy Marks 15th Anniversary

**Grads' Presentations Highlight Proceedings** 

n June 2014, NHTI hosted a Cisco Academy Conference for high schools and colleges throughout the northeast that offer Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA) training. The conference also marked the 15th anniversary of NHTI's own CCNA Academy. NHTI offered its first Cisco networking class in 1999, when it had just one faculty member teaching around 50 students. The school became a fully certified Cisco Academy in 2001, and today it has four full-time faculty teaching networking to 150 students.

On the opening night of the conference, four recent graduates of NHTI's Academy spoke in videotaped presentations about the transformative impact that Cisco certification has had upon their lives.

Dan Moretto (right) was living at home when his father pushed him toward getting some kind of technical training at NHTI. Though he was originally drawn toward art and game design, he decided there was more security in networking. "A lot my friends didn't go to college," says Dan. "Some of them went through IT programs, but they're still working at McDonald's." Meanwhile Dan, who got his CCNA in 2011, has his own apartment, his own car, and has paid off his student loans.



Branamir Karajcic (left) moved to the U.S. from Serbia in 2002. He earned an Associate Degree in Computer Engineering in 2008, but found that jobs were still scarce. But after getting his CCNA in 2013, "I've gone from looking for a job to picking a job." On a recent trip to Serbia, he discovered that a CCNA is a ticket to employment even there, despite the 30% unemployment rate.

**Jackie Johnson** (right) was working as a contract employee for a New Hampshire engineering firm. She had no benefits, and no

job security. Then she earned an Associate Degree and a CCNA in 2010. "The CCNA opened doors that were otherwise closed," she says. "Now I have a professional position with health care, 401K, you name it ... and a much improved quality of life."





It took **Kahekashan Shaik** (left) eight years to get her CCNA certification due to health issues, raising three children, and the fact that she and her husband had to share a single car between them. But it

was clearly worth it. "I had a full time job even before I graduated," she says, "and we were able to get a second car. The professors are excellent, very, very helpful. Because of them I was able to achieve my dreams."

As moderator David Kotfila remarked after the presentations, "This is why we teach."

1,000 employees worldwide. They specialize in mixed signal and sensor IC manufacturing, with a focus on automotive electronics.

As the Marketing Communications Manager, Peter works with product development teams across Europe and the United States to promote and reinforce the Melexis brand. He writes technical articles, manages worldwide advertising and develops strategic programs for introducing new products to their markets. Peter recently authored an article, "Advances in EPS Implementation through Multi-Direction Magnetic Sensing" for Sensorsmag.com.

Although his career is demanding and includes a lot of global travel, Peter still makes time for his family and other interests. He met his wife, Linda, while he was at NHTI. Linda teaches math at Weare Middle School. They have two children. Their son, Nick, just graduated from Keene State College and daughter, Katie, is attending the NH Institute of Art. For the past ten years, Peter has been involved with the Boy Scouts of America. He is passionate about helping young people build character and develop a lifelong commitment to good citizenship.

# Meet Barbara Stowers ... Dental Hygiene's First Ever Student Teacher

hen Barbara Stowers graduated from the Dental Hygiene program in 2008, did she envision returning to the College as a student teacher six years later?

"No, I can honestly say I didn't picture this. But it's a perfect opportunity, for me and hopefully for the program, too," Barbara says.

After more than twenty years in retail management – a job Barbara describes as very stressful – she was ready for a change. Enrolling in the Dental Hygiene program at NHTI was a leap of faith for her.

"I was apprehensive at first. It had been a long time since I'd gone to college, and my two daughters were still in school," she explains. "My concern was how could I balance it all, and still be a good student, and really learn?"

Well, she did it. Barbara graduated with high honors, and was a member of the Phi Theta Kappa honors society. She was offered a job at New Boston Dental Care with Dr. Ronald Brenner before she had even passed her board exam. Barbara's been working with Dr. Brenner ever since, a job she absolutely loves.

She is now in her final semester of a "bridge" master's program at MCPHS (formerly Mass College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences), which is one year of undergraduate work, two years of graduate study and a thesis. At NHTI this summer, Barbara is not only delivering class lectures and performing hands-on lab work with the Dental Hygiene students, she is also learning the "inside out" of running an allied health academic program.

"Working with Professor Karen Wynn and Department Head Donna Clougherty has given me a great overview of the program," she says. "In addition to lecture prep, class time and the virtual case studies we work on in lab, I'm also learning about planning curriculum and grading student's work. I am learning what it's really like to be a full-time faculty member of a dental program."

