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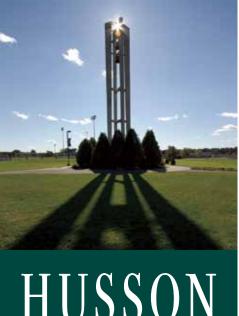




### President's **MESSAGE**

# October 4–6

Make your way home...



### FRIDAY October 4, 2013

4:00 PM Chief Ceremony

5:00 PM Registration

6:00 PM Alumni & Friends Cocktail Reception

7:00 PM Alumni Hall of Fame Awards Dinner \$25.00 per person

### **SATURDAY October 5, 2013**

8:30 AM President's Breakfast \$15.00 per person

10:00 AM **Eagles Tailgate Party** 

10:30 AM Greek Games

11:30 AM Top Chef Tailgate Cook-Off

11:30 PM Student BBQ

6:00 PM Alumni & Friends Cocktail Reception

7:30 PM The Sounds of The Supremes \$20 per person for alumni and friends.

\$32 Orchestra | \$25 Balcony per person for general public



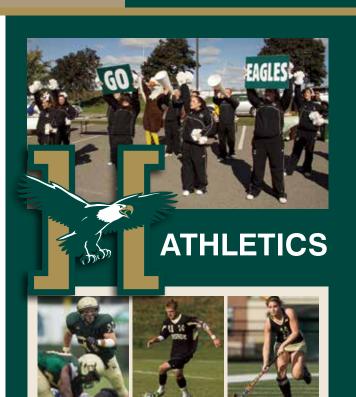












### **SATURDAY**

12:30 PM Football vs Castleton State ADMISSION \$5. Free admission for those 65 years or older and 12 years and under.

1:00 PM Women's Soccer vs Lyndon State

3:30 PM Men's Soccer vs Lyndon State

7:00 PM Field Hockey vs Thomas College

### SUNDAY

12:00 PM Women's Soccer vs Johnson State

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### Dear Alumni and Friends,



After a record number of students earned degrees in our May commencements, including the first Doctoral of Pharmacy degrees

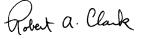
awarded in the state of Maine, we quickly moved into summer. While many of you may think we are "off" for the summer, I can assure you the campus has been alive with activity. Over the summer, we enhanced our campus facilities and provided classes for over 1,000 students – the highest summer school attendance in our history. Students were engaged in a blend of on campus and distance learning classes. Other projects included faculty and staff recruitment, development programs, hosting Dirigo Girls State for the 42nd consecutive year, sports and cheer

camps, technology upgrades, Pharmacy Camp, facility improvements, the O'Keefe Softball Field Press Box and much more. All these projects enhance our institution's productivity and help us to ensure the good stewardship of our resources. Summer has also included time to host alumni and friends who stopped by campus to visit - or those who have joined us at off-campus gatherings from Boston to New York. This edition of your Ledger shares some of these stories. I encourage you to continue to share your updates and experiences with us all.

As we move to the fall semester, we look forward to sharing additional University news with you. These will include updates on the University's current projects, including the purchase and renovation of a new facility for our classes in Southern Maine, information on our outstanding

University accreditation review and the integration of the New England School of Communications as a valuable contributor to the success of Husson University. We will also share insights into how, with your help, Husson has worked diligently to provide a high quality learning environment at an affordable value.

You can be proud of the work that is being undertaken at Husson to Transform Student Lives through education, as education is clearly the country's most important economic development tool. We are all looking forward to seeing you at Homecoming, October 4 and 5th!



Robert A. Clark, PhD, CFA President



A few weeks ago, I had the opportunity to review Husson University's mission statement. When I was done, I was

proud that our institution has dedicated itself to preparing students in "emerging fields" that are "informed by the sciences and humanities."

This institution is heading in the right direction. As we look to the future and the emerging employment market, it becomes apparent that investing in science makes sense. Science has become an important driver of economic growth.

The biomedical field is a great example. The largest funder and conductor of biomedical research in the world is the National Institutes of Health (NIH). According to Families USA, every dollar of NIH award money generates about \$2.21 of new business activity within one year, while each grant awarded by NIH generates about seven jobs. That's an incredible return on investment.

Science also drives innovation. More and more, science is essential to both corporate profits and our country's economic advancement.

Pharmaceutical companies understand that investing in science and research is good business. They spend large amounts on research because they can see that, despite the costs, the return on investment can be substantial.

As a steward of your annual donations, I can proudly tell you that you have made a wise investment when you give to Husson University. This

institution has positioned itself for success in the decades to come. Our educational programs, including those in business, health and the pharmaceutical sciences are putting forth graduates who will be in demand and who will drive innovations that help create the industries of the future.

Look for stories in upcoming editions of the *Ledger* that help illustrate how science benefits our students and our state's economic health.

Best Regards,

Vice President for Advancement

### **Scholarship Bequest**

Husson University has received a bequest of over \$1.4 million from former educator and Husson alumnus Merrill D. Dollar. Dollar was employed as a teacher by the Westbury Board of Education in Long Island, New York until his retirement. He passed away in 2010 at age 84. Per the donor's request, the gift will be designated for need-based scholarships for full-time Husson students. The bequest is the largest alumni scholarship endowment gift in the University's history.

### **New Dean**



In July 2013, Marie E. Hansen, was named the dean of Husson University's College of Business. She is responsible for

determining the educational curricula priorities; supervising the full and part-time business faculty on all four of Husson University's campuses; budgets and strategic planning associated with the College of Business.

### **Campus Sculpture**

On May 9th, 2013, Husson unveiled the new campus sculpture, which is located in front of Carlisle Hall on the Bangor Campus. The sculpture was designed and created by sculptor Hwang Seung Woo of



South Korea, as one of the sculptures produced as part of the 2012 Schoodic International Sculpture
Symposium, an artist in residency program that gives sculptors from

Maine and around

the world the chance to focus on a single piece of public art created in Maine granite. The finished works are part of a collection that spreads throughout the region. "This magnificent piece of artwork is a beautiful addition to our campus," said Husson president Robert A. Clark. "It will surely become a gathering place for our students and the centerpiece of our beautiful new pedestrian mall."



### **School of Accounting**

Two Husson University accounting students were honored at the Annual Awards Dinner of Financial Executives International in April. Paul Robinson, accounting major, was one of two recipients from Maine of the Outstanding Graduating Student Award. Emma McDowell, accounting major, was the only Maine student to receive a FEI scholarship for the 2013-2014 academic year.

Director and Professor for the School of Accounting, **Dewey Martin** has been elected to a two year term as the president of the Maine Society of Certified Public Accountants (MECPA). The MECPA is a statewide not-forprofit professional organization representing nearly 1,000 CPAs in business, education, government, and public accounting.

### **School of Legal Studies**

Professor **Alicia Wilcox** was part of a team that received the Maine State Police Award of Commendation on June 11th for their work on the 1980 Murder case of Rita St.

Peter. Wilcox's role early on was to inventory the evidence, which is a long and challenging process with cold cases. Later, she was responsible for examination and comparison of tire impressions collected at the scene and recorded from the suspect's truck. Alicia testified to her conclusions in September 2012. Her work, along with eyewitness and DNA evidence, helped the jury find Jay Mercier guilty of murder.

### **School of Education**

Laurie Gott, an adjunct instructor in the School of Education, was one of four teachers from Maine to be named as finalists for the 2012 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. She was formally recognized for this accomplishment at the Maine Science Teachers Association conference in Gardiner, Maine.

Gott currently teaches science in grades 5-8 at the Veazie Community School and has been in the profession for 19 years. In addition to her responsibilities as a teacher, she also instructs science methods courses at Husson and participates in the University of Maine National Science Foundation Physical Science Partnership Grant as well as the Vital Signs Project with the Gulf of Maine Research Center. She was previously honored for her work in education through a nomination for the Maine Teacher of the Year in 2002.

Director of Teacher Education

Barbara Moody was selected as
one of the keynote speakers at
the annual Peers Sharing Success
Organization Conference held on
August 14th and 15th in Fairlee,
Vermont. The organization
recognizes successful school
districts in the tri-state area of New

Hampshire, Maine, and Vermont. Peers Sharing Success selects districts from each state to present their successful strategies and will share their ideas and materials including the data that shows the growth that their district achieved.

### New England School of Communications



Trisha Valliere, a marketing communications student at the New England School of Communications, was

awarded the 2013 Direct Marketing Scholarship from the New England Direct Marketing Association Foundation at its conference in Boston in May. The scholarship is valued at \$6,000. It includes a \$2,500 award, a paid summer internship, and attendance at the NEDMA Conference and the Direct Marketing Essentials daylong workshop in Boston.

### **School of Nursing**

Amy Cotton, APRN, an adjunct instructor at Husson's School of Nursing, was recently recognized as a fellow of the American Academy of Nursing for her exceptional work in the field. The academy's 1,800 fellows are the nation's most accomplished leaders in education, practice, and research within the nursing profession.

