

# NHTI

## Alumni News

Fall 2015

### A Dedicated Educator... A Lasting Legacy

Former Nursing Faculty Member Bequeaths \$185,000 to NHTI

There were so many things that Joanne's obituary didn't say," says **Carolyn Andrews**, a friend to **Joanne C. McCraren** for more than 40 years.

Joanne died last spring at the age of 82, leaving a gift of \$185,000 to NHTI, Concord's Community College, where she was a member of the nursing faculty for 22 years.

"I was shocked when I learned about her gift," Carolyn says. "She was always very careful with her finances, and was concerned about making her money last. But I wasn't at all shocked that the College found out (about the gift) less than two weeks later – that was Joanne, always prepared, organized, and on time!"

#### Committed to Her Students

Carolyn was hired as a Nursing professor in the fall of 1970. A year later, Joanne joined her and the two became fast friends. For Carolyn, there were two things about Joanne that immediately stood out: her dedication to teaching and her commitment to her students' success.

Joanne believed deeply in associate degree education. She herself began with a diploma from the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital School of Nursing in Boston. She went on to earn a BSN from Boston University and then her MSN from the Catholic University of America. She was dedicated to the mission of community colleges – that with a two-year degree, you can launch a very good career.

As a teacher, Joanne pushed her students to do well. In fact, she demanded excellence. Joanne's gift to the College is allocated for scholarships to students who maintain a 3.0 grade point average. This too, did not surprise Carolyn. "In Joanne's view, if you are going to do something, then do it right," Carolyn recalls. "She did not suffer for lazy students!"



Joanne C. McCraren, Associate Professor of Nursing, as pictured in *Scientia*, the NHTI Yearbook, in 1973

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#### 20 Years and Building

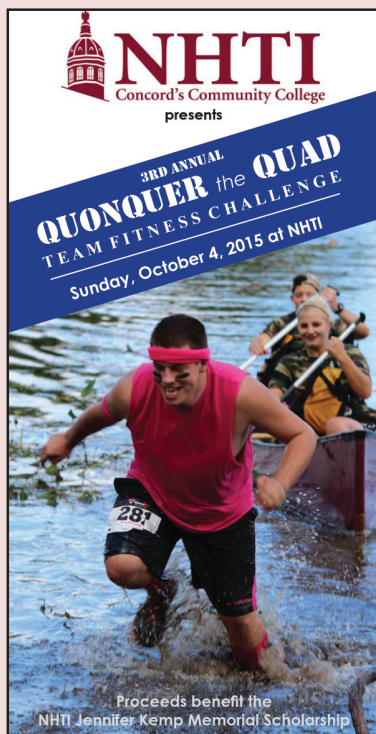
**L**isa DeStefano (AET '84) celebrated the 20th Anniversary of her Portsmouth architectural firm this spring. After earning her degree from the Boston Architecture Center in 1991, she worked with several firms in Portsmouth before starting her own business in 1995. Her firm now employs 15 people, and has worked on over 100 downtown projects. NH Magazine recently rated DeStefano's company as the #4 architectural firm in NH!



Photo: Paul Briand, Seacoastonline.com



## Can You "Quonquer the Quad"?



**Sunday, October 4, 2015**

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](http://nhti.edu/quonquerthequad)

Register by Sept 12, \$110/team  
After Sept 12, \$120/team

**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. Proceeds benefit the Jen Kemp Memorial Scholarship.

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### World Traveling Together

While Joanne's obituary mentioned her interest in volunteer work and working with people from other countries and cultures, it didn't include her passion for travel and adventure, or her love of cooking, sewing and quilting.

Joanne and Carolyn spent many summers – and retirement years – traveling the globe. They visited the hometown of Mark Twain (Hannibal, Missouri) where they went on a "Twain-Ride." They rode an open carriage in 20-degree below zero weather in Montreal, and Joanne swam with the dolphins in the Caribbean. They visited Alligator Alley in the Everglades of Florida and drove to Salt Lake City, Utah, to see the Mormon Tabernacle Choir perform.

In Fairbanks, Alaska, Carolyn ran into an acquaintance from Concord, NH, with whom she had grown up, prompting Joanne to marvel, "Do you know people across the whole world?" They frequently crossed paths with former students who referred to them as "Andrews and McCraren" which always made them laugh.

One of the beloved places Joanne visited was Assateague Island off the coast of Maryland and Virginia. The island, home to more than 300 wild ponies roaming the beaches, was Joanne's favorite place to practice yet another of her interests: photography. "She took absolutely stunning pictures of those wild horses," Carolyn remembers. "She was quite a skilled photographer, especially of wildlife and the landscapes we visited."

Joanne, the eldest of three, was predeceased by her brother and sister. Carolyn also lost her parents and siblings in a short period of time. Over the past ten years, Joanne and Carolyn enjoyed Thanksgivings and Christmases together. And they played cards every Saturday afternoon. Although Joanne was a private person, she enjoyed many close, longtime friendships.

### Leaving a Legacy to Students

Joanne was a very private and deeply generous person. No one knew about her amazing gift to NHTI, not even Carolyn.

"Her generous gift to NHTI demonstrates yet another layer of her commitment to quality associate degree education," says **Susan B. Dunton**, President of NHTI. "She had tremendous impact on her students in her 20+ year teaching career, and her bequest ensures long-term support for students."