After Barbara completes her practicum at NHTI, she will focus solely on her thesis: the perceptions of program directors and educators of nursing assistant programs regarding the adequacy of oral health education. Sometimes, students enrolled in licensed nursing assistant programs receive only 20 to 30 minutes of oral health education across the span of their academic studies.

"Oral health education is, quite obviously, one of my passions!" Barbara says.

Barbara has been married to her husband, Tony, for almost 24 years. They have two daughters and live in New Boston



Barbara Stowers '08 (right) works with Nicole Roberge, a senior Dental Hygiene student.





IT grad Chris Clough '13 returned to campus in March 2014 to help out with the 2nd Annual Girls Technology Day, an event which encourages middle school girls to explore careers in engineering.

# 27th Annual NHTI FALL GOLF TOURNAMENT



Beaver Meadow Golf Course

Friday, Oct. 3, 2014 1:00 pm Tee Time

Fun! Prizes! Fun! Teams of 4 Faculty - Staff Students - Alumni

Best Ball Scramble

\$20 per person Register at the Wellness Center, 230-4041, by Wednesday, Oct 1st.

Rain or Shine! (No metal spikes, please)

# · Alumni Updates ·

#### 1969

### John Healy

graduated with a degree in Electronic Engineering Technology. He furthered his career at the NH Police Academy, earning his degree as a certified Police Officer. John is self employed as a Private Investigator for attorneys and insurance carriers. He is married to Muriel and has two grown children: Melissa, who is a graduate of the class of 2008 and 2012, and Mike. John and Muriel bought a home in Florida. John says, "NHTI offered a great education and start in life."

#### Ronald R. Wills

graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology. He lives in Willow Spring, North Carolina. Ron is hoping to hear from some of his '69 classmates. He can be reached at willscsi@aol.com.

#### 1971

#### **Michael Farina**

graduated with a degree in Electrical Engineering Technology. He is married to Katherine and resides in Westborough, MA. Michael and Katherine have grown children. Evan is completing his first year of Medical School, and Anika is starting her first year of Veterinary School in the fall. Michael says, "NHTI provided a strong technical foundation and helped launch my career."

#### 1979

#### Patricia Aaron

earned her Nursing degree in 1979. Now living in Lindenhurst, NY, Patricia is hoping to attend SUNY (State University of New York) at Farmingdale.

#### 1974

# Laurence (St. Pierre) Bougie

graduated with a degree in Nursing. He lives in Osterville, MA.

#### 1982

### Wayne A. Goss

earned his degree in Computer Information Systems. He is now working as a Senior Release Engineer for Liberty Mutual Insurance in Dover. Wayne remembers some wild times at the College back in 1981-82, not the least of which was the time his car was torched! Wayne hopes to find some good photos from his time at NHTI to upload to the 50th Anniversary website: www.nhti.edu/50thmemories.

#### 1985

# Timothy (Hightower) Hawthorne

graduated with a degree in Paramedic Emergency Medicine. Timothy retired as a Lieutenant from the Cranston, RI, Fire Department after 20 years. He is now a Consulting Engineer for FM Global, a world wide commercial property insurance provider in Layton, Utah. His position entails meeting with clients throughout the northwest and Alaska, identifying risks to their properties and engineering solutions.

Of his NHTI experience Timothy writes: "I remember not wanting to take Cardiac I, but later, when I took my EMT – Cardiac Certification, that class came back to me and helped me understand it much better. I remember Prof. Warren was amazing. ... We started out in 1984 with 31 students, but by the end of the first semester, were down to 12. Eleven went on to graduate. Excellent program, very intense."

#### 1987

# Kathleen Donoghue

graduated with an Associate's Degree in Nursing. Kathleen is employed with New York City Department of Health and lives in Brooklyn, New York. Kathleen is hoping to reconnect with Carmelyn Heavey, a fellow 1987 nursing student. Carmelyn, if you are out there, please call the NHTI Alumni Office at (603) 271-6484 ext. 4239!

#### 1992

### Angela Boyle

earned an degree in Dental Hygiene, and furthered her education at UNH with a Masters of Public Health in 2014. Angela is employed with Community Crossroads as an Oral Health Program Director in Atkinson, NH.

#### 2004

# **Melody Broider**

graduated with a degree in Health Science. She is furthering her education at UNH in Nursing / Liberal Arts/ with a photography minor.

Melody is owner of a successful skate shop which she started in 2011 in Concord. It is named after her Roller Derby persona, Spank Alley Skate & Board Shop. Melody plays for Granite State Roller Derby as Captain for the Home Team, the Fighting Finches, and also a skater on the All-Star Team. She is currently President of the Nonprofit Skater Run business. Melody will represent the state on Team New Hampshire in the State Wars Tournament in Florida in November. And in January 2015, Melody will compete in Winter Fling "Dancing with the Concord Stars" at NHTI! Come cheer Melody on at Winter Fling (see page 5 for more information)!

