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# Do What You Love

College is an ideal place to find your passion. Colby-Sawyer students have opportunities to explore the liberal arts and sciences, to push and test themselves, and to learn and grow through challenges, failures, surprises and successes.

As they connect to a particular class, professor or activity, students learn more about themselves, their interests

and strengths, and begin to discover what stirs their minds and hearts and fills them with joy and a sense of purpose.

This issue of *Colby-Sawyer* celebrates students who pursue their passions through artistic expression and the quest for scientific knowledge. In their journeys, these students are guided by faculty who not only want to teach them but also inspire them to dig deep, work hard, and become their best and truest selves.

In “A Passion for the Arts—and for Life,” three new faculty members in the Fine and Performing Arts offer their views on the value of art and art education, while some of their most passionate and talented students share their experiences as evolving artists and perceptions of how their training and creativity will shape their future.

“Growing a Culture of Research” explores what may become the most momentous change on campus since Colby-Sawyer became a coeducational college. Through a major grant from the National Institutes of

Health to build a biomedical research network in New Hampshire, our faculty and students have access to tools and resources to create a research culture and collaborate with researchers across the state and region.

For the first time, our faculty members in the sciences can engage students in their research projects, train them in research methods, and make it possible for them to contribute to the larger body of scientific knowledge. In just two years, dozens of our students have leapt at the chance to conduct research in laboratories, in the field and in other research settings. They are gaining knowledge, skills, experience and confidence, as well as new possibilities for their future.

These students—and their faculty—are fortunate to have found their passion.



Kimberly Swick Slover  
Editor



Photo: Michael Seamans

*Michellina Wuddah-Martey '15 examines a cell culture through a microscope in the Biology Laboratory.*



Photo: Michael Seamans

Above: Biplob Gauli '15 performs in the play "Killing Naked Roses," part of "The Biggest SNAFU Ever" in November 2012. The production featured nine original short plays, which were selected from more than 600 scripts submitted by theater professionals from around the world to Theater Director Michael Lovell.

Right: The college's new visual identity is set in stone—granite, of course—in Profile Plaza at the Old Man of the Mountain Memorial in Franconia State Park in honor of Colby-Sawyer's 175th anniversary.

Center: Jordan Patten '14 leaps to win the lineout ball for Colby-Sawyer in a rugby match on Alumni Fall Festival Weekend in which the Chargers crushed the Lyndon State College Hornets, 81-3.



Photo: Michael Seamans

Above: Pooja Byanjankar (left) and Sudeshana Karki, members of the Class of 2015, dance with fellow students as part of a Dashain Festival on campus last fall. For the second year, these and other Nepali students have brought their nation's biggest festival to the college, engaging community members in kite-flying, sharing delicious food and performing both traditional and popular music from their homeland.



Photo: Michael Seamans



Photo: Cill Talbot

These students celebrated Mountain Day 2012 on Tuesday, Sept. 11, with a traditional "air cheer" on the summit of Mount Kearsarge. A record 1,321 community members checked in at the park to enjoy one of the college's oldest and most beloved traditions.



Photo: Greg Darnilowski

Bon appetit! As students returned for spring semester on Jan. 21, President Tom Galligan and Vice President of Administration Doug Atkins—surrounded by other senior officers, Sodexo Manager Mike Heffernan and SGA President Nick Ciarlante '14—cut the celebratory ribbon to open the bigger, better dining hall in the expanded Ware Student Center.

in the loop

# inbox

Since my graduation 15 years ago, I have had many conversations that inevitably lead to the question, "Where did you get your undergraduate degree?" Countless times I have had to correct people about their confusion between Colby-Sawyer and Colby College in Waterville, Maine, and clarify their assumptions that our schools are related.

As a former Colby-Sawyer athlete, I was also aware of how desperately the college's mascot needed an overhaul. Imagine my disappointment when I opened the alumni magazine and saw that the new Charger logo is basically a re-worked version of Colby College's mascot, the White Mule!

While I applaud Colby-Sawyer for wanting to update its image and think

that much of the re-branding captures the energy of the college, I am surprised at the choice of the new mascot. In my opinion, the new logo is somewhat generic and falls short of capturing the unique spirit of Colby-Sawyer athletics.

Go Chargers!

*Kim-Laura Boyle '98, PT, DPT*

*Editor's Note: Thanks, Kim-Laura, for your feedback and passion for the Chargers. It's great that you have had so many opportunities to talk to people about Colby-Sawyer. Nothing represents the college better than its graduates who take the time to share stories of what the institution means to them.*

*For schools whose visual identities feature similar*

*names, colors and representatives of the horse family, the door is always open for discussion and discovery. A staff member in College Communications who is a graduate of Colby College reports that while living in Colorado, her Colby paraphernalia was interpreted as representing Colby Community College in Kansas.*

*The design and approval of the new Chargers logo was a long creative process that involved a core group of college community members who worked together with the goal of creating a strong, distinctive and dynamic visual identity for Colby-Sawyer's athletic teams.*

*Below, for comparison, is Colby College's mule mascot (left) and Colby-Sawyer's new Charger (right). The Charger was designed by a Colby-Sawyer alumna*

*and former Equestrian Team member who is now a horse owner and professional graphic designer.*

The article on Susan Morrison Mayer brought back so many memories of my childhood. She was a counselor at the now-gone Camp Red Fox in Bristol, N.H., and was my cabin counselor for at least two years.

The article mentions the Giles Fund in honor of her grandfather. On a few Sunday afternoons when there were cabin outings, we would go to her grandparents' farm and indulge in such activities as jumping from the hayloft.



Colby College Mules



Colby-Sawyer College Chargers



As I read about Susan's attributes I hope I have some of them. You brought back so many memories. I may live in Nebraska, but my heart is in New Hampshire in so many ways.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sally Nathan Lusk '58 ♦

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Colby-Sawyer magazine welcomes letters to the editor and reserves the right

to edit and condense them. Please send your letters to Kimberly Swick Slover at [kslover@colby-sawyer.edu](mailto:kslover@colby-sawyer.edu), or to her attention at:

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Ha (Windy) Pham '16, a Health Care Management major, makes fresh salads for lunch at the dining hall.

## Data Driven

1950

Ware Student Center constructed

444

Number of seats in dining hall before construction

744

Number of seats in dining hall after construction

12,752

Square feet of renovations in Ware Student Center

\$7.1 million

Cost of the Ware Student Center renovation and expansion

14,020

Square feet of new construction in Ware Student Center

1/21/2013

New dining hall serves its first official meal

# Teaching for Life

Colby-Sawyer's academic programs are firmly based in the liberal arts and sciences.

Whether a student majors in English or Nursing, Biology or Business Administration, he or she will receive an outstanding liberal arts-based education. Of course, that same student will also gain professional experience, as each of our students is required to put their studies to work in a professional setting before they graduate. That's what we have done since the late 1920s, when President

H. Leslie Sawyer first determined that our college would integrate teaching and learning in the liberal arts and sciences with professional preparation. Of course, that integration could never occur without the liberal arts.

In an increasingly competitive world with a still struggling economy, why do we focus on the liberal arts and sciences? Should we instead place greater emphasis on teaching our students the skills and attributes they will need to succeed in the workplace?

Many defenses of the liberal arts assert that there is more to life than one's work or career; these arguments emphasize the benefits of a liberal arts education for personal fulfillment and for the betterment of the nation and the world. I agree. But here I prefer to meet the question about the skills our students need for their careers head on.

Put simply, by emphasizing the liberal arts and sciences, we teach our students exactly the skills they need to succeed. Teaching the liberal arts is

teaching for life; it is teaching for the real world. How so? Let us begin with reading and understanding—a liberal arts hallmark. Whatever a person does for a living, she must be able to read, digest, understand and critique. These are crucial skills in any job and in every career. If I needed one thing to help me to thrive in the world, I would pick reading. Everything else follows.

A liberal arts education teaches, develops and hones critical thinking skills. It teaches the ability to consider and to analyze and to evaluate and to draw reasonable and rational conclusions. There are no careers for which critical thinking is not required. When teaching the liberal arts we teach writing—clear, well-reasoned, well-researched and persuasive writing. The ability to write well gives our students a huge advantage when they leave our home on the hill and seek their way in the world.

In our liberal arts curriculum, we emphasize oral communication skills—the ability to clearly articulate thoughts and ideas



Photo: Cij Talbot

*Today our students continue to learn in traditional classrooms, as shown above, as well as in technology-enabled "smart" classrooms, and most recently, in online classrooms.*



through speaking—which is critically important. And, a key part of all this training is the ability to find, sort and evaluate information. In any age, but particularly in our information age, these liberal arts-based skills are essential.

Mathematics is the language of our universe. Quantitative literacy is important in business, science, health care, law, politics, psychology and sociology, and in so many other areas. To be quantitatively literate is no less important than to be literate. Moreover, the business of the world is increasingly science- and math-based. An understanding of science is a basic requirement in any line of work. I recall a case when I was a young lawyer in which chemistry was at the core of the dispute. Had I never taken a chemistry class, I would have had no context for understanding the issues.

And what about the arts? How does learning in the arts help someone who is not an artist? How does teaching and fostering

creativity help someone in their career? Put that way, the question answers itself. The creative side of the brain is the left side. It is the artist's and the inventor's side of the brain. It is the origin of entrepreneurship. It is the part of the brain we draw on when we think outside the proverbial box. Certainly, the liberal arts teach us to understand and employ multiple perspectives, not just the ones we were raised with; not just the ones we left high school with; not just the ones we experienced in our major field of study. The liberal arts teach the skills that allow people to continue to learn for the rest of their lives. In a world of change, a devotion to lifelong learning is precisely what everyone needs to succeed in their chosen field and in life in general.

At Colby-Sawyer College, we believe that teaching and learning in the liberal arts and sciences is the best career training a college can provide. In fact, at this very moment, our faculty is completing work on a new Liberal Education Program. It will be based in our traditions,



Photo: Michael Seamans

*As part of his internship at Stiles Associates in New London, N.H., Suraj Mali '14 (at right), a Business Administration major, meets with Vice President of Operations Ron Cantrell. Mali was trained to conduct in-depth, confidential research on executives and companies, and in the process, gained experience in research strategies and in successfully recruiting competent executives for clients.*

but also responsive to the educational demands of today and tomorrow, because we are as confidently committed to the liberal arts and sciences today as we have ever been in our 175 years.

Sincerely,

Thomas C. Galligan Jr.

*President and Professor of  
Humanities  
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# The Key to College

by Mike Clark, Assistant Director of Admissions

It is the Monday after Thanksgiving break, a time when most students, slowed by turkey and holiday travel, settle back into their routines and the final grind of the semester. Not Sarah Ann Smith '15. Today Smith's fresh enthusiasm and focus become apparent the moment she starts describing how she found her way into her current area of study.

"I loved writing. I loved reading. I always knew I wanted to do something with English, but I never knew what. I particularly like the western frontier era and my American Studies class covers a lot of that. We started with Thoreau and Whitman. We read *Women's Diaries of the Westward Journey*, which I loved. When I was little, Laura Ingalls Wilder was one of my favorite authors. As I matured, I decided I want to go into publishing. It's a big goal, but I'm going to get there."

In addition to her English major, Smith, a Wesson Honors student, will also pursue minors in Writing for Publication, Education and perhaps Sociology.

Her passions are varied, and she has many experiences that tie into them. She wrote for her high school paper, and now contributes to the *Courier*, Colby-Sawyer's online student newspaper. Her high school experience with community service led to service projects with the Wesson Honors Program; her experiences with the Big Brother Big Sister program led to her Education minor, and Sociology ties in directly with her work as chair of the Diversity Council.

Kathleen Farrell, one of Smith's professors, says that, "sometimes I look at Sarah and can almost see the wheels turning in her mind as she processes new information and weighs it against her previous knowledge and past experiences."

Smith's intelligence and caring nature come across in how she speaks, carries herself, and the activities with which she is involved. And if you look a little closer, you may notice another, more subtle aspect of her life tucked behind each ear.

"I come from a hard of hearing family; my father, his father, and three of my brothers are also hard of hearing. We all wear what's called a behind-the-ear hearing aid. In high school I had a couple of accommodations that I don't have here, and there are pros and cons to that. It's a good thing that I'm not dependent on other accommodations; it's more me here, but at the same time, what if that could have helped me more? I'm pretty up front about it. I try to situate myself in the middle of the room, and I talk to my professors about it if I miss anything. I feel like that works better overall. I am very proactive. I am *very* focused."

With a lot of hard work and a little help from the Colby-Sawyer community, Smith is the recent recipient of a \$5,000 Alexander Graham Bell Scholarship for students who are hard of hearing. Professors contributed references and letters of recommendation, and Teresa Gallagher, affectionately known as "Momma T" to students on campus, even chipped in to cover the cost of sending the application overnight.



# “I want to go into publishing. It’s a big goal, but I’m going to get there.”

“She is a sweetheart,” Smith says, remembering Gallagher’s act of kindness. “She’s one of the nicest women I know. It’s a very competitive scholarship. It’s quite the process, yes, but it was worth it.

“I feel like this year is really clicking for me academically; everything’s starting to come together.

People say that when you go home you’ll feel different, and I’m starting to get that now. I understand more of the world because of my education, and I think that’s the key to college.”

It is apparent Smith is making the most of her time on campus while

also looking ahead to what is next with excitement and anticipation.