Cotton currently serves as a nurse practitioner and director of Operations and Senior Service Quality for EMHS Continuum of Care. She is currently president of the National Gerontological Nursing Association and is also a fellow of the Maine Gerontological Society and Sigma Theta Tau International's Geriatric Nursing Leadership Academy.

"In addition to my work at EMHS, I truly value my role as a nurse educator, which is why I enjoy instructing at Husson," states Cotton. "I've had the opportunity to help Husson infuse gerontological nursing content into their program, and I am really impressed with the University's commitment to educating students about the unique care needs of the older adult population."

### **Graduate Nursing Program Awarded Grant**

The Graduate Nursing Program was awarded the Advanced Education Nursing Traineeship (AENT) Program grant by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Health Resources and Service Administration. The program will

receive \$159,000 this fiscal year and \$160,000 the next year.

As part of the Affordable Care Act, the competitive grant is given to programs training primary care nurse practitioners to help meet the growing need for primary care services in rural and underserved areas.

The final summary report states that the Husson University Graduate Nursing Program was awarded the grant based on the program's history of holding a 100% passing certification rate, an 80% rate of graduates working in medically underserved/rural areas, and a commitment to interprofessional education and distance education.

The award can be used for tuition, fees, books, and reasonable living expenses, as per the grant criteria.









### Active shooter simulation provides training across many programs of study

On April 20th, Husson University School of Legal Studies, in cooperation with the Orono Police Department and Orono High School, put on an active shooter simulation. Nearly 100 Husson students participated, being thrown into different scenarios each hour that involved an active shooter and victims in the school. This day-long training exercise allowed students in the Schools of Education and Nursing, the graduate Clinical Mental Health Counseling program, and NESCom to participate according to the roles of their future professional careers as educators, nurses, clinicians/counselors, and journalists. The experiential learning session served as an opportunity for students from various disciplines to take a hands-on approach to disaster response.



All full-time and part-time students will be eligible.

### **School of Pharmacy**



The Maine Pharmacy Association awarded three \$1,000 scholarships at their semi-annual meeting held in Bangor, the weekend of September 8th. Two of the three recipients, Andy Exley of Portland, and Whitney Jandreau of Presque Isle, are Husson University students.

Throughout the year, the Maine Pharmacy Association raises funds to support students who are pursuing their Doctor of Pharmacy degree, either as residents of Maine or attending a Maine Pharmacy school. The scholarship program is one way the association promotes

life-long learning, scholarship, and professionalism while positively impacting healthcare in the State of Maine.

Whitney Jandreau was selected as one of two scholarship recipients of the Ronald L. Williams Memorial Fund, Supporting Student Education on Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependencies. The scholarship is supported by the American Pharmacists Association (APhA) and the APhA Academy of Pharmacy Practice and Management (APhAAPPM) Pain, Palliative Care and Addiction Special Interest Group (SIG). Recipients are selected by a committee of experts specializing in pain, palliative care and addiction utilizing evaluation criteria established for the scholarship.

"Our culture has glamorized substance abuse while simultaneously stigmatizing substance dependence, an attitude that must be recognized and rejected if we, as health professionals, will ever be able make a difference," says Jandreau. "I am invested in learning about addiction so that I can advocate for patients and families. This experience will make me a better practitioner. I look forward to applying what I learn in practice and am honored to have been selected for this award."

Shuhua Bai, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Pharmaceutics, was selected as a Visiting Scientist Fellow for an eight-week residential fellowship at the Mount Desert Island Biological Laboratory (MDIBL). Using biotechnological and nanotechnological techniques, the project will focus on zebrafish (Danio Rerio) as a model for assessing brain drug delivery across the blood-brain barrier. The outcomes of the research will provide unprecedented insight into future therapeutic treatments for brain diseases in humans.





The Husson Eagles had a tremendous 2012-2013 year, seeing five teams clinch conference championships and sixteen of seventeen teams qualify for post-season competition.

Men's basketball, men's golf, and softball all earned bids to the NCAA Division III Tournament following their North Atlantic Conference (NAC) titles, highlighted by softball winning its first NCAA regional game in program history. Women's cross country and baseball also won NAC championships, and Martina Bosse of women's swimming and diving won an individual GNAC title in the 1-meter dive.

### Golf

Golf won its seventh straight NAC Championship, with a great showing in the NCAA tournament, finishing day two of the tourney and advancing 10 positions to 26th place overall. Lance Bernier (Lincoln, ME) was selected as NAC Golfer of the Year, and Greg Martin (Ellsworth, ME) was named NAC Rookie of the Year.

### **Men's Cross Country**

In the inaugural season for men's cross country, 10 student athletes competed for Husson University. The team made appearances in both the NAC Championship and New England Division III Championship. During the Maine State XC Championship, many of the runners had season best performances, establishing a high bar for the programs' future.

### **Field Hockey**

Field hockey continued to be a powerhouse in NAC play, finishing first in the regular season in the NAC, and going 10-7 overall and 8-1 in conference play. The team also competed in its sixth NAC Championship Final game. In addition, seven members of the Field Hockey team were recognized with All-

Conference Awards, including Coach of the Year Jen Johnstone, first year goalkeeper and Rookie of the Year Maicee Gustin (Dexter, ME), and Defensive Player of the Year Annika Durell (Livermore, ME).

### **Women's Cross Country**

Women's cross country won its second straight NAC title, with four student athletes being named to the All-NAC team, including NAC Runner of the Year, Alecia Palmer (Presque Isle, ME). Head coach Chris Wood was named NAC Coach of the Year. Palmer ran to a first-place individual time in the NAC Championship and placed in the top 100 during the New England Division III Cross Country Championship.

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### Football

Football welcomed back founding coach Gabby Price in December, following the 2012 season. He initially started the Husson football program in 2002. Four members of the team were selected to ECAC All-Conference, including Reece Attard (Werribee, Australia) who was selected to both offensive and defensive teams. Junior Cody Ziegenfus (Oakland, ME), sophomore Stephan Dance (New London, CT), and junior Ernest Wiggins (Bridgeport, CT), received the other All-Conference nods. Wiggins was also selected to the 2012 NEFW Division II & III All-New England Team, named a 2012 Beyond Sports Network All-American honorable mention, and was named 2012 ECAC Division III North Football All-Star.

### Men's Soccer

Men's soccer had another successful season, making it to the NAC Finals, and advancing to the ECAC Tournament Semifinals. Sophomore Phil Frost (Bangor, ME) was named NAC Player of the Year. Frost posted a league-leading 12 goals and 25 points in conference play, nearly doubling the output of his closest competitor.

#### Women's Soccer

Women's soccer welcomed head coach Carly Gettler who led the team to a 7-2 record in the NAC and advanced to the NAC

semifinals. The team was awarded the Silver Team Ethics Award by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) for the 2012 season. Five student-athletes were named to the NAC All-Conference Teams: first-years Erin Boulier (Bangor, ME) and Hannah Clough (Mount Vernon, ME) were named to the First Team, and Meghan O'Neil (Hartford, VT), Becca Jones (Newmarket, NH), and Jess Poulin (Albion, ME) made the Second Team.

### Volleyball

Volleyball saw the appointment of new Head Coach Jodie Fairbanks, in May following the 2012 season, while senior Hannah Olstad (Farmington, NH) was named the Clara Swan Athlete of the Year Award Winner. The team went to the NAC semifinals and made the first ECAC Tournament appearance in program history.

### Men's Basketball

Men's basketball finished its 42nd consecutive winning season with its third NAC Championship in five years. Senior Marc Zaharchuk (Richmond, ME) exceeded the 1,000 point scoring mark, while senior Eric Modica (Kittery, ME) was named NAC Defensive Player of the Year for the Eagles.

### Women's Basketball

Women's basketball made it to the NAC Quarterfinals after a season that included head coach Kissy Walker's 600th game coached at Husson. The Eagles look to a successful 2013-2014 season with the addition of 7 top recruits, Chandler Guerrette (Presque Isle High School), Taylor Blood (Mattanawcook Academy), Morgan Merchant (Jonesport Beals High School), Jessica Bell (PCHS), Kelsey Winslow (Lake Region High School) and Amy Hilton (Mt. Blue High School) and Rashell Saucier (Washburn, ME).

### **Swimming & Diving**

Swimming & diving saw Martina Bosse (Brewer, ME) repeat as GNAC 1M Diving Champion. The program also saw its first seniors, Megan Call (Levant, ME) and Heather Mann (Spaulding, NH), graduate after four full years on the team. Call was also recognized as a GNAC All-Sportsmanship team member and was the lone Eagle to swim in individual events at the NEISDA Championships. Husson has announced the addition of Men's swimming & diving for the 2013-2014 season.

### Women's Indoor Track & Field

Women's indoor track & field competed in its inaugural season, boasting a roster of 15 studentathletes, while competing at six events. The team set numerous personal records as they established what hopes to be a successful program at Husson.

### Softball

Softball won its fifth straight NAC Championship en route to its first ever NCAA Division III Tournament win over Bridgewater State. The Eagles, who finished the season at 32-12-1, went undefeated in NAC Tournament play. Five players were named to the NAC All-Conference team and Becca McCarty (Skowhegan, ME) picked up NAC Tournament MVP Honors with her amazing postseason performance. Deb Colpitts (Levant, ME) pitched a no-hitter earlier in the season, and the Eagles pitching staff combined for an astounding 20 shutouts on the season.