Joanne's generous gift to NHTI means that many students will receive scholarship support in the years to come.

"Anyone who had Joanne McCraren as a nursing instructor will never forget her. She demanded the best from everyone. There was only one way to do things: the right way. She'd look at you over the top of her glasses and scare the crap out of you. I've been a nurse for 35 years and I hope I've done her proud."

-- Mary Chambers, R.N.  
Class of 1980, Hooksett, NH



Members of the Nursing Faculty as pictured in the 1972 NHTI Yearbook, left to right: Carolyn Andrews, Senior Instructor; Elinor Thomas, Instructor; Angelyn M. D'Ambruso, Instructor; and Joanne C. McCraren, Associate Professor.

## Want To Be A Teacher? Come Back to NHTI!

### TECP Program Attracts Alumni

**H**ave you ever thought about becoming a teacher?

NHTI's innovative Teacher Education Conversion Program (TECP) is designed for the student who has completed a bachelor's or master's degree and would like to become a teacher, or for those who are already teaching but require additional certification. Approved by the NH State Board of Education and accredited by NEASC, the TECP program focuses on areas in which New Hampshire faces a critical shortage of teachers, including science, mathematics, special education, and ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages).

Increasingly, the TECP program is being discovered by NHTI alumni who are interested in changing careers or furthering an established career in teaching.

#### Destined for Teaching

**Jessica Boezeman** was probably destined to be a teacher, although it took her a while to realize it. "I grew up thinking I was going to ride show horses professionally," she confesses somewhat sheepishly. "I mean hey, doesn't everybody?" Home-schooled by her mother – a teacher by training – and her historian father, "teaching was part of my life growing up."

Jess took her first class at NHTI – Early Childhood Literature – at the tender age of fifteen. "It was inspiring," she says. She went on to receive an Associate Degree in Education in 2008. But she still wasn't thinking seriously about a teaching career until a family friend who taught at Concord High School asked her to work as a paraprofessional for a summer. "That was it; I was hooked!"

Jessica returned to school, earning a Bachelor's degree in History and Education from SNHU, but she was not

yet certified to teach. She continued to work at Concord High, spending two years as a Title I reading teacher. Then she became the Assistant Program Director of the Diploma Academy, an alternative education program at CHS. This got her back in the classroom, working alongside a certified teacher with "at risk" kids. "And suddenly I remembered, oh yeah, this is why I'm doing this!"



Jessica Boezeman and daughter Harper

Her teaching partner encouraged her to go back to school for her certification, but it took her a while to find the right program. One school actually discouraged her from applying because she was (then) a newly-married woman. ("And I'm thinking, Seriously? In 2012? I guess they thought I wouldn't have the time or something.") Then a colleague from Concord who had been through NHTI's TECP program suggested she try here.

"The minute I walked in the door," says Jessica, "I felt like I'd come home. I had a lot of the requirements already, so I didn't have to take that many more courses. Actually, I sort of wish I'd needed to take more, it was so much fun. **Kelly Dunn** and the TECP faculty are amazing, inspiring people. They end up feeling like your family.

"One of the best things about the program is they make it work within your job as much as they possibly can. I did a

lot of the practicum requirements at my job, with teachers who had been through the program supervising me."

Now certified in Special Ed, Jessica looks to have a bright career ahead of her.

#### "NHTI Prepared Me Well"

**Christian Lacroix** came to NHTI directly from high school, but dropped out after his first year. "I loved my first year at 'The Tech,' but at this time in my life I was not super serious about my education or my future more generally." But after working for four years at a landscaping company, Chris decided it was time to go back to school. "I became much more focused and serious in my studies, and I learned to love my classes and professors in the Education program."

Christian received his Associate Degree in Education in 2012, and went on to Loyola University in Maryland. ("Loyola accepted most of my classes from NHTI.") He graduated with a Bachelor's degree in English in 2015. "I loved my time at Loyola," he writes, "and felt that my classes at NHTI had prepared me well in terms of the difficulty of the courses, and the time needed to succeed."

By now Christian had decided to pursue teaching certification, and NHTI seemed the logical place to do it. "What attracted me to the TECP program was the fact that I would once again receive a quality and affordable education, as well as the fact that I would only need to complete a few classes to get my certification in Special Ed."

Christian is currently seeking a teaching job, hoping employers will be willing to hire him knowing he is entering a program that will lead to certification.

*To learn more about the TECP program, contact **Kelly Moore Dunn**, Ed.D., (603) 271-6484 x4163 or [kdunn@ccsnh.edu](mailto:kdunn@ccsnh.edu).*

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Click **Community & Visitors: Alumni Development** to make Your Donation Online Today!

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## Introducing ...



Starting this fall, NHTI students can take advantage of the New Hampshire Dual Admission program to earn two academic degrees! The Dual Admission program provides a seamless academic pathway from any of the Community College System of New Hampshire (CCSNH) schools to any of the four members of the University System of New Hampshire (USNH): University of New Hampshire, Keene State, Plymouth State and Granite State.

Students can apply for dual admission to the college of their choice as soon as they are accepted at NHTI. Joint advising from NHTI and the four-year college assures a smooth transfer once the student completes an associate degree with a 2.5 or better GPA. Students will also have access to events at the four-year school while still attending NHTI.