“Last year in a class, as part of a project, we had to research internships, and I researched a lot of the big companies like Penguin and Simon and Schuster. I’m hoping next summer, between my junior and senior years, to intern with

one of them. It’d be in New York City, right in the middle of everything. I bite my nails a little about that, but it would be an experience. Who knows, maybe I’ll fall in love with New York!” ♦



Photo: Greg Danilowski

Sarah Ann Smith '15, a Wesson Honors student and chair of the Diversity Council, is a recipient of the prestigious Alexander Graham Bell Scholarship. Through her education, Smith says, “I understand more of the world.”

# Risks and Rewards

by Jody Murphy and Christopher Kubik, Associate Professors of Business Administration

As faculty in the Business Administration Department, we are enthusiastic about the opportunities for engaged learning that are part of our Investment Management course. These experiential activities include investing real dollars in the stock market and visiting key financial sites in New York City.

In teaching this course, we have seen firsthand the significant learning that occurs through students'

management of the fund and their class trip. We have also heard from our students and alumni about the impact these opportunities had on their learning—both within the business discipline and their liberal education studies—as well as on their entire college experience.

The Suzanne '66 and John Hammond Student Managed Investment Fund gives students the opportunity to trade stocks and to understand

the workings of the market through direct experience. The fund began with a generous gift of \$25,000 from the Hammonds, and as of January 2013, it had an approximate value of \$160,000.

The fund has grown significantly due to generous individual gifts and an endowment allocation from the Colby-Sawyer Board of Trustees. The allocation was the direct result of our students' presentation to the board, in

which they requested an opportunity to manage a portion of the college's endowed funds. Last October the trustees approved their request and appropriated \$50,000 to the student-managed investment fund, with additional funding conditional on meeting investment and reporting goals.

## Sector Experts

How does the fund work? Early on in the class, we discuss forecasting models and approaches to market analysis that include analysis of the economy, industry sectors and individual companies. Each student takes responsibility for a specific industry and through research and due diligence becomes a "sector expert." Using online resources, students analyze securities and present their findings to their classmates for a vote, as dictated by the fund's bylaws. Each student makes a pitch for their sector, followed by class votes on each proposal. The winning proposals comprise the students' fund portfolio for that semester.



As part of the Investment Management class in fall 2011, Class of 2012 graduates (from left) Harinder Singh, Michael Baker, Tyler Hendrickson, Rob Rohr and Gabriel Leon visited the Trading Floor of the New York Stock Exchange.



# The greatest gains have been in students' knowledge and understanding of the stock market.

This is truly a *student-managed* fund; the course professor has neither a vote nor veto power. The students then present the fund to the broader college community, which includes college administrators, donors, trustees, Business Administration faculty, and friends of the college. Going forward, the Investment Management class will also present its investment results to the Board of Trustees on an annual or as-needed basis, similar to what professional financial managers do for their clients.

From the outset, the goal of the student-managed fund has been student learning. On balance, the fund has neither lost nor earned a great deal of money under their management. The greatest gains have been in students' knowledge and understanding of the stock market.

## New Connections

The Investment Management class trip is another way for students to experience what they have studied. Last fall, they witnessed the NASDAQ opening bell and visited the Charging Bull, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, the New York Stock Exchange, Federal Hall, the 9/11 Memorial and the CFA Institute. Each of these sites provides wonderful learning opportunities, but the New York Stock Exchange is typically the highlight. The Exchange offers an educational discussion with a question-and-answer session, and permits students to visit the trading floor in small groups that are partnered with a designated market maker's post, where they can interact with experts.

Tyler Hendrickson '12 found that his involvement with the student-managed

investment fund had a large influence on the type of jobs he applied for. "The experience of analyzing stocks and watching trends over the year allowed for a better understanding of the markets and how they worked, and now that is something I use every day in my career," he says.

"I learned a lot more about things I already knew, learned a few entirely new things, and made new connections," says Abhiyan Thapaliya '13 of his experience with the class and the trip to New York. Aimee Cates '11 notes that "many of these organizations are closed to the general public and the fact that I was able to experience the inner workings of the NASDAQ, the Federal Reserve and the New York Stock Exchange is not something I will forget."

As the value of the investment fund and our trustees' involvement grows, our students' sense of responsibility—as well as their opportunities for learning—will also grow. The trustees, many of whom have deep experience in the stock market or in managing

companies and investments, will ask hard questions, which our students must be prepared to answer. The Investment Management class will remain a safe learning environment for students, and the trustees' deeper engagement will augment this real-world experience for students, who will ultimately benefit from the trustees' wisdom, insight and experience.

Whatever our business students choose to pursue in their careers, their learning experiences in the stock market and financial industry as undergraduates will serve as a valuable part of their liberal arts education. These opportunities to acquire and apply knowledge, to hone their critical thinking skills and exercise good judgment, will help to prepare them for the job market as well as for other challenges in their lives. ♦

# Professors Eckrich and Steele Honored with Endowed Chairs

by Kate Dunlop Seamans

On Oct. 18, 2012, Colby-Sawyer College honored excellence in teaching and contributions to leadership on campus by investing Professor of Exercise and



Photo: Greg Danilowski

David H. Winton Endowed Teaching Chair Jean Eckrich

Sport Sciences Jean Eckrich as the new David H. Winton Endowed Teaching Chair, and Professor of Natural Sciences Benjamin B. Steele as the new M. Roy London Endowed Teaching Chair.

## The David H. Winton Endowed Chair

Professor Eckrich is a scholar and tireless champ-

ion of both students and faculty colleagues. An expert in the mechanics and development of human motion, the changing role of women in sports, and appropriate principles and practices for coaches, she joined the college in 1995. She has published and presented regionally, nationally and internationally with colleagues from across the college, as well as with students.

As department chair from 1995 to 2009, Eckrich was part of two major curriculum revisions. Among many other initiatives with which she was involved, Professor Eckrich created professional development activities for students; increased the number of faculty within the department; supported the professional development of department members; collaborated on the renovation of Mercer Hall; increased the laboratory equipment and experiences for students; and worked on two successful athletic training accreditation self-studies.

Amy Hebert '10, a Sport Management major who went on to earn her

master's degree and has returned to Colby-Sawyer as the college's internship coordinator, says Professor Eckrich's influence "overflowed into every aspect of her students' lives both during their time at Colby-Sawyer and after. Jean went beyond the requirements of her position to cultivate our academic, intellectual and personal growth."

Professor Eckrich's colleague, Professor and Chair of Exercise and Sport Sciences, Russ Medbery, says her commitment to the college is clear.

"Jean creates an environment that challenges students to take responsibility for learning," he says. "It is clear that Professor Eckrich loves this college and this community. She demonstrates this love by committing herself fully to the educational and governance goals of the college."

Professor Eckrich founded the college's Teaching Enrichment Center in 2009 and has overseen the development and implementation of a four-day orientation program, as well as a monthly seminar

series for new faculty. She also has developed a series of online resources for faculty and leads small group instructional diagnosis sessions for individual faculty members.

Professor Eckrich holds a Ph.D. from Purdue University, an M.S. from University of Wyoming and a B.S. from University of Delaware.

David H. Winton was an honorary life trustee and longtime chair of the Board of Trustees; the endowed chair was established to honor and recognize the excellence of long-standing members of the teaching faculty.

## The M. Roy London Endowed Chair

Professor Steele joined the college in 1988, with teaching and research interests in animal behavior, conservation biology, ecology and evolution. He has presented at conferences throughout the U.S. and in Canada, Mexico, Austria and Finland.



For nearly a decade, Professor Steele has devoted summers to researching the Common Eider in Finland, where he studies the sea duck's social behaviors. He has mentored multiple Colby-Sawyer students at the Tvärminne Zoological Station, 62 miles southwest of Helsinki, including Biology major Colby Chase '11. Chase designed his own research project and spent a month studying the factors affecting incubation constancy in the Common Eider. To spend that much time with a professor off campus and working in the field at a zoological station was, he says, amazing.

"Ben is a truly passionate, remarkable professor," says Chase. "His know-

ledge and concern for student achievement are assets to each student and the Colby-Sawyer College community. He was a great teacher who pushed me to work hard."

That Professor Steele, who often works "quietly but persistently to create opportunities so others can thrive and excel," would reach out to promising students and include them in his own research interests comes as no surprise to a faculty colleague in the Natural Sciences Department.

"Long before engaged learning was in vogue, Ben was experimenting with it in his own classrooms," his colleague says. "Without a doubt, Ben is a dedicated and innovative

teacher who models best practices for us all. He is a gifted colleague who for years has shown important leadership in everything he has done for the college community. He models the values of the liberal arts tradition we espouse as few of us can. The college is a better institution for his many contributions."

Professor Steele served as the elected faculty representative to the college's Board of Trustees and as faculty moderator for six years, as well as on the faculty development and research committee and other committees and task forces. He earned a B.A. from Harvard University, an M.S. from Utah State University and a Ph.D. from Dartmouth College.

M. Roy London spent more than 30 years as a teacher and administrator at the college. The benefactors' intent was that this endowed professorship should be held by faculty members whose work and vocation combine excellence in teaching

with an influential and attentive personal on campus and in the wider community.

#### Past Recipients of Endowed Professorships

Colby-Sawyer established these two endowed chairs, the college's first, in 2002, to be held for a period of five years. Professor of Humanities Ann Page Stecker was selected as the first David H. Winton Endowed Teaching Chair in 2002, followed by Professor of Social Sciences and Education Randy Hanson in 2007.

Professor of Social Sciences and Education Joseph Carroll was selected as the inaugural M. Roy London Endowed Chair in 2002, followed by then Professor of Business Administration and current Professor and Chair of Environmental Studies Leon-C. Malan in 2007. ♦



Photo: Greg Danilowski

M. Roy London Endowed Chair Benjamin B. Steele

# Nursing Program Earns High Marks

by Kimberly Swick Slover

In fall 2012, Colby-Sawyer's Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program was reaccruited for 10 years by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), the body responsible for evaluating baccalaureate and graduate nursing programs in the U.S.

"The CCNE on-site reviewers found Colby-Sawyer's program to be of very high quality and 'without deficiencies' of any type," says Nursing Chair Susan Reeves, associate academic dean for the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Partnership Program and the Gladys A. Burrows Distinguished Professor of Nursing. "Most striking was their comment that our graduates described the educational experience at Colby-Sawyer that prepared them for practice as a registered nurse (RN) as 'exceptional.'"

Since 2009, 95 to 100 percent of the college's nursing graduates have passed the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered

Nurses (NCLEX-RN), which is required for nurses to practice in their field.

The CCNE highlighted Colby-Sawyer's close faculty-student working relationships and its strong clinical affiliations with Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center (DHMC), which they said "results in smooth integration of the students into the clinical environment." The innovative agreement between the college and DHMC allows master's-level DHMC nurses to serve in adjunct clinical faculty roles, training students in their clinical rotations.

In the accreditation process, many graduates and students attested to the high quality of the Nursing Program and their preparation as registered nurses. Danielle Bowen '10, an RN in the Intensive Care Nursery (ICN) at DHMC, described her education and training as a nurse as "outstanding." She benefited from small class sizes and her clinical training and senior practicum experience in the ICN, which led to her current position.



Photo: Gil Talbot

*Student nurses receive clinical training at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center.*

"The Nursing Program did an excellent job in preparing me as a registered nurse. I had the perfect combination of class time and clinical time, and I was able to gain so much hands-on experience as a student," Bowen says. "The transition from student to 'new grad' was smooth, and because of the time I spent at both DHMC and on my (ICN) unit, I had the perfect amount of comfort and nervousness when it came time to start practicing on my own license."

Professor Reeves hopes that all members of the Colby-Sawyer community

take pride in this recognition by the CCNE. "Many individuals from across college departments collaborate in the formation of a Colby-Sawyer professional nurse," she says. ♦

*To learn more about the Nursing Program's reaccruited, visit [www.colby-sawyer.edu/nursing/accreditation](http://www.colby-sawyer.edu/nursing/accreditation).*





# Corporate Leaders Join Trustees' Board

by Linda J. Varnum, Secretary of the College

William "Jay" J. Wilson of New London, N.H., and Fairfield, Conn., and Peter "Pete" F. Volanakis of Hanover, N.H., and Penn Yan, N.Y., have joined the Colby-Sawyer Board of Trustees.

Wilson owns and operates Wilson Connexions LLC, a consulting group focused on securing capital for startup and early stage companies, and is a founding partner and chairman of Cambiar LLC, which provides management consulting services to market research companies in the U.S. and abroad. In 2003, he retired as executive chairman of NOP World, a division of United Business Media. Previously, Wilson served as chairman and CEO of Roper Starch Worldwide



William "Jay" J. Wilson

Inc., an international market research and consulting company, and as executive vice president of International Research Associates, Inc.

Wilson is a member of the Board of Directors of Intersections Inc., a publicly held direct marketing company, and a board member of the Keller Fay Group. He also serves on the board of the Roper Center for Public Opinion Research at the University of Connecticut and is a member of the Executive Committee and Board of Advisors of the Master's in Market Research program at the University of Texas in Arlington.

The Market Research Council Hall of Fame inducted Wilson in 2001, and in April 2003, he received the prestigious ARF Industry Leadership Award. He has addressed advertising and marketing groups and associations worldwide and authored numerous articles on marketing and media research. Wilson earned a bachelor's degree from Yale University and a master's degree from Corpus Christi College in Cambridge, England.



Peter "Pete" F. Volanakis

Volanakis currently serves as director of the SPX Corporation and the Vanguard Group and as trustee of Vanguard Mutual Funds. He retired as president of Corning Inc. in 2010 after a 28-year career in which he held many commercial and business development positions. Volanakis had joined Corning's Board of Directors in 2000 and became its chief operating officer in 2005 and its president in 2007.

After earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from Dartmouth College, Volanakis spent three years in consumer products advertising with the Leo Burnett Company in Chicago before returning

to Dartmouth for a Master of Business Administration degree. He is a member of the Board of Overseers of the Tuck School and the Advisory Board of the Norris Cotton Cancer Center, as well as emeritus director of the Corning Museum of Glass.

President Tom Galligan expressed enthusiasm about the new trustees' experience, knowledge and perspective, which he believes will further strengthen the board. "I am excited to work with them as we implement our strategic plan to make a great college even greater," he said.

Board of Trustees Chair Thomas C. Csatari, director of Downs Rachlin Martin PLLC, also welcomes the leadership skills and broad expertise the new trustees will bring to their roles. "We are fortunate that these extraordinary corporate leaders understand the critical role of higher education in our society and are committed to providing their support, vision and guidance to our educational community," he said. ♦

# conversations

## David Elliott

by Asher Ellis '06, Adjunct Professor, Humanities, Fine and Performing Arts

*Humanities faculty member David Elliott joined the college in 1998 and teaches creative writing, adolescent literature and playwriting. He also serves as the director of International Student Services, all the while enjoying a successful career as a New York Times best-selling children's book author. After nearly 15 years of service, this spring marks his final semester at Colby-Sawyer College.*

**What is it about the Colby-Sawyer community that you especially enjoy? What has kept you here?**

It seems to me that the faculty and the staff are devoted to young people and that's a very nice

environment to be in. But if I have to say what's really kept me here, my work with the international students has been unbelievably fun and interesting. I've worked with people who are willing to come six or eight thousand miles away from home, who want to know more about the world and themselves. For many of these individuals, the quest is to find out who they are, and their place in the world. It's been terrific to be part of that process.

**How has working with students from other countries and cultures enriched your own life?**

To begin with, I just turned 65. And most 65-year-olds I know are kind of boring! I shouldn't say that, but well, it's true. I'm very lucky to have spent so much time with young people, especially those who are not yet jaded, who may be experienced but who have somehow retained their innocence. I'm really thinking about that in

I was in the cafeteria recently and I saw a group of Nepali students sitting with a couple of American students. Then I saw a group of Americans and there were some international students sitting with them. There's a lot more of this kind of connection on the campus than there used to be. When I started there were 30 international students, most from Japan. And then September 11 happened and the numbers dropped. One year we had as few as seven, but now we're close to 140! And it's a very diverse group, too, representing 31 countries.

**Have the courses you've taught offered their own challenges but also rewards?**

For me, it's almost always the same challenge. And the challenge, especially when teaching writing, is that the classroom structure is often antithetical to learning. There is a set number of drafts; we move through the semester linearly, and the instructor tells the students what to write about. Real writers don't work like that.

terms of my own life, the struggle to remain fresh, open. The connection with the students, some of whom I've gotten to know quite well, has been a constant reminder that I am human on those days when I feel I am not.

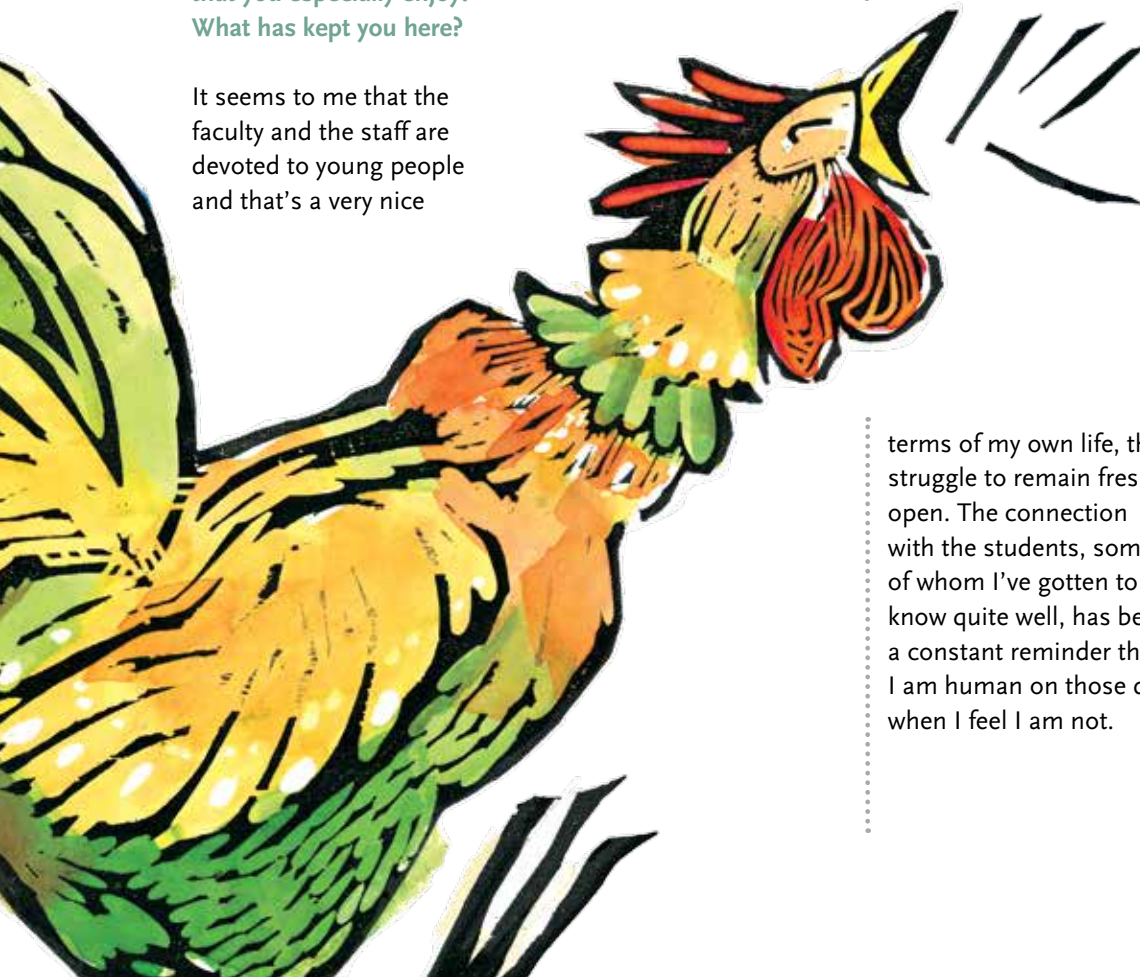






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*David Elliott's sparkling eyes and zany humor will be sorely missed after his retirement from Colby-Sawyer College in May.*

My quest was always to be as authentic in the classroom as I could. Students ought to get something real. So that was the challenge: To make whatever I was teaching real and not to rely on the convenient personas of “the professor” and “the students.”

For me, it has to do with honesty. I know it has to be about grades and getting the credit and all that, but what I always say to my students is, “This is our time together. So let’s

have it be real. If you’re pretending to be interested, it’s a waste of time for all of us. But if you write something you’re really invested in or excited about, I get that excitement, too.” Writing, after all, is about the struggle toward truth and the human connection.

#### **What is it like to juggle teaching and a writing career?**

The writing life is kind of crazy. In spite of the number of my publications, I’m never sure if

I’m doing the right thing. And I can still write a really bad book. But I try to bring my writing life into my classroom; that’s one way I think it worked very well. Especially when I’m teaching creative writing or adolescent lit or children’s lit. I know about those worlds. I know about the publishing world; I know many of the authors that we read. So in that way, it was a benefit to me and my students who were interested because I could say, “This is what it’s really like.”

#### **What’s next for David Elliott?**

I’m hoping to spend much of my time writing, especially longer works. I have five picture books in the pipeline. They’ll be coming out within the next few years, and I’m also working on a couple of novels and some essays. But I find that writers who isolate themselves and identify only as “writers” end up being not very good writers and not very interesting people. Because the writing life is so solitary, I’m afraid that it will be four in the afternoon and I’ll still be in my pajamas, staring out the window, eating bonbons. I want to learn French. I want to lose 30 pounds. Hopefully, I’ll find some teaching opportunities, too. It’s a way to give back all that I’ve been given. And I hope there will be some surprises. All in all, I feel so happy to have had this experience. ♦

#### **ON THE FARM.**

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# portfolio

by Kate Dunlop Seamans

In addition to teaching and leading International Student Services, David Elliott is an award-winning author of 10 picture books and seven chapter books. His poems and stories have delighted children and young-at-heart readers since his first book, *An Alphabet of Rotten Kids!*, was published by Philomel in 1991. Here are highlights of Elliott's poetic, imaginative and often hilarious contributions to children's literature.

When *The Cool Crazy Crickets* (Candlewick), a chapter book for readers in grades 1-3, was published in 2001, *School Library Journal* praised its "humorous dialogue" and "children's language that rings true." Elliott's first novel, *The Transmogrification of Roscoe Wizzle* (Candlewick;



ages 7 and up), was also released that year, with *Publishers Weekly* calling it "entertaining and energetic" with "colorful plot twists and character names ... sassy

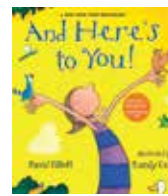
first-person narrative and snappy dialogue."

In 2003, Elliott introduced *Hazel Nutt, Mad Scientist* (Holiday House; ages 5-8), the tale of a monster-creating scientist told with "inspired goofiness," according to a *Booklist* review. Hazel appeared again in the "quirky and comical" *Hazel Nutt, Alien Hunter* (Holiday House; ages 4 and up), as captain of the spaceship *BoobyPrize* who makes an emergency landing on the planet Wutt. *Children's Literature* called it a "quick, funny book that will appeal to primary grade students who have discovered word play and goofy characters in books."



*Evangeline Mudd and the Golden-Haired Apes of the Ikkinasti Jungle* (Candlewick; ages 7-10) arrived on the scene in 2004. *Kirkus Reviews* wrote that Evangeline is a "lucky little girl raised by primatologist parents in the fashion of the gentle and remarkable golden-

haired apes, who grows up swinging from chandeliers, utterly and completely secure."



*And Here's to You!* (Candlewick; ages 5-7), a 2004 hit and *New York Times* best-seller, is a "joyful poem that celebrates the world and its inhabitants and conveys a sense of appreciation for all living things," according to *School Library Journal*.

Elliott's beloved heroine Evangeline returned in 2006 with *Evangeline Mudd and the Great Mink Escapade* (Candlewick; ages 7-10), turning her attention from ecological matters to animal rights. "Readers will not be able to resist smart, quirky Evangeline as she unicycles her way through yet another wild tale," wrote *Kirkus Reviews*.

When a spaceship shaped like a carrot lands in your backyard, anything can and does happen in *Wuv Bunnies from Outers Pace* (Holiday House; ages 6-10; 2008). Dr. Teri Lesesne,

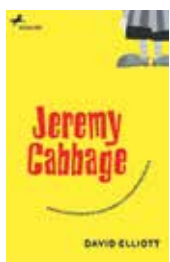
professor of Children's Literature at Sam Houston State University, called the chapter book "hilarious... think Captain Underpants meets Star Trek."

*One Little Chicken: A Counting Book* (Holiday House, ages 3-6) was published in 2007, and 2008's *Knitty Kitty* (Candlewick; ages 3-6) was deemed "perfect for bedtime reading" by *School Library Journal*. "Elliott tells the story in economical, repetitive and rhythmic words and phrases that further lull and comfort..." It's a book as "cozy, comfy and toasty as the objects it describes," according to *Publisher's Weekly*.



The first in a series of thematic poetry collections and collaborations with Caldecott Honor illustrator Holly Meade, *On the Farm* earned a starred review in *The Horn Book*: "A series of brief, often funny poems catch the personalities of farm animals...From an alluring cover with a rooster in full crow to its concluding, gently ironic ode to the

silence of rabbits, this book will make an unusually interesting choice for farm-animal story times.” The blog Seven Impossible Things called it “one of the top-ten best picture book titles” of 2008.



Elliott's star shone extra brightly in 2009, with *Jeremy Cabbage*

and *the Living Museum of Human Oddballs and Quadruped Delights*, (Alfred A. Knopf, ages 8-12), a chapter book that was optioned for a film by 20th Century Fox. While the film is still in development, the book tells the story of an orphan stuck at Harpwitch's Home for Mean Dogs, Ugly Cats, and Strey Children until he sets off on an outrageous, comical adventure.

His second 2009 hit, *Finn Throws a Fit*, is a “wise book [that] acknowledges that childish anger can't be willed away,” wrote *The New Yorker's* Daniel Zalewski, “but also suggests that parents



and children can ride out the storm together.” The *Guard-*

*ian Observer* (UK) proclaimed the book “an absolute must-have for anyone who has—or has ever had—an angry toddler.”

In 2010, the summertime exploits of *The Cool Crazy Crickets to the Rescue* (Candlewick; ages 5-8) won the Parent's Guide to Children's Media Award and *In the Wild* (Candlewick, ages 4-7), Elliott's second collaboration with illustrator Holly Meade,



was published. The third in the series, *In the Sea* (Candlewick, ages 4-7), was published in 2012, and like the first two, was



embraced for its “elegant metaphors” and “child-friendly diction” (*Kirkus Reviews*). Two more books are planned in the series: *On the Wing*, which will flit from the busy hummingbird to the majestic eagle, and *In the Past*, which will star trilobites,

dinosaurs, woolly mammoths and more.

Other picture books in the pipeline are *Baabawa and Wooliam*, a book about, yes, sheep, to be illustrated by Melissa Sweet; *Nobody's Perfect*, a project with British illustrator Sam Zuppari; and *This ORQ. He Cave Boy*, with Lori Nichols set to illustrate. ♦

To keep up with David Elliott's adventures, visit <http://davidelliottbooks.com>.