### Baseball

Baseball clinched its second NAC Championship in three years on the arm of NAC Tournament MVP Brandon Reilly (Pemaquid, ME) who was a consistent force on the mound for the Eagles all season. J.T. Whitten (Waterville, ME) emerged as a first year threat, earning NAC Co-Rookie of the Year honors. Senior three-year captain Shawn Smith (Winterport, ME) snatched NAC Player of the Year and was named Player of the Week multiple times over the course of the season. Smith was also selected to play in the NEIBA All-Star game after being named to the NEIBA First Team All-New England.

### Men's Lacrosse

Men's lacrosse saw a 6-2 record in conference play, and competed in the NAC Quarterfinals. Senior Mitch Heaps (York, PA) scored his 200th career point and 150th goal as an Eagle this past season, while senior goalkeeper John Hooper III (Wakefield, RI) rewrote the record books with 511 career saves to lead the program all-time.

### Women's Lacrosse

Women's lacrosse saw its Cinderella story come to an end in the NAC semifinal game, after taking down #2 ranked Colby-Sawyer in a thrilling late game effort in the

quarterfinal. The Eagles saw junior Caitlyn Stauffer (Brookfield, CT) recognized as All-Conference after leading the team in goals, points, and ground balls.

### **Outdoor Track & Field**

Outdoor track & field competed in their second year under the NCAA Division III. Diana Kruszewski (Auburn, ME) was the lone Eagle to represent Husson in the Open New England Championships. The Eagles set numerous personal records during the 2013 season, and Kruszewski and Sarah LaPlante (Wallingford, CT) both competed in the ECAC Championships in the javelin throw.

### **Cheer & Dance**

cheer locally by volunteering throughout the year at a Special Olympics event held on campus, at the Ellen M. Leach Memorial Home in Brewer this past holiday season, and again at the Relay for Life this past April.

Cheer & dance continued to spread

### 2013 Homecoming Weekend

### DAY 1

### Saturday, October 5th

12:30 PM Football vs. Castleton State

1:00 PM Women's Soccer vs. Lyndon State

3:30 PM Men's Soccer Lyndon State

7:00 PM Field Hockey vs. Thomas College

### DAY 2

### Sunday, October 6th

12:00 PM Women's Soccer vs. Johnson State

2:30 PM Men's Soccer vs. Johnson State

### 2013 Sports Hall of Fame Weekend

### Friday, December 6th

6:00 PM Sports Hall of Fame Banquet

#### Saturday, December 7th

10:00 AM Continental Breakfast w/campus tours – Darling Atrium

12:00-4:30 PM

Reception D. Bruce MacGregor Sports Hall of Fame Room

1:00 PM Men's basketball vs. Maine Maritime

3:00 PM Women's basketball vs. Maine Maritime

### **Corrections**

Inadvertantly we missed or mispelled in the Annual Report edition of the Ledger. Our sincerest apologies for the oversite.

### Memorials

Thomas W. Hutchison was spelled Thomas W. Hutchinson.

#### In Honor of

C. Keith Bolster '64 was missing from the 'In Honor of Clara Swan' list.



The Husson University Eagles have become a dominant force within the North Atlantic Conference over the past five seasons:

- 27 NAC Titles
- 16 Players of the Year
- 12 Rookies of the Year
- 5 Defensive Players of the Year
- 210 Student-Athletes selected as All-Conference
- 77% winning percentage against conference opponents

## Husson Pharmacists: Bringing Essential Healthcare to Rural America

When Husson University took on the challenge of becoming a regional leader in pharmacy education, it made a commitment to supporting rural health care delivery in the state of Maine and beyond. This priority goes to the very heart of our institution's educational mission where we seek to inspire and prepare students in "emerging fields within the context of an education informed by the sciences and humanities."

Today, rural pharmacies have become laboratories of innovation. Resolving the issues confronting these vital components of America's healthcare delivery system is giving birth to new technological applications and business practices. The result? Greater efficiencies and lower spending in rural and urban pharmacy care.

These important businesses deliver essential health services to small towns throughout Maine and across the country. Just as important are the pharmacists who work in these often small and remote businesses who, by necessity, play a critical role in keeping the members of their communities strong and healthy.

Caring for friends and neighbors was an important priority to Paul Guiou and one of the reasons why he chose to pursue a career in the pharmaceutical sciences. Paul is a staff pharmacist at City Drug in Presque Isle. Graduating from the Pharm.D. doctoral program from Husson University's School of Pharmacy in 2013, Guiou has a deep and abiding passion for the health of his customers.

"Rural pharmacies provide a tremendous service to their communities," said Guiou. "Going to the closest physician might require 40 minutes of travel time. That can be a real problem for some people – especially if they don't have a car. Local pharmacies like mine provide flu shots, shingles and other vaccinations. If I wasn't here, there are people who wouldn't get the preventative health care they need."

Guiou continued: "I remember this one instance where a local nursing home patient needed some morphine in the middle of the night. The patient was in pain and suffering. Where I work there is always a pharmacist available to help people in need even if it's three in the morning. Being a small town pharmacy, we made sure that medication was delivered right away. You may not make a huge amount of money being available like that, but for the person in pain, you're worth your weight in gold and that makes it all worth it."

### **Employment Prospects**

While late night medication deliveries may not be a profitable business, being a rural pharmacist can be lucrative. According the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Outlook Handbook, the median annual wage for pharmacists was over \$111,000 per year.1

Pharmacists are in demand. The employment of pharmacists is expected to increase by 25 percent between 2010 and 2020 - faster than the average for all occupations.<sup>2</sup>

Guiou has personal experience with being in demand. "I had four job offers in the Presque Isle area before I even graduated, starting around Christmas break. You definitely make more working in a small rural community compared to big cities. A job offer you might receive to work in a city like Boston would typically be \$15,000 a year lower than job opportunities in small towns."

Paul's experience is not atypical.

Husson University surveyed its Pharm.D. students to find out about their employment status and future plans prior to graduation. A full 93% reported that they already had pharmacist jobs lined up for after

#### **Proven Effective Education**

In graduating its first class this past spring, the School of Pharmacy reached a major milestone. Fortyseven newly minted pharmacists completed the rigorous curriculum, which included heavy doses of experiential education to become the first Pharm.D. students to graduate in Maine.

Upon graduation, all Pharm.D. students must pass the national boards (North American Pharmacist Licensure Exam - NAPLEX) and state/ federal law exams in order to become a licensed and practicing pharmacist.

To date, 87 percent of the graduates have successfully passed the NABPLEX. As of this writing, Husson University is still awaiting an update on the status of the remaining 13 percent.

"I think the faculty is a big reason this program is so successful," said Tiffany Taillon, a 2013 Pharm.D. graduate. "First, there's a mix of seasoned and newer faculty members. As a student, you get the perfect blend of experience and cutting edge perspectives. Also, the depth of expertise the faculty has is phenomenal. Each faculty member has knowledge in a different area of specialization. There is always someone with expertise you can turn to if you have a question."

"And their willingness to answer questions is probably the best thing about the faculty. Unlike other schools where they only care about their research, at Husson, the faculty care

about the success of the student," stated Taillon.

### **Thought Leaders**

With over 30 publications, three book chapters and 30 abstracts to their credit in the past year alone, the knowledgeable faculty members that comprise the Husson University Pharm.D. program are widely regarded as some of the nation's leading authorities in their fields of expertise. Recognizing their depth of knowledge, the Maine Cancer Foundation awarded nearly \$100,000 in funding to members of the faculty during the same period.

Many of the faculty members had successful careers in private industry and academia prior to becoming Husson University professors. Dr. Roger Phipps, an assistant professor of pharmacology, was a principal scientist at Procter & Gamble Pharmaceuticals. With over 60 journal articles, books, book chapters and reports to her credit over the course of her career, Dr. Sarah Martin is widely regarded as a subject matter expert. In addition, Dr. Ronald Reed, the chair of pharmacy practice, was an associate scientific director of neuroscience for the Abbott Global Pharmaceutical Research & Development. These are just some of the many talented faculty members that students get the opportunity to interact with on a daily basis.

### **Flexibility**

Unlike Guiou, Taillon is working on a per diem basis at several pharmacies including Jensen's Pharmacy, Pen Bay Medical Center and Waldo County General Hospital. While per diem work doesn't have the security of a staff position, Taillon likes the variety. "While clinical and customer interaction skills are important in both hospital and retail settings, I find that each business uses my skills differently. I use my clinical skills more in a hospital setting and my customer counseling skills more in a retail environment. The variety not only makes my career interesting, it's making me a better pharmacist and is helping me reach my full potential." Per diem work also gives Taillon the

coming in handy as she plans for her upcoming wedding. "I can make appointments with wedding vendors and not have to worry about work conflicts. It makes the event planning process a lot easier." **New Ideas** 

opportunity to determine her own

hours. That scheduling flexibility is

Tiffany Taillon,

Pharm.D. '13

"I really liked the fact that Husson University's School of Pharmacy is so new. It's got a small school feel and the program is open to doing things in new and innovative ways. I never once heard anyone say, 'We're not willing to try something because we've always done it this way," said Taillon. "It's a great education that's not stuck in the past."