While numerous specific transfer agreements already exist between the community colleges and USNH institutions in particular fields of study, what's important about the dual admission program is the ability for students to map out a well-defined pathway at the start of their college education, and seamlessly move on to the four-year school, according to CCSNH Chancellor Ross Gittell.

"The Dual Admission program is a clear pathway that enables students to be admitted to both institutions, to earn an associate and a bachelor's degree through a route that is affordable and supportive, and helps to retain high school graduates in-state and for employment in New Hampshire. This is positive for New Hampshire students and families, and also for the state's economy," Gittell said.

## Private Investigator, Financial Analyst and Published Author, Oh My!

What do you call someone who has eleven (count 'em: eleven) five-out-of-five customer reviews on Amazon.com? Well, **James Marino**, of course! Last year James' first novel, *The Keepers of Mercia*, was published by Black Rose Writing, to great appreciation from readers.

James, a 1997 graduate of NHTI's Criminal Justice program, spent one year studying at the University of Rhode Island right after graduating from Goffstown High School. Realizing he was not quite ready for serious academic rigor, James rented an apartment with friends in Concord. One of his buddies worked as a private investigator, which seemed intriguing. According to James, it ... isn't.

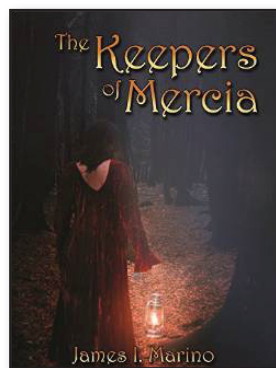
"Working as a private investigator, you find out pretty quickly that it can be a lot of sitting around and waiting, trying to document peoples' transgressions – working out at a gym when the person is supposed to be on disability, for example," he explains. "Overall, I found it to be pretty boring."

In 1999, James began working for Lincoln Financial Group. Over the past fifteen years, he has moved steadily up the ladder at LFG, and now works as an intelligence analyst researching competitor trends and market share. James went on to earn a degree in English from the University of New Hampshire.

### Writing, His One Constant

One thing that has remained consistent during the transitions in his life – moving from university to a two-year college, and moving from private investigations to financial services – is writing. For as long as he can remember, James wrote.

"A character, or a scene, or even a line of dialogue would pop into my head, and I'd write it down and add it to the Bone Yard [his shoe box full of ideas]," he explains. "Finally, I reread each scrap of paper and realized 'wow, there's a story here.'"



As part of applying for his Master's in Fine Arts degree at Southern New Hampshire University, James was required to submit a 20-page manuscript. So began *The Keepers of Mercia*. He spent a year editing his novel and sent out inquiries to literary agents. The book was published in 2014. The story centers on Binnette, a young farm girl on an historic journey with an elder. Ultimately, Binnette is tapped to be the savior of her kingdom.

This year, James has spent a lot of time promoting his book, including a reading and book signing at Gibson's Book Store in Concord, and speaking to his nephew's class at Londonderry High School. After appearing on the "Cail and Company" radio show on 107.7 The Pulse, he was asked to return as a guest host for the show. (Add 'radio show host' to the list of his many accomplishments!)

"It's been an amazing and interesting ride," James says. He is working towards writing full-time but knows he has a way to go before that time comes. "I'm just enjoying every minute of life right now."

James and his wife, Megan, also a writer and an editor, are involved with the NH Writers Project. He is at work on novel number two, a mystery/crime thriller. But he has asked his mom not to read it because it's about "bad people doing bad things." Intriguing!

James and Megan live in Canterbury with their two sons, Max and Finn, and two dogs, Penny and Honey Bee.





## Alumni Respond to NHTI's

### #1 Brookings Institution Ranking

**T**he Brookings Institution, a Washington, D.C.-based think tank, published a study "Beyond College Rankings – A Value-Added Approach to Assessing Two- and Four-Year Colleges" in April 2015. The study ranked NHTI:

- #1 in the Nation among two-year schools in Value-Added with respect to mid-career earnings;
- #4 in Alumni with the Most Valuable Skills;
- #8 in Value-Added with respect to occupational earnings power.

**NHTI was the *only* college (2- or 4-year) to have three Top 10 rankings in the Brookings report!**

"A great achievement and congratulations to the entire team at NHTI."

-- **George Dobrowski**, EDP '66

"I love this sentence, 'Graduates of some colleges enjoy much more economic success than their characteristics at the time of admission would suggest.' When I entered NHTI, I had been mowing lawns, waitressing, coaching skiing and packing boxes! My characteristics at time of admission would certainly suggest a poor economic outcome!"

-- **Francie Benton**, MET '85, Senior Technologist & Mechanical Engineer, Markem-image

"I am not at all surprised to read about NHTI being ranked #1! Thanks to my NHTI experience, I am fully confident in my ability to reach my next goals (bachelor's degree in healthcare administration from SNHU and Certified Professional in Healthcare Quality, CPHQ). I may have graduated but NHTI still remains in my heart."

-- **Diane Champagne**, PL '07 & BA '11

"Just read the great news about NHTI. Congratulations! It doesn't surprise me. When I attended NHTI, it was considered one of the best kept secrets in N.H. I'm happy to see that the world now knows the wonderful job NHTI has always done for its students. I have spoken many times to my daughter about my wonderful experiences at NHTI and how it set me on my path to success."

-- **Peter Wiggin**, AET '89

"Congratulations! It is certainly a well-deserved honor!"