#### 2008

# Randy C. Arrant Jr.

graduated with
a degree in
Information
Technology. He
is now a Systems
Developments
Specialist VI with
the NH Deptartment
of Information



Technology. In a clear homage to his educational roots, Randy's email signature includes a quote attributed to NHTI IT Professor Fred Lance: "Attitude is Everything!"

#### 2010

### **Stephen Racca**

graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology in 2010. He earned his bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from UNH. Stephen then went on to earn two master's degrees: in Mechanical Engineering from Brown University and in Manufacturing Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

#### 2011

#### **Barbara Burt**

graduated from the Nursing program in 2011, and now lives in New London.

#### **Scott Burt**

graduated with a Career & Technical Education Alternative Certificate. Scott is working for Hampstead School District as a Grounds Manager / Staff Arborist. He is married and has two children, Cody and Jamie. They live in Danville, NH.

#### 2012

#### **Christine Carlson**

graduated with a Certificate in Paralegal Studies and earned a Bachelor's in Business Administration from SNHU. Christine is now employed as a Litigation



Paralegal at McCandless & Nicholson in Concord, a law firm which concentrates on protecting the injured.

# • Engagements •

#### Burch '07 - Andres

Crystal Burch, a 2007 graduate of the Human Services program at NHTI, is happy to announce her engagement to David Andres. They are planning a wedding for May 10, 2015.

#### McGee - Lauze

Lindsay McGee and James Lauze of Concord are happy to announce their engagement. An August 8, 2015 wedding is planned.

Lindsay earned a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and Psychology from Keene State College in 2011, and enrolled at NHTI in the Teacher Education Conversion program for Special Education. She is a one-on-one educational assistant at the Christa McAuliffe School in Concord, and the Instructional Coordinator at the Sylvan Learning Center.

James is working towards an Associate's Degree in Applied Science Automotive with a Toyota Certification from Manchester Community College. He is a Technician for Grappone Toyota Automotive in Bow, NH.

## Modesitt '07 - Higbee

Elizabeth L. Modesitt and Dennis K. Higbee announce their March 2014 engagement. Liz earned her Bachelor's degree in English from Plymouth State University in 2002, and her Certificate in Paralegal Studies from NHTI in 2007. Liz is currently working in the healthcare information field. Dennis received his Master's from Fordham University in 1995 and works as a Senior Technical Writer in the field of Business Intelligence. The couple resides in Cambridge, MA.

# · Weddings ·

# Buchanan '12 – Hughes '06

Melissa Buchanan and Ryan Hughes were married August 10, 2014, at Castle in the Clouds in Moultonboro, NH. Melissa graduated from Hopkinton High School in 2000 and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and Psychology from New England College in 2004. She earned a Master's Degree in Human Services from New England College in 2008, and an Associate's Degree in Nursing from NHTI in 2012. Melissa is a

Registered Nurse at Concord Hospital. Ryan graduated from Hopkinton High School in 2002 and earned an Associate Degree in Paramedic Emergency Medicine from NHTI in 2006. Ryan is a career firefighter / paramedic for the town of Hopkinton.

#### Fournier '10 - Hallett '11

Stephanie Fournier and John Hallett were married in September 2013. Both are graduates of NHTI's Information Technology program, and Stephanie is currently employed at BAE Systems. The couple lives in Hillsboro, in a house they purchased in April 2013.

#### McWilliams '13 – Drouin '10

Megan McWilliams (Dental Hygiene '13) and Jacob Drouin (Criminal Justice '10) tied the knot in June 2014 at the Stone Bridge Country Club in Hooksett. Officiating at the ceremony was Claudette Welch, Circulation Supervisor at the NHTI Library, who is a also a Justice of the Peace!



# • In Memory •

#### Antonucci '78

Elizabeth "Betsy" Antonucci, 56, died unexpectedly on May 17, 2014 from a heart attack following recent surgery. She was born in Manchester, graduated from West High School in 1976, and NHTI in 1978. Betsy worked as a dental hygienist at the office of Bruce R. Courtney, DMD in Manchester, where she had been working for the

*Updates* continued on page 10 >>

past 27 years. She loved sharing time with her family, playing cards until late in the evening, and gardening with her soulmate, Scott. Betsy brightened the lives of all whom she met with her beautiful smile; her kindness and friendliness was contagious. Betsy will be truly missed by all who knew and loved her.