# Power Trip: Using Less to Go Farther

by Jennifer White '90, Sustainability Coordinator; Assistant Professor, Environmental Studies

EXISTING GROUND (1 TP)

To engage students in experiences that highlight the college's interconnectedness and to model sustainable practices, Colby-Sawyer has introduced several energy-related initiatives across campus. These programs move us toward our ultimate goal—carbon neutrality by 2050—while creating learning opportunities, saving money and improving quality of life.

The cheapest kilowatt is the one we never use, so in 2010 Colby-Sawyer began to educate the college community about conservation with the Walking Our Talk campaign. Through strategic prompts and colorful posters, this program raises awareness about ways to conserve energy. And, via our interactive TellEmotion Energy Monitoring Systems in residence halls, residents receive direct feedback about their energy use. Eleven student eco-reps continue to develop campuswide outreach programs, such as video contests, conser-

vation competitions and recycling bin decorating parties, which embed these ideas in our culture.

After conservation, our next step was to increase efficiency. We conducted a campuswide energy audit that led to more efficient lighting, building envelopes, control systems and appliances. These efforts will save the college approximately \$140,000 per year and reduce our emissions related to heating and electricity by 11 percent.

In 2010, Colby-Sawyer made a significant step toward sustainability, purchasing Renewable Energy Certificates for 100 percent of our electricity consumption. Our first venture into on-site energy generation began with a proposal co-authored by Environmental Studies student Andy Chase '13, which introduced two demonstration-size renewable energy systems: a pole-mounted solar array and a residential-scale wind turbine.

With support from the Margaret A. Cargill Foundation grant, these proposals were approved in 2012. In a rapid expansion of on-site energy generation, the college embraced solar energy through a partnership with ReVision Energy, which installed a 127-kilowatt photovoltaic system on four campus buildings. (See story on p. 21.)

The renewable energy systems on campus serve as models and interactive tools for our students and community members through links to educational web-based monitoring programs. A new super-efficient, passive solar classroom, which will be built this summer by students in the Shelter & Sustainability class, will also serve as a model and teacher. Looking forward, the college is exploring the possibility of diversifying fuel sources and reducing costs and emissions through a biomass (wood-chip) heating facility on campus.

“Students at Colby-Sawyer are becoming more aware of sustainability initiatives on campus and their importance in reducing our carbon emissions as a college,” says Chase. “The presence of renewable energy technology on campus demonstrates to students, faculty and staff that our college is dedicated to sustainability and is actively pursuing our goal of carbon neutrality.”

Colby-Sawyer College is committed to preparing our students to compete in an evolving job market and to succeed in a changing world. While keeping the “business” of the college sustainable, we also seek to empower and inspire our students to make positive contributions that improve the health and well-being of current and future generations. ♦

View the college's sustainability timeline at [www.colby-sawyer.edu/assets/pdf/Sustainability\\_Timeline.pdf](http://www.colby-sawyer.edu/assets/pdf/Sustainability_Timeline.pdf).

# Seizing the Sun

by Kate Dunlop Seamans

Last fall, Colby-Sawyer partnered with Exeter, N.H.-based ReVision Energy to build one of the largest solar photovoltaic arrays in the state. A solar array is composed of a series of panels that use the sun's abundant energy to create electricity. A total of 517 solar photovoltaic panels were installed on the roofs of Windy Hill School, Curtis L. Ivey Science Center, Lawson Hall and Lethbridge Lodge.

The 127-kilowatt solar array is a significant step toward the college's long-term goal of becoming a carbon-neutral campus by 2050. It offers the immediate benefits of saving approximately \$3,000 in the first year on electricity while providing a visible manifestation of the college's commitment to sustainability and a model of a renewable energy system on campus. The college anticipates a 197,990-pound reduction in its carbon emissions in the first year by generating approximately 152,000 kilowatt hours annually through its solar array.

The \$509,000 project is financed through a Power Purchase Agreement between Colby-Sawyer and ReVision in which the college pays no up-front costs. ReVision leases the roof spaces from the college for a nominal fee and will own and operate the panels for six years. Power generated by the panels feeds into the existing electrical system of each building, and Colby-Sawyer pays ReVision a discounted rate for the power the panels generate.

"As a business, ReVision can take advantage of the federal tax credit and other financial incentives that nonprofits in New Hampshire can't access," says Sustainability Coordinator Jennifer White '90.

On Colby-Sawyer's behalf, ReVision applied for and was awarded a \$100,000 grant from the N.H. Public Utilities Commission. "For six years, Colby-Sawyer will write two checks to pay for electricity, one to Public Service of New Hampshire and one to ReVision," says White.

"Combined, the total is less than what we would have been paying otherwise, thanks to the grant, the rebates and ReVision's discounted rate for the solar power produced."

With a lifespan of up to four decades, the panels should still be in prime condition in six years, when Colby-Sawyer will have the option to purchase the system from ReVision. When the system is college-owned, all power generated by the panels will be free. ♦



Photo: Greg Dapilowski

*ReVision Energy employees install solar panels on the roof of the Windy Hill School, one of four buildings on campus that are part of the college's solar photovoltaic array. The partnership with ReVision Energy will assist the college in meeting its environmental sustainability goals.*

# The Season in Sports

## Fall 2012

by Ryan Emerson, Director, Sports Information

### Women's Tennis (16-2, 9-0 NEAC)

Colby-Sawyer ran the table in North Eastern Athletic Conference (NEAC) East Division play and won the East Division Championship. The Chargers swept Lyndon in a NEAC East semifinal match and followed with a 5-0 win over Castleton in the championship match. Colby-Sawyer will play the winner of the NEAC West Division in the spring, with a trip to the NCAA Tournament on the line.

The Chargers finished the year with a combined doubles record of 49-13 (.790) and a singles record of 73-19 (.793). Colby-Sawyer finished the fall



Sophomore Donna Gordon was a key member of the women's tennis team last fall, representing the Chargers at an all-conference doubles tournament with Ashlyn Ramsay.

season with an overall record of 16-2 and a conference record of 9-0. The team lost only two points in conference play.

Junior **Liz Lincoln** (Plymouth, Mass.) was named NEAC East Division Player of the Year after going a perfect 8-0 at number-one singles and doubles during conference play. The award caps a stellar season in which Lincoln earned Player of the Week honors twice in addition to NEAC East Tournament Most Valuable Player accolades.

Lincoln was joined by teammates **Charlotte Horton '16** (South Hamilton, Mass.), **Ashlyn Ramsay '16** (Barkhamsted,



Photo: John Quackenbos

Sophomore **Michelle Upham** moves the ball down the field during the women's soccer team's most successful season in the program's history.

Conn.) and **Claire Toffey '13** (Barnstable, Mass.) on the All-Conference squad.

Ramsay was named Rookie of the Year after going 7-0 for the Chargers in her first season, playing primarily at number two.

Lincoln and Toffey combined to earn a spot on the all-conference doubles team, while Ramsay and **Donna Gordon '15** (Essex Junction, Vt.) also represented Colby-Sawyer.

Gordon registered a single season record for doubles victories with 18.

Toffey became Colby-Sawyer's all-time leader in career doubles victories with 55 and moved into third on the all-time career

victories list with 95. She also ranks tied for eighth in career singles victories with 40.

### Women's Soccer (15-4-4, 8-0-1 NAC)

The 2012 Colby-Sawyer women's soccer team enjoyed the most successful season in program history. The Chargers finished the season 15-4-4 overall and went unbeaten in the North Atlantic Conference (NAC) regular season at 8-0-1. The team reached a conference championship game for the first time since 1997 and made the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) tournament for the first time ever.



Although the Chargers fell in the NAC Championship and ECAC semifinals, the team recorded the most ever wins in a season with 15.

The Chargers earned the top seed in the NAC tournament after winning the regular season finale at Castleton, who also entered the game unbeaten in conference play. Colby-Sawyer prevailed 2-1, despite being outshot 19-8. The loss was the first for Castleton against a conference opponent since the 2009 NAC Championship game against Husson, a span of 29 games. It was also the first time since Sept. 23, 2008, that the Spartans fell in a regular season NAC game at home.

Colby-Sawyer made quick work of Lyndon and Maine-Farmington in the quarterfinals and semifinals, respectively, winning 4-1 each time. The Chargers then welcomed Castleton to Kelsey Field for the NAC Championship. Unfortunately, the Spartans came away with a 2-1 win and advanced to the NCAA tournament.

The Chargers earned a berth to the ECAC tournament for the first time in school history and traveled to Simmons for a quarterfinal contest. Colby-Sawyer recorded its ninth shutout of the season with a 2-0 win over the Sharks. The season would end for the Chargers in the semifinals after a 2-1 loss at Saint Joseph's (Conn.).

Colby-Sawyer improved its record to 15-1-2 in regular season NAC games. The lone loss came at home in 2011 to Castleton.

First year Head Coach **Meghan Medbery '04** was named NAC Coach of the Year after guiding the team to an unblemished NAC regular season.

Three Chargers landed on the NAC All-Conference First Team for their play throughout the season. Senior **Colleen Coburn** (Middletown, Conn.) earned a nod to the First Team. She was second on the team with six goals and 14 points.

Senior **Shay Spencer** (Natick, Mass.) also was named to the First Team. Spencer is one of the top goaltenders of all-time

at Colby-Sawyer and has a school record 32 wins. She also ranks in the top ten in saves and goals against average. In 2012, Spencer led a Chargers defense that surrendered only three goals during conference

## Field Hockey (5-10, 1-8 NAC)

The 2012 Colby-Sawyer field hockey team finished the season with a 5-10 overall record and was 1-8 in the conference. The



*Members of the field hockey team rally during a tough game in its second season as a varsity sport. The team has 12 freshmen, 11 sophomores and one junior.*

play. She ranked 11th in the nation with a .886 save percentage. Spencer was named to the Second Team in 2011.

Junior **Adrienne Bender** (Wakefield, R.I.) was named to the First Team for the second straight season. She had a team best 13 goals and 29 points. Bender also climbed the all-time career lists in points (6th, 85) and goals (6th, 32).

Chargers outscored their opponents 13-3 in the five wins.

Colby-Sawyer nearly doubled its win total from a season ago in its second season as a varsity program. The team was comprised of 12 freshmen, 11 sophomores and one junior.

Freshman **Taylor O'Connor** (Sanbornton, N.H.) led the team with eight points on



Photo: Bill Sharon

Freshman Jon Murray finished 12th in the NAC Championship and was named to the NAC Second Team.

four goals, while sophomore **Katharine Kessler** (Newport, N.H.) was second with seven points on three goals and an assist.

Freshman **Jodi Dumayne** (Claremont, N.H.) finished the season with 100 saves and ranked 34th in the nation with 8.33 saves per game.

## Cross Country

Under first year Head Coach **Lyndsay Bisaccio**, the 2012 men's and women's cross country teams each finished as runners-up at the North Atlantic Conference (NAC) Championships.

The women's team finished second with 48 points, which was 10 points behind the race winners from Husson.

Sophomore **Brianne Dunn** (Ellsworth, Maine) placed third overall as the top Charger finisher. Sophomore teammate **Emily Urquhart** (White River Junction, Vt.) finished right behind Dunn in fourth place. Both runners earned NAC First Team accolades for their performance. Junior **Emily Davis** (Colchester, Vt.) finished 10th, while sophomore **Caila Walker** (Newington, N.H.) placed 11th. Davis and Walker were named to the NAC Second Team.

Dunn was named NAC Runner of the Week on Oct. 15, after setting a new Colby-Sawyer 5K record of 19:57.28 at the Western New England Invitational.

Sophomore **Hayden Bunnell** (St. Johnsbury, Vt.) led the men's team at the NAC Championships with a fourth-place finish

and earned a nod to the NAC First Team All-Conference Team. Sophomore **Bobby Hoffman** (North Chelmsford, Mass.) and freshman **Jon Murray** (Westbrook, Maine) finished 11th and 12th, respectively. Both were named to the NAC Second Team for their efforts.

Earlier in the season, Bunnell was the top finisher in three races. He won races at Maine-Farmington, Johnson State and Western New England. On Oct. 17, he was named Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) New England Runner of the Week. He finished ahead of 203 other runners at the Western New England Invitational in a school record time of 25:40. In addition, Bunnell was NAC Runner of the Week on three occasions.

## Men's Soccer (5-11-2, 4-5 NAC)

The Colby-Sawyer men's soccer team, picked to finish eighth in the North Atlantic Conference (NAC), reached the postseason for the 17th time in the past 18 years.

Colby-Sawyer finished the season with a 5-11-2 overall record and a 4-5 mark in the NAC, which earned the team the sixth seed and a matchup with New England College in the quarterfinals. The Chargers fell to the Pilgrims 2-1 in the waning moments of the second overtime.

Sophomore **Chris DiCecca** (Wilmington, Mass.) led the team with four goals. Freshman **Michael Rooney** (Queenwood, Hamilton, New Zealand) and sophomore **Ram Khalsa** (Rio Vista, N.M.) were tied for second with three goals. Two of Khalsa's three tallies were game-winners.

Sophomore **Carlton Wheeler-Omiunu** (Bellingham, Mass.) was named Second Team All-Conference after a consistent season leading the Chargers' backline. In addition to his solid defense, Wheeler-Omiunu added a goal, an assist and six shots on the season.