-- **Elaine Keniston**, '85 NU

"Holy \_\_\_\_\_! I just read the study. This is terrific. I will send in my story [to the alumni office]. NHTI was a huge help for me and I made it all the way to Wall Street. I'm on CNBC every other month."

-- **Theodore O'Neill**, EET '78

"I have wonderful memories of my time at NHTI. It is a great school and it's wonderful that others know it now!"

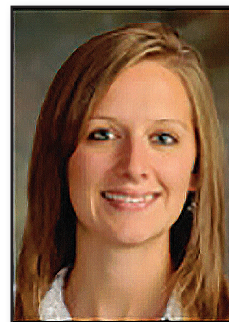
-- **Elaine Gagnon**, Dental Hygiene '71

To access the Brookings report, visit  
[www.nhti.edu/community-visitors/news-events/brookings-report-rates-nhti-1](http://www.nhti.edu/community-visitors/news-events/brookings-report-rates-nhti-1)

## Up and Coming

**J**essica Locke Carver (ECE '08), Assistant

Director of the Child Study and Development Center at UNH, was identified as a "Promising Emerging Leader" in the field of Early Childhood Education in the May/June issue of Child Care Exchange. View the online journal at [www.childcareexchange.com/leadership/](http://www.childcareexchange.com/leadership/).



Congratulations, Jessica!



**Save the Date!**

**Saturday, January 30, 2016**

Can you believe NHTI is getting ready to host its 6th Annual Winter Fling and "Dancing with the Concord Stars"? Since 2011, Winter Fling has raised more than \$220,000 for the President's Fund for Excellence. Thank you!

Winter Fling will be held on Saturday, January 30, 2016. Tickets go on sale November 1st for \$85 per person, or \$595 for a table of eight. Call **Lee Ann Lewis** on November 1st to purchase your Winter Fling tickets: (603) 271-6484 x4239.

**The 2016 "Concord Stars" (so far):**

- Bianca Contreras '96, Hinckley Allen
- Martin Contreras '93, Market Basket
- Marshall Crane, Frank Monahan Foundation
- Amanda Damour, EXACOM, Inc.
- Karen Lucius '87, Northeast Delta Dental
- Nannu Nobis, Nobis Engineering
- Bridget Overson, The Lawson Group
- Tom Raffio, Northeast Delta Dental
- Mary Sullivan, Sugar River Bank

More to come...stay tuned!

## Wanderjahr



**Jackie Vesey** (Nursing '12) bids bon voyage to her brother **Shaun Vesey** (Criminal Justice '12) at Logan Airport as he departs for Shannon, Ireland on the first leg of an "open-ended" trip to Europe. Shaun and Jackie are the son and daughter of **Pam Vesey** of the NHTI Registrar's Office.

## All In the Family

**Jim Clough**, who graduated from the Paramedic Emergency Medicine program at NHTI in 1985, is the father of Alex (top photo, center) and Chris Clough. **Christopher Clough** graduated from the IT program at NHTI in 2012. **Alex Clough** attended NHTI for a year before transferring to Grove City College (Pennsylvania), where she graduated in May with a B.S. in Business (below).



## Super Supervisor



At the spring 2015 institute advisory board meeting for the Radiologic Technology program at NHTI, **Tina (Couture) Andersen**, '98 received the Clinical Supervisor Award for Outstanding Contributions to NHTI students. Pictured here (at left) with NHTI Prof. **Sandy Beliveau**, Tina was lauded for her approachability and her dedicated mentoring of NHTI's students during her first year as a clinical supervisor at Elliot Hospital.

Sandy says, "Tina has gone above and beyond our expectations in her dedication to the Radiology students. She is well deserving of this prestigious award!"

## Three Generations of NHTI!

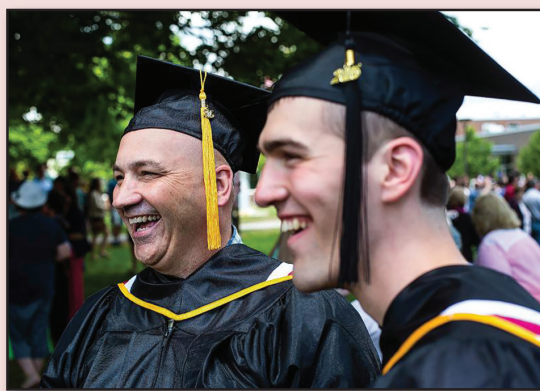


**Cedric Dustin** (left) sat on the New Hampshire Technical Institute's Advisory Board on the day the College opened in 1965, and he served for more than 20 years. **Brian C. Dustin** (center), Cedric's grandson, graduated on May 22, 2015 with degrees in Manufacturing and Mechanical Engineering Technology. Brian's dad and Cedric's son, **Rob Dustin** (right), earned his degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology in 1981. How wonderful to have 3 generations of the Dustin family with us at Commencement 2015!



## Father and Son Graduate

**M**ichael LaBrecque, Senior, is a Lieutenant with the Hooksett Police Department. When his son (also **Michael**) was graduating High School two years ago, Michael Senior asked his son if he intended to go to college. When the son said he was *not*, because his Father had not, Lt. LaBrecque told his son, "If you go, I'll go!"