#### **Behrens**

Eva Wendell (Smith) Behrens passed away on May 20, 2014. She graduated from Penn State, and spent a year at Pinkham Notch working for the Appalachian Mountain Club. Eva received her Nursing Degree from NHTI, and greatly enjoyed her years as a traveling nurse, visiting a number of states before settling back in the Upper Valley and marrying the love of her life, Andrew Behrens, in 1993.

Compassion and love were at the center of everything she did, nowhere more evident than in raising her girls, Emma and Rebecca, with her husband Andy. She worked as a Pediatric Oncology Nurse at Dartmouth–Hitchcock Medical Center, where she helped hundreds of children and families. She was also spring caretaker at the Greenleaf Hut, a job she absolutely loved.

#### Blanchette

Stacie Elizabeth Blanchette, 49, died at her home on July 13, 2014. Stacie attended Rivier College and received her Associate degree in Radiologic Technology from NHTI. Stacie worked as an X-Ray technician at Dartmouth Hitchcock Hospital in Lebanon. When not working, Stacie loved being with her two daughters. Stacie loved travel, hiking and climbing mountains. She was also a big sports fan and a motorcycle enthusiast.

### Finemore'85

Kelly Kathleen (Conlon) Finemore passed away on April 30, 2014 after a

courageous and graceful battle with Breast Cancer. She graduated from Winnisquam Regional High School and received her Associate's Degree from NHTI in 1985. Kelly worked as a Registered Nurse for the NH Veteran's Home, Lakes Region General Hospital, and Heritage Home Health. Her true calling, however, was realized in her second career as a beloved Children's Librarian, serving the greater Tilton-Northfield community at Hall Memorial Library in Northfield. Family and friends often consulted her on medical issues, child care, and life's challenges because of her experience as a babysitter, nurse and mom and because of the comfort they felt just being connected somehow to Kelly.

## Gingras

Jeanne d'Arc Gingras passed on June 28, 2014. Jeanne graduated from Pembroke Academy and attended NHTI and Hesser College. She spent time working at Sprague electric in Concord and retired from NH Employment Security after 18 years as administrative assistant. Jeanne also served as their official French translator. Mrs. Gingras received numerous awards citing her "outstanding performance, quality service, and overall excellence." Jeanne loved to bowl and skate, traveled extensively throughout Europe, Africa, the US and Canada. She was a talented musician, proficient on the piano, guitar, and accordion.

# Harper

Mary Ellen "Mimi" Merk Harper, died quietly on June 14, 2014. Mimi graduated from Gowanda High School in 1949. She met and married her Husband Jack G. Harper of Fredonia, New York in 1953. The couple moved to Contoocook in 1971, and Mimi worked at Hopkinton High School in the guidance department for many years. One of her proudest accomplishments was the creation of Project Graduation, a substance-free

after party for graduates, for which she received the Governors service award from John Sununu.

After Hopkinton Mimi attended travel and tourism school at NHTI. She went on to be travel agent at Penny Pitou, which gave her the opportunity to travel the world.

Mimi enjoyed singing and was an active member of The Concord Chorale and the ConChords during the 70's and 80's. She was an active member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Hopkinton since 1989.

#### Ireland'71

Chester "Mike" Ireland of Plymouth, NH passed away at home on May 10, 2014. Mike lived his entire life in Plymouth, graduating from Plymouth High School and from NHTI in 1971. Mike was a member of Chapter 18 of the International Harvester Collectors Club and served as Director and Adviser at various points. He was a co-founder of the "Power of the Red" tractor show in Dublin. His favorite time of year was his summer pilgrimage to the "Red Power Round-Up" tractor show.

#### Klocek

John Klocek of Candia, NH passed away on March 8, 2014. He attended Central High School and NHTI. John was a lineman supervisor for Public Service of New Hampshire for 36 years. John loved to fish and shared his passion for fishing with his grandsons.

# McKeage

George Fifield McKeage, 85, passed away on January 3, 2014 at his home in Concord. George graduated from Concord High School in 1947 and received a teaching degree from Keene State College in 1951. Following graduation, he joined the Air Force and was stationed in the Philippines.

In 1965, George was one of the first teachers hired for the newly-formed



New Hampshire Technical Institute. George left his position after several years to earn a Master's degree from SUNY-Oswego, and a Certificate

of Advanced Graduate Studies from the University of Illinois. He then taught mechanical drafting and design at Tidewater Community College in Portsmouth, Virginia.

George left teaching in 1981 and returned to New Hampshire where he was a specialized machinist at Hoyt Electric in Penacook until his retirement. He was an ingenious problem solver and a natural teacher. He will be greatly missed by his family and all who knew him.