Sophomore **Nick Austin** (Westerly, R.I.) started 13 games in net and recorded 84 saves, which ranked



Photo: John Quackenbos

Sophomore Ram Khalsa was a key member of the Chargers men's soccer team in the fall, scoring three goals, two of which won the game.

him 44th in the nation for saves per game at 6.46.

## Volleyball (18-14, 7-0 NAC)

The 2012 women's volleyball team made a second straight trip to the NCAA Tournament after running the table in North Atlantic Conference (NAC) play. Colby-Sawyer beat Maine Maritime for the second year in a row to take the NAC title.

The Chargers finished the season with an 18-14 overall record and a perfect 7-0 in NAC play for the second straight year. The team did not drop a set against a NAC team.

After earning a bye in the first round of the NAC tournament, the Chargers swept Castleton 3-0 in the semifinals. Colby-Sawyer

then earned a 3-0 win in the championship game over the Mariners. Sophomore outside hitter **Jackie Keating** (Marshfield, Mass.) was named tournament MVP, while junior **Ally Le-Bruno** (Medfield, Mass.) and freshman **Laura Smolinski** (Hebron, Conn.) were named to the All-Tournament team.

The NAC Championship earned the Chargers a trip to the 2012 NCAA tournament and their fifth bid in program history. Colby-Sawyer drew 17th-ranked SUNY Cortland in the first round. The 34-5 Red Dragons came away with a 3-0 win, ending the season for Colby-Sawyer with an 18-14 record.

Keating was named NAC Player of the Year. Keating, a three-time Player of the Week honoree, posted a league-best .462 hitting

percentage in conference play, and ranked fourth averaging 2.55 kills per set.

Le-Bruno was honored as the conference Defensive Player of the Year for the second-straight season. Le-Bruno ranked fourth in the conference, averaging a service ace per set, while her 2.05 digs per set were good enough for ninth in the league.

Smolinski enjoyed a stellar first season at Colby-Sawyer, earning Rookie of the Year honors after being named Rookie of the Week five times. The rookie setter played in every set during conference play and averaged nearly 10 assists per set to lead the conference.

Keating, Le-Bruno and junior **Courtney O'Hara** (Mystic, Conn.) were all named to the All-NAC First Team, while junior **Emilee McBride** (Strafford, N.H.) earned a nod to the Second Team.

Head Coach **Brett Sayer** was named North Atlantic Conference Coach of the Year for the second consecutive season. ♦



Photo: John Quackenbos

Volleyball team member Julia Yee, a junior, digs the ball while sophomore Sarah Hannon braces to support her. The team took the NAC title and made their second consecutive trip to the NCAA Tournament.



# Hall of Fame Honors Five Alumnae

by Ryan Emerson

Five accomplished former student-athletes were inducted into Colby-Sawyer's Athletic Hall of Fame last October, including three-sport athletes Laura Fogarty '90 and Heather Hake Hartford '86, swimmer Breien Milton '07, volleyball player Jessica Niebuhr '07, and track and field athlete Brittni Stewart '07.

The Athletic Hall of Fame celebrates the accomplishments of athletes, coaches, teams and supporters who have advanced the college's commitment to excellence.

Laura Fogarty of Cumming, Ga., accomplished a feat as rare now as it was when she was in college—to excel as a three-sport athlete. Fogarty was a standout in soccer, basketball and lacrosse throughout her four years at Colby-Sawyer. She was a six-time team captain who received four Most Valuable Player awards and three Outstanding Athlete awards.

As dedicated as she was to her teams, Fogarty was equally committed to her academic studies. She was

named the Senior Scholar-Athlete of the Year in 1990 for her outstanding contributions to the scholastic and varsity athletic programs and received the Colby-Sawyer Award at her graduation.

After 18 years as a Massachusetts state trooper and crime scene investigator, Fogarty retired in March of 2012 and moved to Georgia with her son. She volunteers as a photographer for the local youth football league, serves at a summer retreat in Florida for families with children who have cancer, and helps in the local elementary school library. Fogarty still plays recreational basketball and has run the Boston Marathon three times.

Heather Hake Hartford of Georgetown, Mass., was a gifted student-athlete who displayed her talents in three sports during her four years at Colby-Sawyer. She earned two All-Conference nods as an attacker for the volleyball team in her junior and senior seasons and was named to the All-Conference team during the 1984-85 basketball season for her play as a forward.

She completed the three-sport sweep with an All-Conference award for lacrosse in 1985.

Hartford continued her love of sport by founding the Georgetown Youth Lacrosse Program and has been involved in community leadership for more than 15 years, helping to support the youth in Georgetown, Mass., and its surrounding communities. She has been a coach for the Georgetown Athletic Association in soccer, basketball and lacrosse. Hartford currently directs the New England Select Lacrosse League in Amesbury, Mass.

Breien Milton of West Roxbury, Mass., was one of the most successful swimmers in New England during her time at Colby-Sawyer. She dominated the competition primarily in the backstroke, but also won freestyle, breaststroke

and individual medley races. Milton won 89 of 103 individual races in four years, which included an undefeated freshman season and several victories at the New England Intercollegiate Swimming and Diving Association (NEISDA) Championships.

Named Female Swimmer of the Meet at New England's as a freshman, Milton earned the Kay Fromer Senior High Point Award in her final season. Twice she attained a NCAA Conditional B Cut qualifying time in the 100



Photo: Gil Talbot

*Brittni Stewart, shown with her former coach, Peter Steese, is the most awarded track and field athlete ever to compete at Colby-Sawyer and the college's first four-time NCAA All-American and first four-time New England Champion.*



Photo: Cili Talbot

The Colby-Sawyer College 2012 Athletic Hall of Fame inductees include (from left) Laura Fogarty '90, Heather Hake Hartford '86, Breien Milton '07, Jessica Niebuhr '07 and Brittini Stewart '07.

backstroke. She holds five individual school records and was a member of three record-holding relay teams. She qualified for the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Championship in the 100 backstroke all four years.

After graduating, Milton earned a master's degree in counseling from Plymouth State University, where she was also an assistant swim coach. She currently counsels troubled teens at schools in Vermont.

Jessica Niebuhr of West Lebanon, N.H., was a four-year setter for the volleyball program. She ranks first all-time in assists per set with a mark of 8.74; second in assists with 4,027; and is one of two Chargers to record at least 4,000 assists in a career. She also ranks fourth in career aces, digs

and digs per set. Niebuhr was named to the All-Commonwealth Coast Conference (CCC) First Team three times and to the Second Team once.

She is one of two players in program history to be named CCC Rookie of the Year and CCC Player of the Year during a career. Niebuhr also was named to the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) All-New England Team in 2005. In 2007, she earned the Wynne Jesser McGrew Senior Scholar-Athlete Award.

Since graduation, Niebuhr has continued her love of volleyball. She plays in the Boston area, which features many strong coed leagues, and has competed against former teammates. For the last four years she has taught at

The Park School in Brookline, Mass., but she took time off in 2012 to enjoy her newborn son. She hopes to resume teaching second grade in the fall.

Brittini Stewart of Northfield, N.H., is the most decorated track and field athlete ever to compete at Colby-Sawyer College. Her prowess in the javelin was unmatched and she still holds the school record of 149'9" (45.65m). Stewart was the first Colby-Sawyer athlete to become a four-time NCAA All-American and our first four-time New England Champion.

She earned All-New England honors all four years and was a three-time All-Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) honoree. In 2006 and 2007, Stewart was named to the USTFCCA Division III All-Academic

Team and she earned a nod to the ESPN Academic All-Region Team in 2007. She was named team Most Valuable Player all four years and was a two-time captain. In 2007, Stewart was named Colby-Sawyer Female Athlete of the Year.

Since October 2007, Stewart has been the recreation director at the Pines Community Center in Northfield, N.H., which serves the towns of Tilton and Northfield. She stays connected to track and field by working at meets at her former high school, Winnisquam Regional, and has coached some of the athletes in throwing techniques. For fun, she participates in several adult-coed recreation leagues in softball, basketball and soccer. ♦

# Endurance and Triumph

by David Hart '13

Trampled under hoof, the Kentucky Horse Park shook as Colby-Sawyer's Katherine Gardener '15 rode toward a gold medal victory at the North American Junior and Young Rider Championship (NAJYRC) in July 2012.

For most sporting events, winning times are recorded in seconds, maybe minutes. Yet Gardener set the Kentucky track's record at six hours and 11 minutes. She rides endurance, competing in 25-, 50-, 75- and even 100-mile

rides that keep her astride a horse for as long as 12 hours at a time.

Gardener's horse-riding career began around age 9, when she rode in local 4-H events. When she began craving more variety and competition, she turned to endurance riding. Now 20, Gardener has already racked up 2,500 miles in competition, in addition to tens of thousands in training.

The sport, developed in the 1950s and officially established in the '80s, requires riders to complete several phases of a track with stops at designated "vet gates," akin to pit stops, before being allowed to continue.

The length of time spent in exertion requires the rider to have an intimate understanding of her horse's mental and physical nuances.

"I like how involved I get to be," Gardener says about her attraction to endurance riding. "I get to learn how to care for the horses, and how to feed them. I get to learn and do a lot more than I would just going into a ring and riding for a few minutes."

Gardener, whose family owns and cares for horses in Coventry, R.I., trains with two-time World Endurance gold-medalist Valerie Kanavy and, for the Kentucky race, with ex-racehorse Big Bucks, who competed in the 2010



Photo: Brant Gamma

Katherine Gardener and Big Bucks after winning the 75-mile race at the Kentucky Horse Park.

In her division, she ranks in the country's top five endurance riders...and top 20 internationally.





Photo: Brant Camma

*Katherine Gardener and Big Bucks (at left), with a fellow competitor at the NAJRYC Kentucky Horse Park, ride toward a gold medal victory.*

World Equestrian Games. “Valerie is very competitive and very serious,” Gardener explains. “I like that, because when I’m around her, I get like that, too.”

Gardener is shaping up to follow in the renowned footsteps, or hoof prints, of her mentor. To qualify for the NAJRYC 75-mile race in Kentucky, she had to complete three other Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) races: The 2011 Goethe Challenge in Florida; the 2012 Biltmore Challenge in North Carolina; and the 2012 Fort Howes Ride in Montana. With her victory in Kentucky, Gardener

achieved the highest status possible as an FEI four-star rider.

On her reaction to the record-setting victory, Gardener says, “I was in shock. I thought, ‘Whoa! Did this really just happen?’ Cameramen were all around me; I was in awe. It still hasn’t fully sunk in.” Her modesty is impressive, considering that she ranks, in her division, within the country’s top five endurance riders, and within the top 20 internationally.

Gardener plans to qualify for the NAJRYC race next summer, her last chance to

do so, but she already has her sights set farther out. “I want to race in the FEI World Equestrian Games. It’s kind of like that movie ‘Hidalgo,’ racing horses out in the desert, only there are no death traps or snakes attacking you.”

Given her record and passion, Gardener has the endurance to reach her goals. ♦

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*Katherine Gardener trotting Big Bucks for the vet inspection before the race day at Kentucky Horse Park.*



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# The Heart of Learning: Lessons from Africa

by Pamela Serota Cote, Associate Dean of International and Diversity Programs

This past November, Colby-Sawyer celebrated its third annual International Education Week (IEW). A joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education, IEW

was established in 2000 to promote programs that prepare Americans for a global environment and to attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn and exchange experiences in the U.S.

When I stepped into the position of associate dean of International and Diversity Programs in fall 2010, I made it a priority to bring this annual celebration to Colby-Sawyer as a way for our

college community to highlight the college's emphasis on global education and the ways we link students to the world.

Colby-Sawyer has made great strides in increasing the diversity of our students, especially in the recruitment of international students. We have seen rapid growth in the past few years, not only in the numbers of international students, but

also in the diversity of nations they represent. The brilliant colors of our students' national flags now encircle Thornton Living Room, in close proximity to elegant paintings of our founders and past leaders, symbolizing our efforts to build a global community at the heart of our small New England college.

International Education Week seeks to forge connections between international and domestic students, celebrate cultures, raise awareness and encourage dialogue about global issues. This year's events focused on the theme of Africa, the homeland of many of our students and an opportunity to showcase an intriguing mix of complementary programs.

Enoch Holu '13, a Wesson Honors student who last summer researched the modern effects of the slave trade on his native Ghana through a grant from the Wesson Idea Fund, shared his findings with the community. Working with



Photo: Greg Dornilowski

As part of International Education Week in November 2012, Iris Azevedo (foreground), Michellina Wuddah-Martey and other students prepared and served traditional African dishes.



Photo: Greg Danilowski

Students participated in the collective art project, “Million Bones,” for which they made about 350 humanlike bones of clay, which will be fired in kilns on campus and sent to Washington, D.C., where they will become part of an exhibition on the National Mall that highlights a humanitarian crisis in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

his advisor, Associate Professor of Social Sciences and Education Eric Boyer, Holu delivered an impressive presentation at an afternoon talk on the first day. Later that day the community enjoyed “An African Election” (Merz, 2011),” a documentary about the democratic process in Ghana, hosted by Professor Boyer who led a discussion afterward.

Another documentary film, “Sweet Crude” (Cioffi 2009), focused on the oil industry in the Niger Delta. This event, hosted by Assistant Professors of Environmental Studies Harvey Pine and Jennifer White, connected international education to environmental issues and

the college’s theme of Living Sustainably.