*Photo courtesy Concord Monitor*

They matriculated at the same time, and graduated together this spring from the Criminal Justice Program. Which Michael had the higher GPA? They're not telling!

## Three New Certificate Programs

**N**HTI is pleased to announce three new certificate programs launching in Fall 2015.

### Veterans Counseling

The NHTI Veterans Counseling Certificate is the only program offered in New Hampshire that focuses specifically on veterans' services. It is designed for professionals in the counseling, social work, and addiction counseling fields, or for students and other paraprofessionals who are seeking specific knowledge and skills to work and serve with today's veteran population. The *professional certificate* is designed with educational requirements for professionals who are currently working with veterans or plan to work with veterans and their families. The *student certificate* is designed for college students and paraprofessionals who are interested in the veteran field. Either version may be taken in conjunction with a variety of degree granting programs. Contact **Kathleen Curran**, (603) 271-6484 x4147 or [kcurran@ccsnh.edu](mailto:kcurran@ccsnh.edu).



To learn more about these or any of NHTI's 70+ academic programs, visit [nhti.edu/academics/programs-study](http://nhti.edu/academics/programs-study).

Please note that financial aid eligibility approval is pending for these three programs.

### Wedding Planning Management

This program prepares students by requiring mastery of the fundamentals of event planning, as well as developing the ability to create and orchestrate exceptional weddings and parties. Students will develop an understanding of the role of the wedding planner, the elements of a successful wedding event, and the critical skills needed for a successful career as a wedding planner. This program is available days and evenings. Contact **Maryanne Adams**, (603) 271-6484 x4100 or [madams@ccsnh.edu](mailto:madams@ccsnh.edu).

### English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

This program is jointly administered by NHTI's Office of Cross Cultural Education and NHTI's Education department, and provides candidates with a strong introduction to ESL teaching. This program will prepare interested candidates to work in the ESL community in a variety of community, adult, and overseas programs. While the Certificate Program in ESOL does not lead directly to licensure in teaching ESL in New Hampshire, those candidates who would like to obtain licensure may apply coursework toward NHTI's Teacher Education Conversion Program in ESOL. Contact **Kelly Moore Dunn**, Ed.D., (603) 271-6484 x4163 or [kdunn@ccsnh.edu](mailto:kdunn@ccsnh.edu).

## Last Call – Don't Miss the Party of the Half-Century!

Saturday, October 3, 2015

**N**HTI, Concord's Community College is celebrating 50 years of excellence in education on Saturday, October 3, 2015. With tons of activities for you and the whole family, we hope to see you back on NHTI's campus on October 3rd!



8:30 am

### NHTI Coach Photo – Gym

Anyone who has ever coached (head or assistant) for an NHTI team

RSVP: [phogan@ccsnh.edu](mailto:phogan@ccsnh.edu)

8:45 am

### NHTI Alumni Athletes Photo – Gym

Anyone who has ever played on an NHTI team

RSVP: [phogan@ccsnh.edu](mailto:phogan@ccsnh.edu)

10:00 am

### 50th 5K Fun Run

RSVP: [twalton@nedelta.com](mailto:twalton@nedelta.com)

Alumni Games including men and women's soccer, co-ed volleyball and woman's basketball

11:00 am - 4:00 pm

### Hydration Station and BBQ

Cash Beer and Wine

11:00 am / 1:00 pm / 3:00 pm

### YSCC Softball and Baseball Playoffs

NHTI Lynx Team Games including men's and women's soccer and women's volleyball

12:00 noon – 4:00 pm

### Campus Tours

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

### "Back-to-Class" Lectures and Demonstrations

Fun for the Kids – games, face painting, balloons and more

1:30 pm

**EYE-Scream Social**, celebrating 25 years of *The Eye*, NHTI's student literary publication

6:00 – 10:00 pm

### 50th Anniversary / Birthday Gala

Table Top Book & Video Premiere  
Dinner & Dancing (and cake!)

Buy your ticket TODAY! Cost is \$30 per person. Call **Lee Ann Lewis** at (603) 271-6484 x4239.





## Transnational Student Siblings

**Natascha Kortum**, '01 lives in Hamburg, Germany. While studying at NHTI, she lived with the Rose Family in New Hampton.

Here Natascha stands with her host younger brother, **Cody Rose**, at Orientation this summer. Cody was 4-years old when Natascha graduated in 2001 with a degree in Travel and Tourism, and Hotel and Travel Administration. This fall, Cody begins his studies in the Criminal Justice program.

Welcome, Cody!



## Beloved Profs Retire

On Friday May 8, the NHTI Animation and Graphic Games (AGGP) program's annual "Show of Games" -- an increasingly popular event in which senior majors and selected freshmen demo their year-end projects -- closed with a surprise announcement: the retirement of Prof. **Terry Simkin** (far right). A longtime member of the CPET faculty, Simkin was the founder and coordinator of the AGGP program, and its driving force for many years. Fortunately for the program and its future students, Terry will remain on staff as an adjunct next year.

Then on Monday May 11, a vast crowd of faculty, staff, and students past and present turned out to bid farewell to retiring Business Department Head **Martha "Marty" Hunt** (below, in grey, behind Leroy). No mere retirement rocking chair for Marty. VP **Steve Caccia** stunned the crowd with the announcement that Student Center Room 225, where the Student Senate meets, will now and forevermore be known as the "Hunt Room" in Marty's honor.