#### Pineau

Francis J. "Frank" Pineau, 82, of Hooksett passed away on April 21, 2014 with his beloved wife, Lorraine, by his side. Frank attended Northeastern University on a baseball scholarship, earning his Bachelor's degree in Psychology. He attended UNH, earning a Master's degree in Occupational Education. Frank was the Department Head for Computer Information Systems at NHTI. He was also a faculty member of the US Air Force Instructor Training School. Frank was an avid Red Sox and Patriots fan, but above all he enjoyed spending time with his family.

# Tunney

John Evans Tunney, 78, passed on Sunday July 13, 2014 at his home in Concord. John was born in Littleton, NH, and was Captain of all three major sports at Littleton High School. He attended Norwich University from 1953-55, majoring in Business Administration and playing baseball. In 1955, John enrolled at UNH to major in Geology, graduating in 1958. John taugh English and History in the Bristol School District and at Kennett High School in Conway. He completed his Master's Degree in English at UNH in 1967, and became a full Professor of English and Social Sciences at NHTI, where he taught for 25 years.

John loved running marathons and other road races. He ran eleven Boston Marathons as well as many others. He coached extensively in the boys' Little League and girls' softball leagues in Concord.

## 5K for the Friendly K

he NHTI Cross
Country Team
is hosting the
7th Annual Friendly
Kitchen 5K Road Race
on Sunday September
7th. The race will begin at
8:30 AM on the Seekamp Trail. The
event will include a children's fun
run, refreshments, and an awesome
raffle. It's all part of Concord Rotary's
Weekend on the Water, and all proceeds
go to the Concord Friendly Kitchen.

There is a special division for NHTI alumni. Enter this race, and you too could win the coveted title of Fastest NHTI Alumnus or Alumna of 2014! (Yes, there's one of each!)

For more details contact Perry Seagroves, pseagroves@ccsnh.edu.

# Giving back to NHTI has never been easier!

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From this page, you can also update your contact information, and learn about the benefits and services NHTI offers its alumni.

# Coming Soon to a Phone Near You....!

Dear NHTI Alumni,

As the Alumni Development Director these past six years, I

have come to know many of you, the proud graduates of NHTI, Concord's Community College. Your success stories -



"Please pick up the phone!"

starting at NHTI - are absolutely inspiring. It's a joy to share those stories with your fellow graduates in this newsletter.

Over the next year, I will be calling (or writing, or emailing, or texting, or Facebook messaging) you to ask for your support of NHTI by making a donation. In looking at where you are in life today, I hope you will reminisce about your time at the College, and think how it may have changed your life....

And I hope you will give generously back to NHTI! I look forward to speaking with you soon,

LeeAnn Lewis

Director of Institutional and Alumni Development

P.S. What's YOUR reason to give back? Your support could make a world of difference for an NHTI student this year.





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# NHTI Debuts New Online Employment Service

n July 2014, NHTI launched a new online job search service, open to both current students and alumni. Although the school has long had a simple "job bank" where local employers could post positions, this all-new service – powered by College Central Network (CCN) – offers far more than just a list of local jobs.

As in the past, local employers are encouraged to post jobs to the system. (As of this writing, with the new system up and running for only a few weeks, over 50 employers have signed on, posting an average of 15-20 jobs a week.) But job seekers using the system also have access to CCN's nationwide listings of jobs and internships. These listings include not only jobs posted to CCN by employers, but also jobs found by CCN's aggregator programs, which roam the web searching for job listings. Job seekers can search the listings manually, but they can also set up "agents" to watch for jobs that meet certain criteria and send out an alert when such jobs appear.

But CCN offers more than just lists of job openings; it has suite of tools to help jobs seekers get better at ... well, at job seeking. There is Résumé Builder, which guides users in building a résumé which can then be uploaded to CCN so that potential employers can view it. (If you already have a stellar résumé you can simply upload that to CCN.) There

is also Portfolio Central, where users can assemble an online portfolio of their best work for employers to peruse – especially useful for people in the arts.

In addition, CCN offers an extensive and growing collection of podcasts, videos and text articles with advice on every imaginable facet of career building: from exploring your career interests and choosing a college major, to tips for writing résumés and cover letters, to job hunting advice and interviewing strategies, and much more.

"As soon as I learned NHTI was offering College Central Network for

job searches, I joined right away," says **Stephanie (Fournier) Hallet** '10. "As an Information Technology graduate, I appreciate the sheer volume of employment services this site offers, like resume building, assembling online portfolios and podcasts about best practices for job searching. Best of all is that it's completely free for NHTI graduates."

Even if you're not currently in the job market – or a potential employer – it's worth checking out! Visit CollegeCentral. com/NHTI.