The new African Student Association hosted a celebration of African culture, for which they prepared and served authentic foods from around Africa. They also held a fashion show featuring traditional African dress, played African music, and taught cultural dances to those in attendance. While many of IEW’s programs showcase our community members’ talents and contributions, we also like to feature special guest presenters. This year the Global Nomads Group (GNG) engaged our students in “Million Bones,” a collective art project

to raise awareness of an ongoing humanitarian crisis in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The GNG is working with students across the U.S. to create 1,000,000 hand-made bones, which will be



Photo: Greg Danilowski

Stephanie Afari and Waitta Vaigna posed before the “Africa, My Africa” photography exhibition wearing traditional African scarves.



part of an exhibition on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. The Fine and Performing Arts Department hosted and provided supplies for this event and students created approximately 350 clay bones.

West African drumming by Sayon Camara, an accomplished *djembefola* musician, and the Landaya Ensemble was one of the week's most thrilling events. The energetic rhythms had people of all ages on their feet and dancing. It was a joyful evening for all, especially for the performers and our African international



*This image of Maasai warriors in East Africa was part of the "Africa, My Africa" exhibition, and contributed by Doug McKenna '12, who participated in the School for Field Studies in Kenya and Tanzania. The two warriors in the center exhibit a "jump dance" in which they demonstrate their strength and stamina.*

students, who created the feel of an African village here on campus.

This year's events took place in the Sawyer Fine

Arts Center, and a photography exhibition in the Curb, "Africa My Africa," served as a backdrop and unified the entire program. This collection of images,

taken by community members who have traveled, studied or lived in Africa, displayed the variety of cultures, peoples and landscapes of the continent. The photographs, combined with statements from the photographers about what the images meant to them, told stories of Africa different from those we typically see and hear.

Doug McKenna '12 spent a semester in Kenya and Tanzania with the School for Field Studies as part of his Environmental Science major, and his statement summed up the exhibit, and all of International Education Week, for me:

"The relaxed pace of life in East Africa gave me a chance to reassess my priorities and to realize that the frantic mindset of Western culture is not necessary to get the most out of life...Traditional African ways of life continue to live on [on the savannahs of East Africa], and these people [the Maasai]...have a lot to teach people of the West, if only we could slow down enough to listen to what they have to say." ♦



Photo: Greg Danilowski

*Students participated in a drumming workshop with Sayon Camara, who later performed with the Landaya Ensemble.*



# 175 Acts of Service

by Mary McLaughlin, Director of Residential Education

The college celebrated its 175th anniversary in October 2012, but thanks to the Colby-Sawyer Community Service Club, the effects of this milestone continue to ripple through the college, the town and the world.

As an ongoing tribute to the college's anniversary, students, faculty and staff are engaged in 175 Acts of Service, an initiative developed by Associate Dean of Students and Director of Citizenship Education Robin Davis and spearheaded by the Community Service Club.

The kick-off for 175 Acts of Service took place during Orientation with Operation Write Home, which invited new students to make postcards to send to military personnel. "We wanted to get students involved right away," explains Julie Crisafi, parent and community partnerships coordinator and advisor to the Community Service Club. "Many did community service work in high school, so we wanted to provide the opportunity to get them engaged as soon as they arrived on campus."

Since August 2012, the Community Service Club and other members of the college community have undertaken a variety of service projects. "In October, we did a lot of work for the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk," says Community Service Club President Taylor Wright '15. "We raised over \$2,000 through T-shirt sales and a raffle at the marketplace during Alumni Weekend."

The 175 Acts of Service project has been even more successful than Dean Davis imagined. "There is great momentum behind it," she says. "Students have been great about volunteering for on- and off-campus projects. Several students have volunteered multiple times throughout the semester." In fact, according to Dean Davis, Student Government Association President Nick Ciarlante '14 has committed to doing 175 acts of service himself this year.

Dean Davis reports that athletic teams have engaged in acts of service as well. The Chargers' baseball team has been particularly involved in work that serves the local

community. "They have gone above and beyond," she says.

With such enthusiastic involvement, 175 acts of service were completed by October, but the momentum and the program continue. "I'd love to see 1,175 acts of service," says Davis.

That big dream might just become reality, based on plans the Community Service Club had for projects connected with Martin Luther King Day and National Random Acts of Kindness Week, and a major culminating event. "In April, Colby-Sawyer will host its first Relay For Life, which will be the culminating event of 175 Acts of

Service," says Crisafi. Designed to raise awareness and funds for the American Cancer Society, Crisafi and Wright expect participation to be high and include teams, athletic clubs and organizations, as well as faculty, staff and alumni teams.

Wright hopes that students, in particular, will get involved in the Relay for Life or other acts of service this year. "Community service projects are a lot of fun and an easy way to be an active member of your community," she says. "Opportunities are everywhere and the options are endless. All you need is an idea and a desire to help." ♦



The Colby-Sawyer baseball team, with Coach Jim Broughton (far left), volunteered to help the Kearsarge Council on Aging with various projects as part of Colby-Sawyer's "175 Acts of Service."

# Assessing and Addressing a Community's Health Needs

by Peter White, Associate Professor of Natural Sciences

In fall 2010, I was acting coordinator for Colby-Sawyer's nascent Health Studies Program. A small group of students was beginning their senior research projects, with a larger number of juniors on the horizon. Advising students on internships, Capstone projects, and potential graduate and professional opportunities became a large part of my duties.

Public Health and Community Services (DPHCS) was in the midst of synthesizing an extensive Community Health Assessment (CHA) report. The goal was to gain an understanding of health concerns and health care systems in the Greater Nashua area by identifying, collecting, analyzing and disseminating information on community assets, strengths, resources and needs. I contacted the group, promised not to break anything, and was invited to the next meeting.

In addition to DPHCS staff, the group included medical professionals and health providers, hospital administrative staff and a variety of community leaders. Kerran Vigroux, director of the Nashua DPHCS, noted the value of bringing more than 25 organizations together to work on the initiative.

To inform the report, the group used primary data from focus groups and community surveys, and secondary data from the New Hampshire Division of Health and Human Services, U.S. Census, a Center for Disease Control

Behavior Risk Survey, and local sources such as homeless shelters, mental health agencies, the school district and police department. In addition to analyzing the region's demographics, the report considered the strengths and challenges of public health issues, ranging from microbial threats and preventable risks to healthy homes and emergency preparedness.

While the community health assessment was completed in fall 2011, our work continues. The report will serve as the basis for a Community Health Improvement Plan, or CHIP.

"It has been great to see the improvement process in action with the publication of the first Community Health Assessment in over 10 years, and the development of the Community Health Improvement Plan, which will lay the foundation for implementing strategies over the next three years," says Ashley Conley, an epidemiologist with Nashua's DPHCS.

Initially, our CHIP group considered the evidence in the assessment report to determine which among the community's health

We plan to create and launch an education campaign to raise awareness about the health care resources that are accessible through the area's major health care providers.

After doing some coursework in a Master of Public Health program at UNH-Manchester in spring 2011, I wanted hands-on exposure to the field of health studies. The City of Nashua's Division of



*To gain more hands-on exposure to the field of health studies, Associate Professor of Natural Sciences Peter White became involved in a major project to assess and address the health needs of the greater Nashua community.*

concerns and needs should become our highest priorities. We identified the top three goals as weight management, improved nutrition and physical fitness; access to health care; and access to mental health services. Our group is now developing strategies to address these major areas of health care needs in Nashua.

The Access to Healthcare group, which I co-chair, has begun to consolidate information on low-cost pharmaceutical assistance plans available to the community. We plan to create and launch an education campaign to raise awareness about the health care resources that are accessible through the area's major health care providers. Our other strategies include a plan

to design a resource-rich website of services for residents of the Greater Nashua area, as well as a commitment to outreach that educates the community about specific health issues and related resources.

"Our Access to Healthcare workgroup provides an important perspective that will facilitate the success of the goals, objectives and strategies of Nashua's Community Health Improvement Plan," says Vigroux. "A key element of Colby-Sawyer College's mission is to 'prepare students to thrive in, and make a positive impact upon, a dynamic, diverse and interdependent world.' This is clearly modeled in the college's willingness to share Peter's time and

talent with our Access to Healthcare initiative."

Once these and other CHIP strategies are implemented, our group will focus on assessing their effectiveness. In this way, the CHA and CHIP efforts become perpetual cycles: assessing, implementing improvement measures, and determining their effectiveness by reassessment.

Circling back to my original intention for engaging in this research—to gain hands-on exposure to health studies—I now see additional opportunities for our students to contribute to this long-term effort to assess and address a community's public health needs. The Nashua CHA and CHIP may well serve

as a resource for our students' potential community service projects, internships or Capstone research projects.

The Health Studies Program at Colby-Sawyer has evolved, with majors established in Health Care Management, Public Health, and Health Promotion, with support from the Departments of Business Administration, Nursing, and Exercise and Sport Sciences. Student interest in the program remains high. I look forward to applying my growing body of knowledge and experience to support these programs, our students, and my faculty colleagues, whose hard work has made these programs the success they are today. ♦

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# Full Circle

by Mike Gregory

It was December 2011, says Carla Gordon Russell '90, when her career came full circle. Russell was one of the first graduates of Colby-Sawyer's Communication Studies Program, and after 20 years in the New England television industry, she had worked her way up from running a teleprompter at WGME-13 in Portland, Maine, to creative services manager at New Hampshire Public Television (NHPTV) in Durham, N.H. Then Russell was given the chance to produce her first half-hour program, in collaboration with a Plymouth State University professor who founded a theatrical troupe that performed in schools to teach kids how to deal with social issues.

Before her first pre-production meeting with the professor, recalls Russell, "I didn't know her last name. Everyone just referred to her as Trish." When they met, there was a mutual sense of familiarity. It was Russell who figured it out when she finally learned the professor's last name: Lindberg.

Trish Lindberg remembers that moment, when

Russell exclaimed, "You were my professor at Colby-Sawyer! I took public speaking with you." Two decades after their experiences as teacher and student, the two women were working together on a project that would take both in a new direction.



Theater Integrating Guidance, Education and

Responsibility, or TIGER, is a professional theater company launched ten years ago as a partnership between various graduate programs at Plymouth State University. The company's mission is to "help children, schools, parents and communities deal proactively and positively with social issues and concerns facing children in schools today."

Performances are high-energy affairs, filled with songs, live action and puppetry, with scripts drawn from the words and experiences of New Hampshire schoolchildren. With Professor Lindberg as artistic director, the troupe has taken its message of tolerance and understanding to almost 300,000 schoolchildren across New England. When Lindberg had the chance to bring TIGER to television with a half-hour special, "TIGER Takes on Bullying," it was her former student, Carla Gordon Russell, who would help to make it happen.



In 2011, NHPTV lost all its state funding, which put money issues at the top of Russell's and Lindberg's list of challenges. "It felt like a shoestring budget," says Russell, "but what we were able to accomplish was amazing."

Ten days before shooting began in May 2012 they had no set, a situation



*The members of Theater Integrating Guidance, Education and Responsibility (TIGER), a professor theater company based at Plymouth State College, worked with Carla Gordon Russell 'go to create a special broadcast, "TIGER Takes on Bullying," for NHPTV.*

Russell describes as “nail-biting.” But suddenly everything began to fall into place, with three days of in-studio shooting followed by more filming on location at elementary schools in Plymouth and Manchester. The cast included five adult TIGER members and more than 30 children.

Russell spent all summer bundled up in a freezing air-conditioned editing suite. “TIGER Takes on Bullying” premiered on NHPTV in September 2012 and is expected to air on other public television stations this year.

Colorful, sharply directed and featuring excellent acting by children, “TIGER Takes on Bullying” is a timely exploration of one of the worst aspects of childhood. Scenes of kids acting out real-life trauma (being excluded from a schoolmate’s birthday party and made fun of for being overweight) are

interwoven with the humorous and musical antics of the TIGER team. It’s a show that speaks to children and offers effective ways to address a pervasive problem in schools.

Russell reports one reaction from a parent who watched the show with her son. “He didn’t realize he was being bullied until he saw that show,” she explains. As a direct result, the boy asked a teacher for help and the bullying stopped. “If we can help one child, it’s an amazing feat.” With two daughters, Russell understands the importance of helping children find their voice.

Russell and Lindberg relished their collaboration. “Carla is an outstanding example of the caliber of students that Colby-Sawyer graduates,” says Lindberg. “I was honored to work with her and so in awe of the great

work she is doing.” Russell remembered the energy that her former teacher had brought to the classroom, and was thrilled to see that same energy now lavished on her school-age actors. She is hopeful the two can work together on more TIGER productions in the future.

In April 2012, Carla Gordon Russell won a New England Emmy award for her work on a public service announcement. In September,

her first half-hour show aired. Russell is ready for the next, exciting stage of her career. “Where I am, at New Hampshire Public Television, it’s always amazing. Every year they give me a new challenge, bigger than I’ve had before, and somehow I tackle it.” She has come full circle since her time as a student in Trish Lindberg’s class. ♦

*For more information on TIGER, visit [plymouth.edu/outreach/tiger](http://plymouth.edu/outreach/tiger) or [nhptv.org/tiger](http://nhptv.org/tiger)*



*Carla Gordon Russell, creative services director for NHPTV, collaborated with her former professor to bring “TIGER Takes on Bullying” to television.*

# Prepared for Change:

## Rebecca Harned '03 Takes D.C. by Storm

by Kate Dunlop Seamans

**O**n Sunday, Oct. 28, 2012, Colby-Sawyer's Incident Response Team met in a Colgate Hall classroom to monitor Hurricane Sandy's progress as it barreled toward New England with predictions of heavy rain and high winds. Facing the threat of downed tree limbs and power outages, and with more commuter students and far-flung faculty and staff to consider than ever before, the team decided to close the college on Monday, and then again on Tuesday.