## Zonta Scholarships Support Women

The Zonta Club of Concord has long supported NHTI students by offering scholarships to women who have returned to school five or more years after graduating from high school. For the 2014-15 academic year, they awarded six scholarships to NHTI students. The students were invited to the Zonta Club's annual meeting and recognition dinner in June.

Pictured in the top photo at right (l to r) are: Zonta Club President Amy Marchildon, **Danielle LaValley**, who graduated in May with a degree in Business Administration, NHTI Alumni Director **Lee Ann Lewis**, Dental Hygiene student **Natasha Deneault**, her daughter Chloe, Dental Hygiene student **Camille Fagadore**, and Nursing student **Sarah Greer**. Not pictured are scholarship winners **Alicia Boynton**, Early Childhood Education, and **Heather Brock**, who graduated from the Nursing program in May 2015.

In the bottom right photo, Nursing student Sarah Greer (l) stands with Zonta Club of Concord member **Carolyn Andrews**. Carolyn was a Professor of Nursing at NHTI for nearly 30 years, and served as the Nursing Department Head for a number of years. Sarah begins her senior year this fall and was awarded a Zonta Club of Concord Scholarship. Congratulations, Sarah!



### A Note from Penny!

**Penny Lewis '69 was among the first women to graduate from NHTI**

My story goes way back to the early years.

As one of the first women to graduate from NHTI, in the third class (1969), I am privileged to have had many doors open to me as a result of my NHTI education. I refer to my early college years as "a background in computer science" because most people don't recognize the actual degree conferred: an AS degree in Electronic Data Processing.

My career has been a combination of high-tech and "no-tech" positions. After a long and successful start in high tech, first as a programmer and later as a system designer and technical writer, I left high tech for several years to design organic landscapes in order to have more control of my hours while raising two children.

When college tuitions loomed on the horizon, I returned to the longer hours and better pay of high tech and helped to fund their educations. I later returned to the flexible hours of "no-tech" to allow me to spend more time with my aging parents.

After several career transitions in and out of high tech, I am now in a position that is a delightful blending of the two. My years of experience with sustainable landscape design have come together with my database, website, and other technical skills to provide a unique opportunity as the Executive Director of the Ecological Landscape Alliance ([www.ecolandscaping.org](http://www.ecolandscaping.org)). In this role, I manage the operations of a nationwide, member-based nonprofit and also develop all educational programming including talks, tours, symposia, and conferences for landscape professionals.

A believer in lifelong learning, I have continued to take classes at other colleges and universities, but I credit NHTI for the initial degree and strong foundation that have made my successful career possible.

I am looking forward to reconnecting with NHTI classmates at the 50th celebration in October!



Penny Lewis earned an degree in Electronic Data Processing in 1969. She was one of only 6 women in that graduating class.

## • Alumni Updates •

**1974**

### Laurie St. Pierre

lives in Osterville, MA. She is interested in getting in touch with classmates **Joann Joyce** and **Claudia Geno**, both graduates of the Nursing program. Ladies, are you out there?

**1980**

### Ronald Reed

is VP of Application Development at Lincoln Financial Group. He lives in Boscawen, NH.

**1983**

### Chuck Wason

graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology. He went on to UNH to earn as BS in Mechanical Engineering in 1989.

**1987**

### Gary Treadwell

graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology. He is employed at Beswick Engineering as a Chief Engineer in Design and Development. Gary furthered his education at UNH and got a BS in Mechanical Engineering in 1989. He is married to Kim and resides in Dover, NH.

**1989**

### Mike Gagnon

is a graduate of the NHTI Paramedic program. He was promoted to Fire Chief in Derry, NH in March 2015.

### Maria Ryan

graduated with a Nursing degree. While at NHTI she tutored other students and received the Goldie Crocker Award. Maria went on for a BSN at UNH, an MSN/Family Nurse Practitioner at Rivier College, and a Ph.D. at Warren National University. She is currently CEO at Cottage Hospital in Woodsville, NH. Maria is married, and has three children. She writes, "NHTI was an incredible school with an incredible faculty!"

**1992**

### Michael Brady

earned a degree in Nursing from NHTI. He lives in California and is employed with the California Department of Corrections as the Headquarters Chief Nurse Executive, planning, directing and coordinating all nursing services for Department of Corrections statewide. Michael earned his MS in Nursing Administration in 2012, graduating Summa Cum Laude. He is married to Deborah Tasker-Brady and has 4 grown children.

### Scott Sherman

graduated with an Architectural Engineering Technology degree. He writes, "In May 1995 I started employment at Dream Kitchens in Nashua, NH. That's 20 years at Dream Kitchens! I miss all my friends from 'The Tech'. Great times!"

**1997**

### Joshua Menard

graduated with a degree in Criminal Justice and was President of Phi Theta Kappa. After graduating he enrolled at NEC and earned a Bachelor's in Political Science. Joshua went on to Boston College Law School and received his JD in 2002. He served as a Federal Judicial Law Clerk and then practiced law with the firm of Preti Flaherty in Concord, NH.

From 2005-2009 Joshua served as a Trustee with the Community College System of NH. He also graduated from the Leadership New Hampshire program in 2007. In January 2015 Joshua was appointed as a Federal Administrative Law Judge; his courtroom is located in Lawrence, MA. Joshua got in touch with us after he received notification that one of his writings was chosen to be part of *The Eye's* 25th Anniversary Edition.