One of the many ways that Husson University's pharmacy program breaks new ground is its emphasis on experiential learning. "A third of the pharmacy program consists of experiential education, where students get an opportunity to practice with patients in actual pharmacy environments, under the direct supervision of a licensed pharmacist or other healthcare professional," said Rodney A. Larson, Ph.D., R.Ph., Founding Dean, School of Pharmacy, Husson University. "This experience provides practical on-the-job training where students can bridge their academic knowledge to the world of work."

Guiou echoed Taillon's and Larson's perspectives on the unique nature of Husson's program. "I visited other schools," said Guiou. "For me, the University of New England was just too big. I wanted to graduate and study in a friendly environment - more like an extended family. That's why I chose Husson."

### Making a Difference

The future for Guiou and Taillon seems filled with endless possibilities.

"The education I got at Husson University not only gave me the information I needed to become a pharmacist, it gave me the tools and know how I use every day to go out and find the answers I need for myself. Medicine is constantly evolving and no one can know and remember everything. Thanks to Husson, I have the ability to get to the right answer and help people find solutions to their healthcare problems," said Guiou.

"I find being a pharmacist to be so rewarding," said Taillon. "It's such a great feeling when a patient you've been working with leaves happy and confident, knowing that they have the information they need to manage their condition and take their medications safely. You realize you're making an important difference in someone else's life. I can't think of anything better."

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<sup>1</sup> http://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/pharmacists.htm (As of May 2010)



GLOBAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM

# Scallop fisheries, the Isle of Man and Bangor University in Wales

Assistant Professor of Biology Erin Owen, Ph.D., traveled to the Isle of Man to learn more about the effectiveness of fishery closures for local scallop fisheries.

Assistant Professor of Biology Erin Owen, Ph.D., has been researching wild scallop fisheries in Maine for years. She is interested in studying the effects of closing off sections of fisheries to allow native scallop populations to replenish. This fisheries management approach can help both the marine population and the local economy, which relies on scallop fishing as a source of income.

"This approach has been incredibly effective for the U.S. offshore fishery that is primarily located on Georges Bank and is the most valuable wild scallop fishery in the world," said Owen.

Owen was interested in learning more about how scallop fisheries are managed in other parts of the world and collaborating with international scholars, so she jumped at the opportunity to apply in Husson's new Global Scholars Program, launched last year. The program supports faculty members who wish to partake in scholarship, curriculum development, travel and/or research activities that will help infuse a global perspective into

the classroom. Successful applicants receive a \$1,000 stipend and an additional \$2,000 for professional development expenses such as materials and travel, in addition to a course release. The Global Scholars applications are reviewed by the Provost and Dean's Council and one scholar is selected each academic year.

In July 2012, the program allowed her to travel to the Isle of Man and Bangor University in Wales, where she spent a week learning from local biologists and scholars and comparing approaches for studying and managing scallop fisheries.

During the program, "I travelled to the Isle of Man to learn more about the effectiveness of fishery closures for local scallop fisheries," said Owen. "The Isle of Man has an area located off the south end of the island that has been closed for 25 years and the impact of the closure on the fauna within and adjacent to the closure has been extensively studied."

Participating in the program helped Owen gain a broader perspective on Maine's scallop fishery project,

and gave her the opportunity to build valuable connections with international colleagues, which she can capitalize on to provide research opportunities for Husson biology students in the future.

"I am motivated to bring real world experiences and opportunities back to my students, and to build my research program to involve Husson students in both field and laboratory projects," said Owen.

She's actively working to engage her students in research projects to help them gain a deep and abiding love for marine biology, and to help them understand how their classroom teaching connects to the marine environment around them.

"This fall, I am excited that three students will be working with me on a scallop population genetics project at Husson's Research and Education Center on Sylvan Road, and another student who will have the opportunity to conduct field research on the scallop fishery in collaboration with industry," she said.



EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

# Helping Students get a Taste for Solving Crime

There is no better way to expose eventual practitioners to the demands of law enforcement than to place them into controlled situations that mimic real-life crises.

Last year, Husson students sprung into action to keep their campus safe. A group of undergraduates were called into action to investigate a bomb threat in the gym parking lot. They donned HAZMAT suits to inspect the unknown powder on the front seat of a car, read the handwritten threat, and decided what to do next to keep the universty community safe.

Luckily, the threat wasn't real. In fact, it was an experiential learning exercise developed by Cornel Plebani, a criminal justice assistant professor at Husson University. Plebani, a former New Jersey state trooper, believes that hands-on learning is key to helping students discover what it's really like to work in their desired career paths.

In the weapons of mass destruction (WMD) exercise, "every student was assigned to an aspect of the team,

and investigated, analyzed, and reported back on the threat level," says Plebani. "This was a wonderful chance for horizon-broadening and an ideal way of discussing a current issue, namely domestic terrorism."

Along with the bomb threat, Plebani's students have broken up a bar fight, monitored high-risk traffic stops, and searched vehicles in a weeklong search and seizure operation. The exercises are completed with help from local law enforcement groups, including the Bangor, Hampden, and Orono Police Departments and the 11th Civil Support Team.

"There is no better way to expose eventual practitioners to the demands of law enforcement than to place them into controlled situations that mimic real-life crises," says Plebani.

For students, these intensive realworld learning experiences give them a taste of life in the law enforcement

world. Many find that the opportunities inspire them to pursue police work. "I have on countless occasions had students tell me that a simulation exercise was the thing that solidified or underscored a desire to attend the Maine Criminal Justice Academy and enter police work," says Plebani.

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For a small minority, the exercises help them realize that law enforcement is more difficult than they'd anticipated, giving them the opportunity to shift their focus. Nonetheless, they found the experiential learning activities to be valuable to their growth.

Feedback from both undergraduate and graduate students "has been phenomenal," says Plebani. "The vast majority of those who participate are grateful for having had the opportunity and look forward to getting involved in the future."







# Husson Professor Says Fulbright is Just the Beginning



Associate Professor of Education Sandip LeAnne Wilson is committed to carrying the sense of constant innovation and exchange she felt at Avinashilingam into her classroom at Husson.

Associate professor of education, Sandip LeAnne Wilson, Ed.D. at Husson University, became interested in teaching in India because, as she puts it, "all Indians are given a birthright to literacy," with a national curriculum that teaches literacy from an early age. "I hadn't seen anything like that," she says.

She noticed the Indian government was looking for educators who could expand the notion of literacy from simple decoding to include skills like "the richness of communication capacity for a global society, being able to read powerfully across many genres and cultures, and being able to present knowledge and thinking in a variety of ways." These skills form the basis of Husson's education program, says Wilson.

During her sabbatical from Husson University, as a Fulbright Scholar for six months (July to December 2012) at Avinashilingam University in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, India, Wilson taught the undergraduate pre-service teachers and masterslevel students, consulted with doctoral students, observed in eight schools from elementary to

secondary, conducted workshops with faculty, and delivered keynotes and lectures at universities around the country.

"As a Fulbright, you hit the ground running. You have your eyes open, your ears open, you're trying to acculturate and figure out what they want, what they need, what they expect, what they're interested in and accommodate what's there," she said.

Wilson lived in a guesthouse above the university branch of the local bank and wore a sari every day. She struggled to wrap her sari at first. "You have to feel love with the sari," she says. "You need patience and a gentle touch to wrap it correctly or else it won't work. The sari sort of wraps itself."

She was there to teach the education students, but many of the teachers in the Faculty of Engineering had questions about teaching their students and their own children.

One faculty member said her son asked her to help him build and fly a kite. She let her son pick the Google directions that had more pictures, but the kite didn't fly. So

the mother suggested they try again using more word-based directions. They tried again and again until the kite took flight.

Wilson was impressed. "It was a case study of explicit instruction of an adult modeling for young people—modeling how to do something by trial and error, then going back to find more instructions when it doesn't work."

Wilson decided to hold workshops that focused on stories about what she calls "literary lives." The workshops allowed faculty to tell their stories and assess the pedagogy tools they used or could use in the future.

She found that a community must create a culture of literacy that is modeled at home and in the classroom to see improved learning outcomes. It is true in the United States, too, she says.

Wilson is committed to carrying the sense of constant innovation and exchange she felt at Avinashilingam into her classroom at Husson. "It's the birth of an exchange. That's something interesting about the Fulbright: it's like the fellowship is the beginning."

# Career Services Office Helping Students Land Jobs in the Digital Age

Career Services is not just about reviewing résumés and cover letters, staging mock interviews, and sponsoring job fairs anymore. Today, social media has made the job hunt much more complex.

"You have to brand yourself. Keep your Facebook clean. Think very strategically about what you're joining. If you join a beer club on Pinterest, it might hurt your chances," says James Westhoff, Director of Husson's Career Services department.

Westhoff's office sees over 400 appointments per semester, but he believes he is not reaching nearly as many students as he could because of myths surrounding employment services.