Such decision-making sessions were happening up and down the Eastern Seaboard, but perhaps nowhere with such intensity as in Washington, D.C., as the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) held center stage in the preparations for what became known as Superstorm Sandy. An agency within the Department of Homeland Security, FEMA's mission is to support the country's "citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain

and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from and mitigate all hazards."

A decade after leaving Colby-Sawyer, Rebecca Harned '03 is the executive officer at FEMA's National Integration Center (NIC). The NIC manages implementation, administration and education and awareness of the National Incident Management System (NIMS). NIMS is a comprehensive, national approach to incident management that provides the template for dynamic and unified incident management.

"It all comes down to human security and resiliency. Everything is about building a stronger community," says Harned, who is with FEMA for a two-year tour of duty through the Intergovernmental Personnel Act Mobility Program, which allows someone working in local or state government and non-profit

organizations to be assigned to a federal agency. "A main area of focus for me is the practical implementation of national preparedness policy and doctrine at the local, state, tribal and territorial government levels."

### From Windy Hill to Capitol Hill

Harned is a private person with a public charge, and she chooses her words with care. She notes that she's been in Washington and working with the federal government for most of her career, but she prides herself on not adhering to any political party's line.

Harned's journey from Colby-Sawyer's Windy Hill to FEMA's offices within sight of Capitol Hill has been a long and international one with plenty of miles still to go. Born in Pennsylvania, she spent some of her early years in Egypt, where her father was an aerial photographer and cartographer for U.S. Aid, and her mother worked with the World Health Organization. She then lived in Pennsylvania

again before moving to Connecticut and on to college at Colby-Sawyer.

A diagnosis of Lyme disease had Harned thinking she'd like to be a doctor, and Colby-Sawyer's flexible liberal arts curriculum offered the opportunity to major in pre-med while still pursuing her passion for the studio arts. But when she became more conscious of the sources of problems that create diseases, she started looking at the world from an environmental health perspective.

"How you treat the environment impacts the body," she says. "It's not the actual science that's going to make a change but what you do with the science that matters."

In the days before Colby-Sawyer recycled, Harned did what she could to start making a difference and rescued bottles and cans from campus dumpsters to take to the local transfer station for recycling. She found mentors on campus, too: Professors Laura Alexander, Ann Page



Stecker and Leon-C. Malan, along with staff members Tom Wilkins and Nancy Teach.

The Environmental Studies major was created too late for Harned, who graduated with a biology degree, but she was part of the first Desert Communities class in Arizona and completed a policy-intense internship as the special assistant to the director of Environment Health and Safety at the Metropolitan District Commission in Connecticut. She was the first Colby-Sawyer student to study with School for Field Studies (SFS) and chose Costa Rica, where she gained experience with that country's environmental and social issues. Through another program in Cuba her senior year, she researched the rise of urban organic agriculture as a way to mitigate food security issues.

“My experience in Cuba changed my life. Seeing and living in a true communist country is unlike anything you could imagine. Cubans can't speak out, they can't even talk about the fact that they disagree with

Photo: Michael Seamans



the government,” says Harned. “No one can leave the island. It was the least expensive program I ever could have gone on because it was so hard to spend any money.”

And money, in general, was an issue. Without scholarships, loans, grants and extraordinary efforts from Colby-Sawyer’s Financial Aid Office, Harned’s story would have been quite different.

“We had extenuating circumstances in our family and there wasn’t a reserve of funding. Anyone working in Financial Aid then would remember me and how serious my family’s situation was,” says Harned. “They worked closely with us to figure out a way to allow me to be at Colby-Sawyer, and I’ve always felt indebted for the support the college gave. There are very few schools that

would have supported my type of dynamic situation.”

After graduation, Harned was hired as a program coordinator at the Center for Sustainable Development through the SFS in Costa Rica. The salary was small, but housing was provided and the opportunity came with the significant benefit of deferring her student loans. She worked on the center’s organic farm and with the government to help protect the national parks, and with the United Nations’ *La Bandera Azul* program, which recognizes sustainability efforts in local communities across Latin America. She began to look at the U.N. from a policy level.

“How can you implement an international program at the local level? It comes down to households, so we got people recycling,”

says Harned. “Now everyone in this town in this developing country recycles and they even have trucks to collect it. People don’t litter; they have too much respect for nature and their country because of community-based education.”

While Harned worked, she earned a master’s degree at the United Nations-mandated University for Peace in Costa Rica, and on a river clean-up, she met the man who would become her husband. “Costa Ricans have little interest in leaving Costa Rica, and for good reason,” says Harned. “The only reason my husband left is because I needed to come back to the U.S.”

Married and with her advanced degree in hand, Harned was ready to change the world, but had to find out what that actually meant.

To start, it meant moving to D.C., where she worked on safe energy and helped start a firm focused on advancing transitional and alternative energy in the U.S. and in building carbon exchange markets in Central America. She also helped start a few charitable non-profits, including the National Alliance for Public Safety GIS Foundation, which works with the public safety and homeland security communities to advance information sharing and interoperability in support of local and national preparedness goals.

## Making Change Every Day

Harned gives high praise to her agency’s leadership but is frank about why she is at FEMA.

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“There was a need to bring in a new way of doing things. The agency got a lot of flak for Katrina, but we have laws now that were written because of those perceived shortfalls,” Harned explains. “My boss came from outside the federal government, which is unusual, and we can get a lot done that way. Not everybody likes that there’s new leadership, of course, that we have come in and are trying to make sweeping changes. You have your friends and you have your foes, and that’s just the way it is. You deal with personal attacks, every day, in some passive-aggressive form, and you just don’t let it bother you. You know it’s just that they are afraid of change. Lack of change makes me restless, but others don’t want to see change, ever.”

One of Harned’s priorities for her limited time with FEMA is to improve morale. “Everybody in our agency and the NIC is the only person in the country who has that job,” she says. “I want people to recognize the opportunities they have to make changes for the country. We’re committed to building that kind of culture.”

Another priority is to uphold the White House’s emphasis on individual and fiduciary accountability and transparency—to be a good steward and make the greatest possible impact with every taxpayer dollar.

“The stuff I deal with is intense and incredibly challenging—12-hour days are normal—but I love what I do, and the foundation for it was laid at Colby-Sawyer,” says Harned. “The liberal arts give you an ability to think across disciplines. When I design an inter-agency workshop, it’s not just my perspective I have to think about. Every person there will have a different agenda, and interdisciplinary thinking helps you address them all.”

The fact that Harned’s stint at FEMA has an end date is freeing, she says, and as for what comes next, the world awaits. “I’ll never stop working,” she says. “Just change.” There aren’t any microbreweries in Costa Rica, and her husband is interested in returning home to open the first. After seven years of marriage a family of her own beckons, and she



Photo: Michael Seamans

*Rebecca Harned, executive officer for FEMA, says the “liberal arts give you an ability to think across disciplines.”*

ranks appreciating health and family at the top of her priorities. And then whatever she can do to change the world.

“Take the time to seek your passion and explore everything you can do to make a difference in the world,” Harned says.

“Success is different for everyone, but for me it’s doing as much as I can do to make positive change in a myriad of ways in a day, every day.” ♦



# A Passion for the Arts—and for Life

by Asher Ellis '06  
Photos by Bill Truslow

“Art is the most intense mode of individualism the world has known,” Irish writer Oscar Wilde once said, and a stroll through the Marian Graves Mugar Gallery at the Sawyer Fine Arts Center affirms his famous phrase. Showcasing the works of Colby-Sawyer faculty and students, the gallery walls offer glimpses of the world from each artist’s point of view. These expressions of creativity leave no doubt that the fine arts provide a path for our faculty and student artists to discover and convey their individuality.

“I teach my students that they need to have a passion,” says Professor and Chair of Fine and Performing Arts and Joyce J. Kolligian Distinguished Professor Jon Keenan. “They need to follow their interests and be curious. There are different paths you can take and if you find your love or your interest in any field, whatever it may be, that’s going to make your life more whole and fulfilling.”

A significant rise in art graduates in the U.S. in recent years suggests that growing numbers of students are finding their



*Assistant Professor of Fine and Performing Arts Mary Mead assists Will Shearer '14 in printing his woodcut block on a lithography press in the Printmaking Studio.*

passion in the arts. In 2009 alone, more than 89,000 students in U.S. colleges and universities graduated with degrees in the visual and performing arts—more than in computer science, math and chemical engineering combined, and more than double the number of arts degrees earned in 1985.

Professor Keenan speculates that strong interest in the arts reflects the variety of skill sets that art education provides. “The arts touch all kinds of areas of study, so the rising number of art majors tells me that there’s a need in our society for students who can creatively solve problems in our changing world. Even if they go into medicine, or law, or business, or education, having that foundation is fundamental.”

Associate Professor David Ernster agrees, especially in the context of his and Professor Keenan’s shared medium. “In the field of ceramics, students learn a variety of skills. The chemistry of clay and glazes helps students to understand that, in ways not always apparent, the processes and materials are interrelated and dependent on each other. That concept is also important in other walks of life.”

Other Colby-Sawyer art faculty members offer a different explanation. Assistant Professor Mary Mead, who teaches printmaking, believes these statistics don’t necessarily represent conscious decisions. “I have a tendency to believe that art finds you, you

don't find art. You can't help it." Professor Mead's student, Will Shearer '14, seems to support his professor's conclusion.

"At first, I wasn't sure if being an art major was a good idea," says Shearer. "But as time passed, I realized that being an artist was all I wanted. Why would I want to do something I didn't love? When push came to shove, being an art major was the only thing that made any sense."

However an artist finds his or her way into the arts, Professor Mead concurs

that the benefits are not limited to artistic endeavors. "Study after study suggests the sort of brain activity that turns one into a good problem solver is creativity," she says.

Faith Bouchard '15, a Graphic Design major, attests to the value of her art courses outside of the classroom. "I took my first typography class this semester and not only is it necessary for design education, it taught me a lot

about what I see every day, everywhere I go. I had never noticed the text on my shampoo bottle, the font on my chip bag, or the alignment of text in my

Mary Mead, Printmaker

"My concerns in teaching printmaking are almost as vast as the range of image-making possibilities offered by printmaking," says Assistant Professor Mary Mead. "I insist that students leave class proficient in several of them. In beginning classes I have students explore an idea in four processes. I am eager for them not only to learn the techniques but to think about how images and ideas are developed over time.

"An important outcome for our students is to graduate with techniques they can use to further their art practice beyond studio-based assignments. I believe that having students take an idea through multiple processes over time helps them to delve deeper.

"It has been especially gratifying to see steady growth in the intermediate and advanced level courses which explore combining process, lithography, serigraphy, photo transfers and creating prints that have physical dimension. Originally trained as a sculptor, my comfort with printmaking emerged out of a love of process and getting my hands dirty. And like all printmakers, I love the moments that present a surprise. I try to share this excitement with my students. It is gratifying to have students like Will who share that passion and enthusiasm.

"Will knew after his first print that he was going to be a Studio Art major with an emphasis in Printmaking. He took to it with a sort of reckless abandon. Many printmaking processes can be very technical and fussy, requiring clean hands and an attention to detail. But there is also another side to printmaking which is more like painting—monotypes—which are often called painterly prints. This was the process that engaged Will's attentions and energy that first semester. I would often come into the studio in the morning where I would find Will, who had worked in the studio the night before. He would describe his process in terms of how many hours he had put into the print: 'This is 10-hour print, this is a 14-hour print.' Will's energy and commitment to his work is an inspiration to other printmaking students."



*Mary Mead, who works primarily in printmaking and sculpture, relaxes in her office, surrounded by her work. She joined the college in 2009, becoming a full-time faculty member in 2011. In her teaching Mead is especially interested in supporting students in their efforts to integrate disciplines, such as sculpture and drawing, or printmaking and photography.*





## David Ernster, Ceramic Artist

*Associate Professor of Fine and Performing Arts David Ernster, seated by one of his large stoneware Envelope Vessels, has taught at Colby-Sawyer since 1999, joining the full-time faculty in 2011. In addition to ceramics, he also works in goldsmithing and jewelry design.*

“Art and art theory can be difficult topics to grasp for many students due to their seemingly subjective nature. I have found it valuable to come to some common ground with my students...I am fortunate to be able to relate to them in discussions around skiing, hiking, music and social media. I administer a Facebook page, Colby-Sawyer Ceramics, where I post work from contemporary ceramic artists all over the world as well as instructional materials, videos and historical information. I use these gateways to gain a sense of mutual respect and openness.

“My approach to teaching starts with the premise that the student-teacher relationship is one of mutual responsibility and personal equality. Learning is a two-way street where student and teacher grow together.

“Teaching by example is something I find especially effective in my studio courses. I try to maintain my own work and research in the studio for students to see.

science book before this class. I just took this meticulous art for granted.”

Assistant Professor Hilary Walrod, Bouchard’s graphic design instructor, is not at all surprised by this sort of reflection. “Design in particular has a lot to offer socially in terms of how we perceive information,” she says. “Everything we interact with, in any form of media, is design.”

Professor Walrod provides a relevant example of this idea when she considers our nation’s method of voting. “The the professional association for design worked on ways to redesign ballots after the election debacle in 2000. So is design important to our country and our culture? I would say so.”

Still, there are those who would suggest that the U.S. is saturated with art degrees. In 2012,

This shows the level of commitment that is necessary, and expected, and offers new ideas and concepts in a tangible way.

“I try not to intervene in ways that might derail a student’s own creative thought process and help initiate self-discovery and original thought. Often my own satisfaction in teaching comes from the excitement and energy produced as I observe and work with and alongside my students.