**1998**

### Mark Bodanza

graduated with a degree in Criminal Justice. He is married with 6 children, and has served as Captain at New Hampshire Academy since 2011. Mark returned to NHTI in 2013 for a Paralegal Certificate.



Capt. Mark G. Bodanza with Gov. Maggie Hassan

### James Marino

earned a degree in Criminal Justice. He works for Lincoln Financial as a marketing analyst. James went to UNH and SNHU and majored in Fiction Writing, earning a BA in 2006 and an MFA in 2009 and graduating Cum Laude. James was signed by Black Rose Writing in 2014 and published a fantasy novel, *The Keepers of Mercia*, in 2014.

**2000**

### John S. Caswell

has published a book of poetry and prose, titled *Shellback*, available at [prc.dartmouth.edu](http://prc.dartmouth.edu). He lives in Braintree, VT.

**2003**

### Diana Cardin-Escobedo

graduated with a degree in Radiologic Technology. She is employed with Imaging Healthcare Specialists as a CT Technologist, and furthered her education from Western Governor's University, earning a Bachelor's in Healthcare Informatics. Diana lives in Carlsbad, CA.

### Matt Fish

earned a degree in Marketing and Business Management. After NHTI he went on to SNHU and only needed one year of classes due to all of the credits that transferred toward his Bachelor's in Marketing. Matt recently started a new job with iBoss Cyber Security after seven years at Bradford Networks. He is the new account executive for the northeast. Matt also owned a successful vending business for three years. Matt and his wife Penny own an investment property in Concord (a two

family duplex), and he and their son are gearing up for another season with their ice cream truck business: Ice Cream Dream Team!

**2005**

### Peter Maes

received his degree in Criminal Justice. Peter married Hilary Erin Reitnauer and the couple welcomed their first born, Jack Gardner Maes, on March 31, 2014. Peter and Hilary live in Windsor, VT with their cat and German Shepard puppy. Peter is serving in the United States Army Reserve in Rutland, VT.



Peter Maes and wife Hilary

**2006**

### Sandra J. White

graduated from the General Studies program, and worked for the Engineering department for eight years under the chairmanship of **Arthur LeBlanc**. Sandie writes, "Art was well liked by many, many students. He taught at the school for many years and has lots of great old stories. I really miss working at the college. It was a great experience for me."

**2007**

### Crystal (Burch) Andres

graduated with a degree in Human Services. She married David Andres, also an NHTI alum, in 2010. Crystal works with a mentally ill geriatric population at New Hampshire Hospital.

### Jim Longton

earned a degree in Electronic Engineering Technology, as part of program in which the Coast Guard sends active duty members to school. Since graduating from NHTI he has gone on to get a BS from Excelsior College, and is now two classes away from finishing his MS in Criminal Justice with a concentration in Homeland Security and Emergency Management at Excelsior. Jim lives in northern Virginia with his wife and two daughters, and works at Coast Guard HQ in Washington, DC.

**2011**

### Kathleen Parker

earned a degree in Architectural Engineering Technology. She is employed at Cobb Hill

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Construction as a CAD Designer / Project Assistant. Kathleen writes, "My education and experience at NHTI have been more than invaluable to me, allowing me to make the career change I should have made long ago! It's also helped me to be a more confident and stronger person."

## • Engagements • and • Weddings •

### **Brittany (Balch) DiGiovanni '09**

received a Diploma in 2006 in Dental Assisting, and a Dental Hygiene degree in 2009. She got married May 15, 2015.



Brittany DiGiovanni's wedding day

### **Boardman – Moffett**

Beth Boardman and Michael Moffett were married May, 15, 2015 in Bennington, Vermont. Beth graduated from the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center with a degree in Nursing, and earned a Master's in English at the University of Nebraska and a Doctorate in Mythological Studies and Depth Psychology from Pacifica Graduate Institute. She is an author, lecturer and philanthropist. Michael attended UNH and graduated from Plymouth State University with a Bachelor's in Social Science and a Master's in Education. He conducted his doctoral studies at the University of San Diego. He graduated from the Marine Corps Infantry Officer course and teaches Sports Management at Plymouth State and NHTI. The couple lives in San Clemente, California and Loudon, NH.

### **Drapeau – Fraser '04**

Kristie Drapeau and Derek Fraser are pleased to announce their engagement. Kirstie is the Office Manager of Steeplegate Eye Care in Concord, NH. Derek graduated from NHTI with a degree in Computer Information Systems. He works for the State Department of Information Technology. A September wedding is planned.

## • In Memory •

### **Beall, Sr.**

William A. "Bill" Beall, Sr. died on Saturday, April 18, 2015 at the age of 90 in Concord. Bill served in the United States Marine Corps during World War II. He worked for the Concord Police

Department and retired from H.P. Hood & Sons after 35 years as a salesman. Mr. Beall also worked at NHTI for three years. Bill coached Babe Ruth and the Little League in Concord; he was also a Cub Scout Leader.

### **Kjellman**

Curtis John "CJ" Kjellman died May 22, 2015, as a result of a motor vehicle accident. He was born on March 27, 1981 in Martinez, California and adopted by John and Eleanor Kjellman in March of 1985. He lived and went to school in California and Oregon, before settling with his family in Henniker in 1997. Most recently, he resided with his wife, Misty, and their three children in Hudson.