"Students think we are only about the job," Westhoff said, "but it's a process."

The job hunt, done right, should start freshman year.

The Career Services office helps students develop their ability to

communicate effectively and clearly in written and oral correspondence with potential employers, convey a professional presence virtually and in person, connect with professionals one-on-one and in a group setting, obtain internships and apply for jobs.

Westhoff actively pursues a diverse group of potential employers for students. He attends Chamber of Commerce events, maintains connections with Husson alumni, and reads widely to maintain the Husson Eagle Career Link, a database of potential employers available on the Career Services website.

In March, Career Services hosted close to 60 potential employers in a variety of fields for a roundtable event where students participated in speed learning sessions with professionals about resumes, job searches, applying, networking, and professionalism.

Westhoff is also developing an Alumni Professional Network that will include events where students can connect to alumni, and a

separate database of alumni profiles that will allow students to search for alumni working in their fields of interest.

Westhoff aims to bring students and alumni together for what he calls "informational interviews." These meetings create opportunities for students to ask professionals about their jobs before jumping into an industry.

In 2009, students who used careercenter resources were more likely to get a job by graduation than those who didn't use them, according to a National Association of Colleges and Employers' survey of more than 35,000 students from over 840 colleges and universities nationwide.

Westhoff says the soft skills like effective communication and problem-solving are even more imperative with the Internet tools available today. "You don't just apply to a job opening and break through the 200 or 300 resumes. You have to make a connection," he says. "That's what we are here to help you do."



Career Services roundtable event held in March.



James Westhoff works with students and alumni to help ensure successful job hunting.











### The Gracie Theatre's Star-Studded '13-'14 Season



The upcoming season promises to be even more spectacular, with plenty of star power and a broad range of talent.

The Gracie Theatre at Husson University is proud to announce its second season for the 2013-14 academic year. Together with founding season sponsor Bangor Savings Bank, the Gracie's second star-studded season includes performances by the country duo and CMA winner Steel Magnolia, An Evening with Molly Ringwald and her jazz quartet, Tony-winning musical Forbidden Broadway, and stand-up comedy by TV/film star and comedian Paul Reiser.

"The Gracie Theatre's first season was a huge success thanks to the support of our founding sponsor Bangor Savings Bank, our individual sponsors, and all of the new and returning patrons who attended," says Jeri Misler, managing director of the Gracie Theatre. "This upcoming season promises to be

even more spectacular, with plenty of star power and a broad range of talent never before seen by Greater Bangor audiences."

The season kicks off Saturday, September 14, 2013 with the award-winning country duo Steel Magnolia. Band members Meghan Lindsey and Joshua Scott Jones will perform hits from their debut CD featuring their bracing take of Keep On Lovin' You, which was the highest charting debut single by a co-ed duo in Billboard history and climbed all the way to No. 5 on the Billboard Country Charts.

September is also the start of the Classical Series, opening Sunday, September 22 at 3:00 pm with the Lysander Piano Trio. Violinist Itamar Zorman, cellist Michael Katz, and pianist Liza Stepanova are graduates of The Juilliard

School and recipients of the 2012 Concert Artists Guild Victor Elmaleh Competition.

A first for the Gracie Theatre and Husson University is a fourday artists-in-residence program occurring September 24 to 27. The program features the installation and performance of a new play entitled Flight by Robyn Hunt, which centers on women's pursuits to pilot planes, and their courage, perseverance and struggles. Ms. Hunt, the cast of five actors and designer Steve Pearson will travel with their prop plane in tow from South Carolina to Bangor, Maine to conduct master classes and perform Flight for the public and campus community. The project is receiving partial sponsorship from Zonta, an international service organization of business and professional women

working to improve the educational and economic status of women. The public performance of this enchantingly beautiful play will be Friday, September 27 at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for students.

Film star Molly Ringwald appears Saturday, November 23 in An Evening with Molly Ringwald. Along with her Jazz Quartet, Ringwald will perform hits from her recent solo album release Except Sometimes. Though best known for movie roles in 1980s including Sixteen Candles, The Breakfast Club and Pretty in Pink, more recently Ringwald starred on Broadway as Sally Bowles in Cabaret, as well as the Broadway revivals of Enchanted April, and Modern Orthodox opposite Jason Biggs.

The classical series continues in January with a solo piano concert by Teresa Walters. Hailed as "The International First Lady of Piano," she is described by Austrian National Television as "that rare musical phenomenon" and "one of the world's most significant pianists." Her prestigious invitations to perform in honor of the 2011 Liszt Bicentennial included Copenhagen's Hungarian Embassy and Beijing's Forbidden City Concert Hall. In recent years, she has performed as recitalist and orchestral soloist on six continents and in most of the 50 United States at venues including Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center in New York, Wigmore Hall in London, the Salle Cortot in Paris, Moscow's Great Hall, and Australia's International Conservatorium.

Broadway's favorite spoof and Tony Award winner, Forbidden Broadway, comes to the Gracie stage February 1, 2014. With satirical vignettes of recent Broadway hits including Book of Mormon, Wicked, Follies, Spiderman, and Annie, this show features outrageous costumes, hilarious rewrites of the songs you know, and dead-on impressions by

a stellar cast. This fall-down funny musical roast of Broadway has picked up nine Drama Desk Awards, a Special Tony\*, an Obie, a Lucille Lortel and Drama League Award, and is New York's longest running musical comedy revue.

Rounding out the season is comedian and actor Paul Reiser performing stand-up comedy on April 12, 2014. Reiser is often remembered for notable performances in films such as Diner, Bye, Bye Love, The Marrying Man, Aliens, and Beverly Hills Cop I and II, and the critically acclaimed NBC series Mad About You. He recently was seen in the HBO movie Behind the Candelabra, about the life of Liberace.

Tickets for the season (4 shows) are \$100.00 which includes ticketing fees and single shows range from \$17.00 to \$32.00 with special pricing for students. Tickets are available at www.gracietheatre.com, Facebook, or by calling 207-941-7888.

### Other shows happening this year...









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# A Husson Graduate Builds a Family Business Enterprise in Korea

Sae Il Lee, Husson '70, knows how to turn tragedy into triumph. The talent runs in his family.

Lee was born into a once-wealthy family whose lives had been devastated by the Korean War. Forced from their home in North Korea after the country was overtaken by the Communist party in 1945, Lee's relatives were stripped of their belongings and property. They resettled in South Korea, where Lee's father and four uncles opened a fabric shop in 1947. The shop did well, until it was destroyed in the Korean War. For the second time in just a few years, the family would have to start over.

Fortunately, the family was able to rebuild the fabric business. which developed into two separate companies: the Dong-ah Silk Company and the Dae-Han Wool Company. With hard work and dedication, Lee's father and uncles helped the two companies grow into industry leaders in South Korea.

As a child, Lee had seen the struggles his relatives had faced, and knew that he would need a great education to help him become essential to the family business, and to help the companies survive any future misfortunes.

In 1967, Lee decided to travel to the United States to attend college at Husson, where he received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in 1970. Lee was inspired by his years at Husson and the insights into American culture he found there. His studies at Husson gave him "the cornerstone I needed to make important and ethical business decisions," he says.

It was never Lee's plan to remain in the United States foreverafter graduating from Husson, and receiving a Master's in Business Administration from the Thunderbird School of International Management in Arizona, Lee returned home to bring his newfound business knowledge to the family businesses.

To gain the best possible understanding of the companies, Lee spent time working in every department—and, once he'd developed a comprehensive sense of how the companies operated, he set about improving their management techniques. His father and uncles were so impressed with his ideas that they made him president of the company in 1980.

Stepping into his role as president, Lee worked to modernize the company to ensure its survival.

He brought in more efficient technology, modernized the equipment and buildings, and developed new employee practices. All of these strategies helped the company stay afloat amid increased competition from China and other markets—and led the two fabric businesses to prosperity.

Lee's success at the helm of the family company inspired him to get involved with two other business ventures in the 1990s: Calsonic Korea, a company that produces auto parts materials, and Vikotex, a silk clothing business he founded that now brings in more than \$10 million each year.

Through his decades of entrepreneurial success, Lee has stayed connected to his Husson family—and even inspired future generations of Koreans to participate in Husson's foreign exchange program, serving in an integral role connecting Husson administrators with Korean students.

In honor of his success and dedication to both the business world and the Husson community, the Husson University Board of Trustees has granted Lee an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Business Administration.



# May 2013 Commencement

Husson held its 114th Commencement Ceremonies on May 11, 2013 for the Bangor campus and on May 18, 2013 for the Southern Maine campus. At these two ceremonies, the University awarded degrees to more than 700 students, 274 masters degrees and 77 doctoral degrees including the State of Maine's first class of students receiving the Doctor in Pharmacy.



























### Commencement May 18, 2013 Southern Maine Campus

























### Tess Gerritsen, a Bestselling Novelist with Strong Husson Ties

Terry "Tess" Gerritsen had always dreamed of being a writer. At the age of seven, she wrote, illustrated, and handbound a book called Jungle Journey, and couldn't put down a pen from that point on.