CJ attended classes at NHTI after high school. He then joined the Army Reserve and spent a year in Iraq and Kuwait. He later attended SNHU, earning an associate degree in Computer Information Technology. He met his wife, Misty, in a database class at NHTI in 2009. Most recently, he was Engineering Manager of Software Development at Team EDA in Manchester.

### **McIntosh**

Ella Mary McIntosh, 90, passed away on February 17, 2015. Ella grew up on a farm among the brothers and sisters she dearly loved. She graduated from Simonds Free High School in Warner, and joined the U.S. Cadet Nurse's program where she earned her degree as a Registered Nurse. Ella married Jesse D. Griffin and raised three children. Once her youngest was in school she went back to the nursing career she loved. Ella worked at the Austin Nursing Home, the New London Hospital, the Concord Hospital and the Merrimack County Nursing Home, retiring in 1995 at the age of 70.

### **Minnon**

Thomas E Minnon, 63, of Derry died Friday, May 15, 2015. He was raised in Exeter, was a graduate of Exeter High School, and attended Georgia Tech and NHTI. A respected leader in his industry, Tom was employed as an Architectural Specifications Manager with Tubelite Inc. Thomas enjoyed being involved in the Derry community, was a past president of the Derry Environmental Committee as well as initiator of the annual Junior Solar Sprint.

### **Robillard '79**

Constance J. Robillard passed away on May 10, 2015, after a long and courageous battle with ocular melanoma. Connie was born in Nashua but her home town was Hudson, NH and Concord Point, Rye where she spent her summers. Connie graduated from NHTI in 1979, earned a Bachelor's Degree from UNH-Manchester in 1985, and received her Master's Degree from Rivier College in Nashua in Counseling and Psychotherapy in 1991. She worked for Nashua Community Council, Harbor Homes Inc. and The Neighborhood Health Center in Nashua.

Connie founded Eventide Counseling Services in Londonderry, and was the author of several books, some with friend and colleague Marcel A. Duclos, M.Ed.

### **Trombley '10**

Keith Trombley passed away on May 6, 2015. He was a graduate of Central High School and NHTI, where he majored in Criminal Justice. He was a member of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, and earned the Jeremy T. Charron Award for Outstanding Performance as a Criminal Justice major. One of the highlights of Keith's time at NHTI was playing on the championship baseball team.

After graduation Keith entered the Police Academy, where he received the Arthur D. Kehas Outstanding Achiever Award. He served with the police departments of Hollis and Nashua, and continued his education while working, recently receiving his Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Granite State College. In his off-time he enjoyed baseball and other sports, and volunteered for the Special Olympics.

### **White '98**

David A. "Bucky" White, 55, died at his home June 19, 2015. Bucky had retired in March 2015 as the chief of police in Wilmot, and the town gave him a wonderful party with many well-wishers attending. He was born in New London on June 13, 1960, graduated from Kearsage Regional High School in 1979, and received a degree in Criminal Justice from NHTI. David began his law enforcement career in 1988 for the Town of Wilmot, serving the town and its residents with distinction for 15 years.

David will be remembered for coming to the aid of so many in their times of need. He was awarded the NLPD Life Saving Award in 1998 for rescuing an elderly gentleman from his burning home. He also received the NH Emergency Medical Service Life Saving Award in 2008.

## Attention Alumni!

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## Cheers to 50 Years!

Commencement 2015 marked the second-largest graduating class ever in the history of NHTI. It was especially celebratory with the addition of some of the College's "Founding Folks" including faculty members, advisory board members and students who were here at NHTI on the first day the College opened in 1965.



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The "Founding Folks" were recognized during President Susan Dunton's commencement address, and cheered by the thousands of students and guests in attendance. Afterwards, they enjoyed a private luncheon with President Dunton in Capital Commons in Little Hall – a place all of them recognized since Little Hall was one of the original three buildings.

Pictured below, they enjoy a champagne toast: "Cheers to 50 Years!" Front row, from left: **Annette Bashaw**, **Bonnie Randall**, **Dave Bashaw**, founding faculty member, **Cedric Dustin**, Advisory Board member from 1965 to 1985, **Rob Dustin** (Cedric's son and graduate of '77), President **Susan B. Dunton** and **Alan Blake**, Director of Communications at NHTI. Back row, from left: **Herbert Sewade**, founder of the Radiologic Technology program, **Steve Caccia**, VP for Student Affairs, **Ken Randall**, founding faculty member, **Oliver "Ollie" Holt**, class of '67, **Bill Simonton**, faculty member and former president of NHTI, **Jim Strickland**, class of '66, and **Patricia Strickland**.

### Fraternal Founders

**Jim Strickland** (left) graduated in 1966 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology – one year after the college opened, since he had taken classes in Manchester the year before. He stands with **Ollie Holt** who graduated in 1967 with the first "official" graduating class of NHTI, with a degree in Electronic Engineering Technology.

Jim served in the Army from 1967-70, attended UNH and Castleton State College, and "finally got my Bachelor's at New Hampshire College (now SNHU)." He worked for New England Telephone (AT&T / Nynex / Bell Atlantic / Verizon) for 38 years – and then put in another three years for Fairpoint!

Ollie was hired by BAE Systems straight out of NHTI, and he's still working for them (part-time) today!