But her Chinese-American parents had different goals for their youngest child. Under their guidance, she set aside creative writing and literary books in favor of biology and medical dictionaries. In 1979, she fulfilled her parents' dream by becoming a doctor.

Still, Gerritsen knew she still had stories inside her, and would put them on paper if she ever had a spare moment. That opportunity finally came eight years later. While on maternity leave, she submitted a short story to a fiction contest and won a \$50 prize. Though the prize was small, it served as valuable inspiration to pursue her true career

Since then, Gerritsen has used her medical background to help her create captivating medical mystery novels that have won her a huge audience

worldwide. She has authored a series of 10 medical thrillers featuring strong female characters. Two of her characters Jane Rizzoli and Maura Isles; have been adapted into the popular TNT television show Rizzoli and Isles.

Although Gerritsen has never attended Husson University as a student, she and her family live in Camden, Maine, not far from Husson's Bangor campus. She has many ties to the Husson community.

She has spoken numerous times at Husson, and several years ago, Gerritsen recruited members of the Husson University Criminal Justice Club to assist her in researching important historical details for her novels.

"Assisting Dr. Gerritsen with research for 'The Silent Girl' was an incredible, once-in-a-lifetime experience for these students," said Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice John Michaud. "They were able to use the research skills they are learning through their program and see how important it is to solving complex cases like the one outlined in the book."

The writer was so impressed with the students' work that the club served as inspiration for the plot of her 2012 novel, The Last To Die, which



centers on a Maine college and a student criminal justice club there.

In May 2013, Gerritsen returned to Husson yet again to speak at the commencement ceremony at the Bangor campus. After giving her commencement speech, Gerritsen was honored with a diploma of her own: an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters.

Gerritsen was thrilled with the honor, taking to Twitter to share the news: "Getting honorary 'Doctorate of Humane Letters,' Husson University," she wrote. "With a magic wand, I could be a Hogwarts' professor!"

### **Honorary Degrees**

Sae II Lee, Husson '70, In honor of his success and dedication to both the business world and the Husson community, the Husson University Board of Trustees has granted Lee an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Business Administration.

Terry "Tess" Gerritsen was honored with an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters.

### 1940s

**Dolores Laveway, '48**, and her husband, Donald Laveway were honored as Ashland, ME's Citizens of the Year in 2011. They are still traveling, gathering with their three children, six grandchildren and six great grandchildren and participating in community events. Dolores has been a chartered member of Our Lady of the Snows, Sodality at St. Mark's Catholic Church since 1947. And they haven't stopped traveling since their honeymoon, which included Niagara Falls, Canada, Detroit and Indiana. A map in their entranceway marks all the places they've been with pushpins. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 2000, and Donald will turn 95 this year during a Wakefield family reunion.

### 1960s

**J. Roger Bernard, '64**, served as Athletic Director at Limestone High School in Fort Fairfield from 1978 to 1995. His story is like many others of his generation: He attended high school, served in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict from 1954 to 1956. then came home where he farmed with his father. However, after four years on the farm, he went to Husson and used his degree to begin a lifelong career in education. He made Limestone High's female sports program successful; marked by legendary players and coaches.

### 1970s

Alden McFarland, '70, is one of three new board trustees elected to the Damariscotta River Association in 2012. McFarland worked at the First National Bank of Damariscotta for 29 years, serving as both branch manager and commercial lending officer. He retired in 2004 and began a successful real estate career where he and his wife, Ann, became known as 'Team McFarland.' He left real estate in 2009 to pursue his first love: lobstering. He has over 450 traps in the Damariscotta River.

Gov. Paul LePage, '71, spoke to graduates at the Maine Maritime Academy's seventieth commencement on May 4. LePage served as the general manager for Marden's, a retail chain, for 15 years, and as the mayor of Waterville

from 2003 to 2011. He is the current governor of Maine.

Raymond Morris '74, was honored with the Boston Post Cane, a symbol of longevity, for being Southwest Harbor's oldest resident at age 97. At age 103, his wife, Carrie, was the town's oldest resident at the time of her death in 2010.



Gloria Chapman, '77, Cheri Vitagliano, '76, and Kellie Webber, '77, held a 35-year reunion last spring to share fond memories of their time at Husson. All three were cheerleaders during their time at Husson, and members of the Order of Diana.

### 1980s

**Gail Kelly, '80**, has taken a position as Director of Patient and Community Advocacy at Penobscot Community Health Care. Kelly served as the state director for Senator Olympia Snowe and has been on her staff for more than 30 years. She also served as Brewer mayor for two terms, president of the Husson Alumni Board, and member of the Bangor Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee, among other high honors and distinctive affiliations.



Judith A. R. Carpenter, '89, is the new Senior Vice President of New Orleans-based Hibernia Bank. In her 20 years in the banking industry, Carpenter has worked at PNC

Bank, JP Morgan Chase & Co., and Putnam County Savings Bank in Brewster, N.Y.

David Desiardins, '91, is the Executive Director of Acadia Credit Union. In 2012. Acadia's portfolio performance was matched by only 10 other credit unions in the country out of a pool of 2200, according to the Filene

Research Institute. When Desiardins joined Acadia, then Fort Kent Credit Union, in 2004, it had 4,000 members (or customers) and assets totaling 32 million dollars. Today, Acadia has 10,500 members and has assets of over 115 million dollars. In March 2013, MaineBiz chose Desjardins as Maine Small Business Leader of the Year, out of a competitive pool of more than 75 top executives across the state.

**Toby Nelson '97 [NESCom]** estimates that he has been part of over 1,000 sports broadcasts for WDME. He has worked for the radio station since he was a sophomore at Foxcroft Academy. Nelson also covered Husson sports for the Husson radio station during his college years. From there, he cultivated a long career in play-by-play sports journalism, doing double-duty as a radio and television announcer when WDME was bought by WZON in 2007. He now serves as the sports director for WZON and teaches play-by-play broadcasting and sports information at NESCom.

**Tom Fodor, '98**, has joined Visiting Nurse Service Foundation, Inc. (VNS) in Indianapolis as the Executive Director/ CEO. VNS provides health services to the terminally ill homeless and lowincome elderly, among others. Fodor spent the last eight years as the CEO of the Dayton, Ohio Area Chapter of the American Red Cross.

### 2000s

Susan Habeeb, '00, joined Dirigo Pines Retirement Community in Orono, ME as the Director of Transitional Care. She will help residents through the transition from their homes or a healthcare facility to Dirigo Pines. Prior to taking this position, Habeeb worked for Eastern Maine Medical Center for 30 vears and in homecare.

Major Doug Franklin, '01, was promoted to rank of Major in the 101st Air Refueling Wing of the Maine Air Guard, located in Bangor. This is not Franklin's first honor. As a Maine State Trooper, he was awarded a Meritorious Service Medal for pulling a person from a burning vehicle. He's also served as a Newport Town Selectman since 2001.

Mike Leavitt, '02, has teamed up with Lance Dutson, one of Maine's top Republican operatives, to run Red Hill Strategies and Cyber Policy in Portland. The firm focuses on delivery of policy

briefs from advocate groups to state lawmakers. Leavitt started his political career with U.S. Sen. Olympia Snowe, (R-Maine). From there, he served as deputy national political director for the presidential campaign of Sen. John McCain. He is also a former chief of staff for the Republican National Committee.

Heather Pelletier '04, was named CEO of Fish River Rural Health in Eagle Lake, Maine in July 2012. "I am humbled by the opportunity to serve the healthcare needs of our communities," says Pelletier. "Being a native of Eagle Lake, I have a heartfelt interest to make a difference in the lives of our friends, family, and neighbors." Pelletier lives in Fort Kent with her husband, John and son, Caleb.

Amanda Kitchen '05 has recently started a new position as Assistant Director for the Goldfarb Center for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement at Colby College in Waterville.

Air National Guard 1st Class Timothy A Nason, '07, graduated from Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas where he earned four credits toward an applied science degree through the community college of the Air Force.

Darrin Constant, '07, fought to stay in Washington County, ME where he grew up playing and watching basketball games in Perry. Constant tried working in juvenile detention centers in Washington County, but the county only had part-time work with no benefits. Under the pressure of student loans and

other basic bills, he was forced to seek work in Portland, but he always wanted to come home. In 2009, Constant received a grant from the Gracie Fund for \$5,000 a year for three years to build a career that provides services to the community of Washington County. Constant now works as a Juvenile Corrections Officer and coaches the basketball team at Shead Community High School. "I honestly don't see myself living anywhere else, " he says.

Stacey Emery, '08, has joined the business program at the University of Maine Presque Isle as an assistant professor of accounting.

Corey Sparks, '09, and his father Bob Sparks started D & S Automotives in Brewer in 2007.

### 2010s

Amanda Bacheller, '11, was part of the physical therapy team that assisted U.S. Senator Mark Kirk after his stroke in January 2012. Bacheller's team focused on giving the senator the independence he needed to get back to work. Bacheller worked specifically on his left hand using different types of stretches to build tone and activity tolerance. The experience of occupational therapy affected Kirk so deeply that he mentioned his therapists by name in a press release about his attendance at the 2013 State of the Union.

Donna Kousaie, '12, will stay-on as part-time instructor in the Husson nursing program after completing

her Master of Science in Nursing degree this year. She also works at the Mayo Regional Hospital Emergency Department part-time, providing clinical information technology support.

**Jen Horto**, '12, HR Specialist for Portland, ME accounting firm Baker Newman Noyes recently earned certification as a Professional in Human Resources (PHR).

### **Alumni Board announces** eight new board members **Alumni Board Executive Committee**



Steve Ferris '85 President

Glenn Mower '96 Vice President Louise Banville '99 Secretary

### **Alumni Board Members**

Dottie Cerbone '66 Roberta Winchell\* '94 Tony Cerbone '72 Liana Fellis\* '07 Shawn Yardley '85 Anne Baker\* '63, '83, '91 Jack Donovan '66 Edward Baker\* '63 Stephanie Baillargeon '88 Mary McCarthy\* '93 Paula Ballesteros '04 Leslie Trott Pelkev\* '02 Phil Fredrick '73 Matt Mackenzie\* Evelyn Lutz '83 Jaclyn Fish\* '05 Gene Nardi '63

### **Alumni Board Emeritus**

Clara Swan '33 Ralph Bickford '56 Paul Husson '07

★ New Member

### **IN MEMORIAM**

January 6, 2013 Madeline Johnson Brown, '52

January 13, 2013 Blanche Catherine (Noye) Harrison, Attended '41-'42, '48 March 29, 2013 Lorna Pyzynski, '63 April 1, 2013 Esther Ford Kennett '47, April 1 Brandon T. Cossette, '10 April 3, 2013 Margaret A.

Harding, MSC April 18, 2013 Donald W. Stone, '47 April 20, 2013 Charles Eastman Sawyer, '40, Honorary Associate '96 April 22, 2013 Lurlene E. Lawton, '38 April 24, 2013 Dorothy Bernice (Ahlquist) Bell, MSC

April 27, 2013 Chervl Ann Clark, '79 April 28, 2013 Adrian P. Jones, '06, '08

April 30, 2013 David Leroy Crosby, attended '56-'59

April 30, 2013 Mortimer P. Beckler, '50 May 2, 2013 James R. Blanch, attended '46-'47

May 5, 2013 Beverly Jean (Seymour) Damien, EMGH '53

May 7, 2013 Eleanor Gulisano, '47 May 8, 2013 William T. Meucci, '48, Honorary Associates '96 May 11, 2013 Harry W. Carter, '60

May 18, 2013 George M. Brainerd, Jr., MSC

May 19, 2013 Ruth (Palmer) Hopkins, '61

June 6, 2013 Paul F. Alden, '65 June 6, 2013 John A. Roe Jr., '69 June 7, 2013 Eugenie Virginia Grant, **EMGH** 

June 9, 2013 Jerome F. Sanford, '47, Honorary Associates '96 Jun 11, 2013 Helen, M. Collins, EMGH '48

June 17, 2013 Shirley Knowles Jewett, '49

June 18, 2013, Budd B. Nicholson Sr., attended '70-'73

June 23, 2013 Paul James Dowe Jr., June 29, 2013 Blaine A. Kallgren. 1-year Accounting '48

June 30, 2013 Elizabeth M. Gould, '00 July 2, 2013 Hamilton Randall, '90 July 9, 2013 Katherine S. Ricker, EMGH '57

July 12, 2013 Cecile L. Bragdon, '42, Honorary Degree '95

July 10, 2013 Edward A. Edward Alan Schnabel, '68

July 24, 2013 Rosa J. West July 22, 2013 Marguerite Lee (Savage) Worthington, attended '41-'42, '48 July 26, 2013 Neil A. Turner, attended '67-'69

July 28, 2013 Rev. Clifford A. Bell, '47 August 2, 2013 Maude Doris Rees attended '41-'42, '48

August 4, 2013 Carol C. (Tibbetts) Quint '91

August 5, 2013 Charles E. Brewster, '42

August 6, 2013, Joseph R. Daigle, '58 August 12, 2013 Ada Ellen White, '41 August 12, 2013 Sally Macomber Bickmore, EMGH '65

September 25, 2013 Bertha Mae Philbrook, '47

#### Friend of Husson

April 2, 2013 Frederic Soper Newman, Honorary Doctorate'82 April 11, 2013 Dorothy Taylor Lawrie

April 27, 2013 Dr. Richard Fremont Saunders, Professor of Business May 8, 2013 John Cassidy

July 7, 2013 Richard Levasseur, Professor of Psychology

July 10, 2013 Caroline Glassman, Honorary Degree '89

### What we've been up to...

### Alumni Board Hosts Networking Social for Soon-To-Be Graduates



The Bangor Hilton Garden Inn was filled with over 175 guests, which included soon to be graduates, alumni, faculty, staff and members from the community.

### **Celebrating Husson Couples**



Husson Couples pictured above: Chip '81 & Betsy Webb '83, Tony '72 & Dottie Cerbone '66, Ed '65 & Ann Baker '63, Warren '89, '08 & Nicole Caruso, Jeff '92 & Jill Buzzell '92, Derek '84 & Susan Husson '97, Jack '66 & Elizabeth Donovan '67

### Bringing the Reunion to you, Husson goes to...

### **South Carolina**

A group of alumni and friends gathered for dinner at Damon's in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. The group exchanged Husson stories as well as contact information so they can gather again in the near future.

### **Florida**



A Group of alumni and friends gathered for a luncheon in The Villages and Winter Park

### **Boston**

A group of alumni and friends gathered for a pregame reception at TD Garden for a campus update from President Clark, and Athletic Director Bob Reasso also shared the latest from athletics.



Red Sox Spring Training.

### Sugarloaf

Jack Donovan '64 and Keith Bolster '64 for sponsored a cocktail reception at Sugarloaf in early March.



### DC

What we're planning for this year...

Alumni & Friends gathered in DC for a cocktail reception and to cheer on the men's basketball team

# Bringing the Reunion to Vous

### SEPTEMBER 12

Northern Maine Alumni Social – *Presque Isle* 

OCTOBER 4-6 HOMECOMING

Alumni Events & NEWS

**OCTOBER 10** 

Scholarship Appreciation Luncheon

### OCTOBER 26

Husson Football Alumni Tailgate – Washington DC

www.husson.edu/alumnievents.

NOVEMBER Bruins Game

DECEMBER 6

Sports Hall of Fame
JANUARY

Florida: The Villages, Winter Park, East Cost

### **FEBRUARY**

Mark your calendars, and check for more details and registration info online at

Husson Couples Dinner & Show in the Gracie

MARCH

Sugarloaf, Maine

Florida: Naples, Venice, and Red Sox Spring Training

**APRIL** 

Senior Class Networking Event with Alumni Board

### MAY

Portland Networking Event Play and Stay Golf, Myrtle Beach, SC

**JUNE 28** 

Husson University - Reunion Weekend

JULY

Lake George, New York



### Director's Corner

What a phenomenal year it has been! We have traveled from Presque Isle, Maine to West Palm Beach, Florida and many places in between. It was great to see familiar faces and to meet new

alumni and friends as well.

Our goals are to hear as many Husson stories as possible, share the exciting events developing at One College Circle, and all of our off-campus sites and help you reconnect with your classmates. One of the newest initiatives in the Alumni office is the eNewsletter. Once a month we send out an update from our travels with alumni and friends, a spotlight section, an update from our students, athletics, and a list of Gracie Theatre events.

We would love nothing more than for you to visit campus for a tour of your alma mater—we are certain you will be proud of the school's growth. Homecoming is a great opportunity to reconnect with your university. We have also begun a memory project and ask that you share your favorite memory of Husson.

We truly hope to see you in the near future, either in your region or here at One College Circle.

Best Regards, *Buffie* 

Over the past year we have been traveling the country meeting with Alumni and asking them to share their Husson story with us. Everyone has been so gracious. They have amazing stories about their journey, we wanted to share some of them with you.

We would appreciate the opportunity to hear your Husson story too! Contact Buffie McCue at 800.726.7073 or alumni@husson.edu

### Bill Carney '64 & Helen Carney



Bill met Helen while attending Husson. After traveling the country and working for Sears they have retired in Hampden, ME. They enjoy collecting sea glass together and Bill makes jewelry with the pieces, with all the profits donated to Lafayette Cancer Center.

### **George Lambert '66**



George has just completed another children's book *There is a Barn Uphead, There is a Barn!* A retired CPA, George is enjoying volunteering and writing. He is working on a writing project with his grandchildren.

### Anne Baker '63, '83, '91 & Edward Baker '65

Anne and Ed went to John Bapst together. They attended Husson at separate times. Anne graduated in 1963 with a medical secretarial degree. Edward gradated in 1965 with a B.S. in business administration. They reconnected after many years and just recently got married in Las Vegas. They both serve on the Alumni Board.

### Sid Snow '76

Sid Snow '76 is President and CEO of Snow's Home and Garden of Orleans, Massachusetts. His family company won the 2012 Family Business Association Award for Mid Size Businesses for the State of Massachusetts. Snow's Home and Garden is a fifth generation family business which began in 1887. Sid is also the President of the Kappa Delta Phi Alumni Association.

### Louie Morrison '02

After graduating from Husson with a degree in Business Administration – Sports Management, Louie became a certified personal trainer and worked for the same local gym for 13 years. Louie just recently launched LA Training in his own downtown Bangor facility serving over 100 clients and growing. Louie is married to Amy Morrison. They have a son and are expecting a new baby next year.

### Dean Armstrong '63

Dean grew up in the Waterville area and came to Husson when it was the school on the hill. He worked for Sears while still in school and quickly moved up the corporate ladder to oversee the State of Maine. Dean found a great love for tennis and became the tennis coach at Orono High School. He found himself as a partner of the Bangor Tennis Club shortly after retiring from Sears. He also takes piano lessons, and has a great love for his lab that travels everywhere with him.

### Fran Mauriello '66

Long-time Bostonian, Fran Mauriello, came to Bangor in 1964 from Burdett College so he could acquire a Husson education. He had decided to embark on the rigorous adventure of business administration. He married his wife, Roberta, in 1965 and she joined him for his senior year. Fran worked



### Clara turned 101 on April 28, 2013!

Alumni & Friends gathered to celebrate Clara's 101st birthday on May 3rd 2013. Clara is feeling fantastic, still driving during the day, teaching an exercise class once a week, and she attends all of our home basketball games! Gifts to the Clara Swan Scholarship can be made by visiting www.husson.edu/clara.



hard to balance the life of a family man and a college student, working evenings so that he could attend classes during the day, while also providing for his family. Fran was approached by Ms. Clara Swan, who played an integral role in his development and advancement in college. Fran graduated with his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration in 1966. Roberta also received a PHT degree for "Putting Hubby Through."

Fran's experiences after Husson humbled him with success as he went on to manage nine different manufacturing plants as director of operations for Diamond Crystal Brands, Inc. of Savannah, Georgia, formerly of Wilmington, Massachusetts. He cared for each employee, and always treated everyone with utmost respect. He attributes much of his success to his Husson education, "Husson prepared me for the work force, and when I left Husson I was instantly comfortable with taking charge and managing others."

Fran was recently inducted into his high school Sports Hall of Fame (Malden, MA) for his baseball and basketball achievements. He has a relentless love of the games and thoroughly enjoys following athletics at all levels. Fran is an avid runner and continues to be active. He and his wife enjoy traveling overseas, especially to where their families once resided in Italy. They have been married for 47 years and consider themselves very lucky to have experienced Husson. They still remain engaged with the University by attending Homecomings and other alumni events. Fran and Roberta, their children and grandchildren, all presently reside in Malden, Massachusetts.

### **Edward Lopes '89G**



Edward Lopes is the newest CEO at Liberty Bay Credit Union. He assumed his responsibilities in March of this year after spending eight years as CEO/ President of Grafton

Suburban Credit Union. Ed remembers his time at Husson fondly, especially beloved professor Dr. Bob Smith, whose business ethics course stands out as one of Ed's favorites to this day. Since being recruited to work for the FDIC before his diploma was even printed, Ed has traveled extensively to serve multiple financial institutions and cites his time

in Haiti as one of the most rewarding experiences of his career. Ed lives with his wife, Janice, in Massachusetts and regularly makes his way to southern Maine to visit his niece.

### Gene Richardson '68

Gene graduated from Husson in 1968 with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration. After spending two years with the U.S. Army he went on to work in the computer division of the National Cash Register Company for 11 years. He then created his own business called Advanced Data Systems, which ended up serving 90 percent of Maine school systems, plus several other states with their accounting software. Gene ran the company for 30 years and then sold it to Tyler Technologies in 2007. He has been one of the initial founders of Advanced Payroll Plus, Network Systems, and SolSense, LLC. In 2010 he formed Maine Aero Services, which focuses on general aviation and flight training. Gene is a commercial and instrument rated pilot and is very proud to offer "Angel Flights" to those who are battling and illness. He attributes much of his success to his time spent at Husson and a little help from Clara Swan!

### **Merrill Barter '89**

Merrill has been appointed as one of ten national members of the AICPA State and Local Taxation Technical Resource Panel for the 2012-2013 year. Prior to his appointment, there was no representation from the northeast on the panel. His involvement supports his role as a senior manager in the Tax Division at Baker Newman Noyes where he specializes in corporate and shareholder taxation with a focus on multi-state issues. Merrill's favorite part of the job is getting to know small business owners and their goals, then helping them create a business plan that paves the way for success. Merrill lives with his wife and three daughters in Falmouth, ME.

### Mike Anderson '75

Mike Anderson is in the business of making mouths happy. According to the awards that some of his creations have won, he's doing a great job at it. Mike and his wife, Joan, own Winterport Winery, Penobscot Bay Brewery, and Pairings, all of which are located under one roof in Winterport, ME. What started as a hobby evolved into a full-time, family owned and operated business. Mike and Joan are proud to

partner with Husson to offer students an opportunity to gain experience working in the field while studying business, hospitality management, and other majors. During their time off, the Andersons enjoy spending time with family, especially their two grandsons, Sam and Henry.

### **Bob Norris** '75, '81

For the Norris family, Husson has become a legacy. This fall, Tyler Norris will join the Class of 2017 and represent the Eagles on the men's basketball team. His grandfather, Bob Norris '75 '81G, promises to be in the stands watching the games. Bob is excited for his grandson to have the same experiential learning and professional development opportunities that he had in the business program during his undergraduate and graduate studies at Husson. Tyler certainly has a great role model as Bob is the president of Prudential Northeast Properties and an active civic servant of the greater Bangor community.

### **Robert Mackenzie '13**

Robert Mackenzie '13 a native of Kennebunk, Maine. At the age of 14 he became a junior firefighter, and an EMT at 16. Robert was a full-time firefighter for the town of Biddeford for 19 years and was also a reserve officer for the Kennebunk Police Department. Five years ago he was named Chief of Police. Bob recently created a video "Point of No Return" about teens and drinking and driving, for which he just recently won an award. He has traveled to over 30 schools in Maine to talk about the prevention of drinking and driving and underage drinking. Bob is looking forward to starting his master's degree at Husson in the near future.

### Cullen Williams '83 & Ken Carle '82

Cullen and Ken became friends at Husson in the early 80's. After graduation Cullen practiced public accounting in the area, and Ken practiced as a management accountant for local businesses. The two joined forces and purchased a building together in Holden, Maine, where they operate as William and Associates and Carle Financial Services. The two friends not only work together, but also enjoy hunting and fishing trips together as well.









Alumni

I was invited to the Trotts' hunting camp on a warm Sunday afternoon in March. Arriving in a small town half an hour outside of Bangor, I traveled along a dirt road for what seemed to be miles and miles. As the road made winding curves, I saw plastic tubes running from tree to tree. I could only wonder what they would lead to.

### Maple Syrup Sunday with the Trotts

As we came to the break in the forest, there was a rustic little camp set perfectly with the view of the hillside and mountains from the porch. There was a huge cloud of steam coming from the sugar shack. Children were throwing snowballs in the yard, turkeys were cooking in pots outside, laughter rang out from the camp, and at last, I smelled the sweet syrup.

Dick Trott '65, chair of our Board of Trustees, and his wife Alice and warmly introduced me to their family and friends. There were more than 10 alumni at the gathering, each with a Husson story to share.

Dick thought in order to best understand the maple syrup-making process, one should start at the top, literally. He fired up a snowmobile, and with camera

in hand, I jumped on the back and we headed up the trail. All along the way were those plastic tubes I was so curious about.

Dick explained that there were over 600 taps they had drilled and run lines from. Those lines run downhill, and gravity brings the sap into a large holding tank

behind the sugar shack.

Inside the shack, the sap gets boiled at extremely high temperatures to evaporate the water from the sap, causing by Buffie McCue the steam to rise above the evaporator. The wood must

be fed into the bottom to keep the fire hot enough. The liquid is then put into another container that has filters on the bottom in order to remove what is called "sugar sand." At this point, the syrup's temperature must be brought to 7 degrees Fahrenheit above boiling point in order to finish the process and produce maple syrup.

To fully illustrate the time commitment, it requires 40 gallons of sap into order to produce one gallon of syrup. This process of boiling down the sap takes a couple of hours. When the syrup is ready to put into containers, the fellows in charge of the operations share that they do this strictly for fun—they give the syrup away as gifts.

I was then invited back inside for a bowl of homemade grape nut ice cream







Pictured front row: Kristal Loura Trott '04. Carroll Strout '65, Jeff Fogg '95, Bob Dore '64, Leslie Trott Pelkey '02. Back row: Rich Trott '00, Rich Crow '72, Duncan Jordan '68, Dick Trott '65, not pictured Frank Peckham '93.

topped with Maine maple syrup. As I enjoyed the homemade treat, I felt so thankful to have spent the afternoon with so many wonderful alumni and friends from Husson. I look forward to receiving my invite for next year's Maple Syrup Sunday with the Trotts.

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