“In my presentations and lessons I not only reference historical concerns in the field, but I also connect styles and genres, both historical and contemporary, to social, political and technological pressures of the time to demonstrate the interconnectedness of subjects and ideas.

“Mike and Kate both have a strong desire to learn their craft, through which they are finding their own voices in the medium. I am impressed with the way they incorporate elements of their lives and interpretations of issues they learn about in other classes in their work. Once they begin working through an idea, they are diligent. They don’t get discouraged by failed attempts, but instead build on their experiences.”

# Art is what defines us as humans.

several economists and other columnists wrote articles with statements like, “Graduates in the arts, psychology and journalism are less likely to create the kinds of innovations that drive economic growth.” Even pop artist Andy Warhol once said, “An artist is somebody who produces things that people don’t need to have.”

While some may seek to diminish the value of a liberal arts education, particularly in periods of economic uncertainty, the art faculty at Colby-Sawyer hold fast to their stance. “I’m not going to deny that it’s a challenge to make a living in the arts, or as a writer, or a journalist,” says Keenan. “But if you’re well-rounded and educated, in terms of history and literature and arts and science and humanities, you’re going to be marketable.”

“I think we’re at a point in time,” Walrod adds, “when the scale of our systems has gotten so large that we’re reaching this turning point when people think economic growth is more important than cultural development. That seems really short-sighted.”

Professor Mead is of the same mind, emphasizing that the arts are an irreplaceable commodity not only to our nation, but to our world. “Art is what defines us as humans. If we don’t have thoughtful, creative people thinking about color and form and shape and being sensitive to our environment, we lose what it is to be human.”

Fortunately, it’s unlikely that will happen at Colby-Sawyer—not with

students like Chelsea Bakos ’15, who did not hesitate to pursue a career in the arts. “I could not think of another area I wanted to focus on. From high school classes I knew I could handle my work being criticized and could see that the more feedback I received, positive or negative, the more my work improved.”

Professor Walrod believes the ability to offer and accept criticism is one of the great strengths of

an education in the arts. “Another skill that all art students have is giving and accepting feedback. That’s something that builds throughout one’s years in art and design classes, but by the end, I would hope that our students are fluent and comfortable with that sort of exchange.”

That practice seems to be at work in the art studios of Colby-Sawyer, as Michael Bacote ’13, a Studio Art major with a



*Dave Ernster assists senior Kate Rial as she shapes a vessel on the throwing wheel. “The thing that draws me to the art of ceramics is the feeling of clay between my hands—how one can manipulate it into anything they wish, and then recycle it to create something completely new, excites me and allows me to make mistakes and challenge myself as an artist,” says Rial.*





*Michael Bacote '13, a Studio Art major with a concentration in Ceramics, shows some of his recent figurative Raku work in the Ceramics Studio.*

concentration in ceramics, demonstrates. “I have learned to be open-minded to all criticism of my work. It helps me to understand the things I need to improve.”

Whether Bacote and his fellow art students realize it, they are learning skills that transcend their creative endeavors. As Professor Walrod puts it, “[Feedback] is something

you can offer in any other form; you can critique ideas and policies with the same skill set you use to critique artwork.”

As a case in point, it is interesting to listen as artists comment on the intellectual rewards of their creative pursuits, and note how rarely these benefits are exclusive to their craft. For example, Professor Ernster says his work

“requires close observation at all stages to foresee the results one wishes, and to learn what is practical and possible to achieve.” Without previous knowledge of his field of study, one might conclude the professor was offering advice to entrepreneurs who were starting their own business.

“This kind of observation and feedback is a valuable

tool in many fields, and not least is the necessity of developing one’s own techniques and voice based on direct experience,” Ernster maintains. It should come as no surprise, though, that he adds, “Since I have been here several graduates have gone on to run their own art businesses.”

And Ernster will likely see more students pursue

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 sustain life. But poetry, beauty, romance, love...  
 these are what we stay alive for.

“I consider teaching to be an act of design: the design of experience. This emphasis on experience draws on my background as an outdoor experiential educator. There is a parallel between facilitating a group of college students through graphic design projects and leading a group of youth through the Swiss Alps. In both instances, my role is to guide a collective of individuals through a sequence of experiences by which they can learn and grow.

“I value both thinking and making as design practices. Accordingly, my grading policies take into account conceptual, formal and technical attributes of projects.

I encourage fervent use and development of process books and blogs en route to design products and solutions. I utilize questions strategically: as dialogue, as nonprescriptive forms of feedback, and as a

entrepreneurship in the future. With a college degree in hand within months, Bacote plans to apply his artistic skills, and his broad-based education in the liberal arts, to a business setting. “I would like to be able to produce my work and

have a coffee shop where I can sell my cups and bowls and serve others in any way I can. I want to share what I have learned and grow, and

manifestation of the curiosity that I strive to cultivate in my students.

“One of the greatest things about a studio classroom environment is that it affords the opportunity for faculty to be present while students are in the process of working on creative projects. This is invaluable for both faculty and students: I gain insights by seeing how my students interpret design problems, approach them, and work toward creating and refining solutions. My students can ask clarifying questions or request feedback at any point in their processes.

“Faith and Chelsea are both engaged, invested, committed and diligent. These are admirable attributes for design students and for future professional designers. I do my best to teach and mentor equally, but equally does not necessarily mean in the same way. It became evident to me that Faith responded to—and, indeed, sought out—more direct and frequent feedback during and outside of class, while Chelsea seemed to appreciate the space and time to work independently and then check in periodically. Both are valid ways of working and learning, and I strive to accommodate both of these and other student approaches in my classes.”

Hilary Walrod, Graphic Designer



Assistant Professor of Graphic Design and Digital Media Hilary Walrod, who joined the college in fall 2012, is seated in front of “Iowa Ingredients,” a seasonal calendar of local foods that she researched and designed.



*Assistant Professor of Graphic Design and Digital Media Hilary Walrod (right), works with two talented typography students, sophomores Faith Bouchard (left) and Chelsea Bakos in the Francis Lockwood Bailey Graphic Design Studio.*

Graduates of the Fine and Performing Arts programs also bring their creativity and versatility to their plans for the future. By combining their knowledge and skills in the arts with other disciplines that they are exposed to through their liberal arts education, students like Bouchard graduate as multifaceted assets to the workplace.

“My minor in psychology will be great for the psychological aspect of advertising,” says Bouchard. “Another option I am looking into is art therapy. With that I could still

enjoy my love of the arts, but also help people by incorporating psychology.”

Art therapy, says Keenan, is a field worthy of consideration. “We have a growing elderly population in the United States, so we need opportunities for [senior citizens] to create and express themselves. This is a very healthy way to engage yourself both therapeutically and expressively.”

Upon graduation, Shearer also plans to make a difference in the world by employing the expertise he has gained as an art student. “I would like to

teach inner-city kids how to make prints. Over the summer I interned at the Center for Contemporary Printmaking (Norwalk, Conn.) and found it very rewarding. By applying what I learned from Colby-Sawyer, I was able to help others.”

With their vision and hard work, Bacote, Bakos, Bouchard, Rial, Shearer and the many other art students at Colby-Sawyer College will seek to make the world a more beautiful place to inhabit. No matter what occupations they

decide to focus their creative minds on, Professor Mead reminds us of what she and other art faculty have discovered in their own lives as artists, and what they ultimately wish for their students.

“You try to impart to them that a life that is never idle is the most interesting life. Idleness is a scourge, and artists are never idle because we always have another drawing to make, another print to make. The images just keep coming.”

These students will benefit from a Colby-Sawyer education, whether they decide to dedicate their lives to the arts or sciences or something else entirely. Our life choices may be the most powerful way to communicate to the world who we really are. Yet there is no denying the intrinsic rewards of a creative life. Perhaps Robin Williams’ character in the 1989 film “Dead Poets Society” said it best:

“Medicine, law, business, engineering...these are noble pursuits and necessary to sustain life. But poetry, beauty, romance, love...these are what we stay alive for.” ♦



# The Arts Center: Our Highest Priority

Education is changing at Colby-Sawyer College. Throughout its 175 years, this institution has embraced new directions to ensure that graduates are well prepared for the world and the communities where they will live and work. Today, engaged learning is an essential facet of our curriculum and of a Colby-Sawyer education.

The evolution of an even more dynamic curriculum requires that our campus facilities support our educational goals. In the past year the college has engaged in a planning process to align our strategic goals with our existing and planned buildings. With a comprehensive master plan in hand, a new Fine and Performing Arts Center has emerged as our highest-priority capital project and the linchpin for achieving our aspirations for the college.

A new Fine and Performing Arts Center is critical because the current building is failing; it is not large, safe or inspiring enough. The planned new Arts Center will become a campus hub for creating,

studying and appreciating art and performance. Its design encourages and supports traditional arts like drawing, painting, sculpture and ceramics, as well as new and emerging media. Studio and classroom space will surround outstanding venues for performance and secure gallery exhibitions.

Construction of a new Arts Center will unite all the college's art classes and studios—now held in several buildings around campus—in one inspiring location. It will create opportunities to refurbish and repurpose the vacated buildings and

support academics and student life in new and innovative ways.

Philanthropic support will help make the new Fine and Performing Arts Center possible and lead Colby-Sawyer College toward a sustainable and robust future.

To learn about opportunities to support this initiative, please contact Advancement Officer Allison Faccone at (603) 526-3441.

— *Beth Cahill, Vice President of Advancement*



*Will Shearer and Professor Mead lift a print from his woodcut block.*

# Growing a Culture of Research

by Kimberly Swick Slover

Last summer, juniors Paul Boynton and Jenisha Shrestha spent most of their days dressed in waders and boots, tromping through the streams that flow gently into New Hampshire's Lake Sunapee. Their long days of field research—collecting water, aquatic invertebrates and fish—made for the most extraordinary learning experiences of their lives.

Their research internships were part of a project led by Associate Professor of Natural Sciences Nicholas “Nick” Baer, focused on the roles ecological, chemical and landscape factors play in determining how mercury accumulates in invertebrates and fish—and the extent to which this toxic metal moves through them and into the region's food webs. Westerly winds carry mercury, a byproduct of coal-burning plants in the Midwest, to the Northeast, Professor Baer explains, where it can contaminate watersheds and pose serious health risks to wildlife and people.

Following training last spring with Professor Baer and his first two research assistants, 2012 graduates Jessica Chittering and Adam Wilson, Boynton and Shrestha worked with a team of students from other colleges to build 50 traps made of plastic

piping and fine mesh. Boynton and Shrestha deployed the traps in 10 tributaries and began the arduous work of collecting aquatic invertebrates, insects born in water as larvae that emerge into the air and on land as adults. They often spent 16-hour days collecting some 77,000 insects over the summer.

The process became easier as other researchers joined the project, which intersects with several others that involve faculty and student researchers from Bates, Dartmouth, Lewis and Clark Colleges, SUNY-New Paltz, and the Cary



Photo: Michael Seamans

*Professor Baer (center) and students Paul Boynton and Jenisha Shrestha visit one of Lake Sunapee's tributaries, where they will deploy a trap for invertebrate collection and take water samples as part of a research project on mercury levels in local food webs.*

Photo: Michael Seamans







*Associate Professor of Natural Sciences Nick Baer secures one of the traps that he and his students placed to collect invertebrates, which will be analyzed for their exposure to mercury.*

Institute of Ecosystem Studies. The research teams shared samples and data, a collaboration which has created a dynamic environment for teaching and learning.

“Nick wants us to do our work in a meticulous way because our samples will be used for a lot of studies,” says Shrestha. “We have to be careful not to make mistakes.” Shrestha and Boynton’s internships focused on the potential transport of mercury from aquatic to terrestrial ecosystems. “We collected invertebrates emerging from the

streams and fish from Lake Sunapee. This fall we’re identifying, counting, freezing and storing our samples until metal analyses can be conducted.”

An Environmental Studies major, Shrestha learned to identify most invertebrates by their scientific and common names and created a visual key with their images and characteristics, which she shares with other student researchers. She and Boynton also learned to test the chemistry of water, and to fish and conduct lab analyses of their samples, yet some of their

most rewarding experiences came through daily interactions with people on their research team.

“We were a diverse group—biology, chemistry, environmental studies and science majors—working together for four months,” Shrestha says. “It was interesting to share what we knew, teach others and learn in the same process. One of the good things was all the connections I made with the Lake Sunapee Protective Association and the scientists from Dartmouth and other colleges. The experience inspired me.”

A native of Nepal, Shrestha hopes to return one day to work in her country. She communicates with her family via Skype every few weeks and they are beginning to accept her career direction. “Medicine, engineering and business careers are the most popular in Nepal,” she says, “but they are starting to understand what I do here.”

Shrestha has worked closely with Ramsa Chavez-Ulloa, a Ph.D. candidate at Dartmouth College, in a laboratory on identifying and storing invertebrates. “I get a lot of inspiration from Ramsa, who is doing



a study here and a similar one in her native Costa Rica. I think about doing something similar in Nepal, which is rich in water resources.”

Boynton grew up in a military family that moved often, and for college, he gravitated to New Hampshire. “I’ve always liked being outside and in nature, and I really like to learn. Last summer I couldn’t believe I was getting paid to walk through New Hampshire streams and do all this awesome stuff. During my internship I thought, ‘This is what I love to do, so I must be in the right place.’”

His internship has given him an appreciation for how much work goes into each data point on a graph. “I’ve learned a lot in my classes, but there’s no substitute for hands-on work in the field. It was interesting to have so many perspectives on everything we were doing—from people my age, Ph.D. students and professors,” Boynton says. “I learned a lot about group dynamics. I was pretty good at it, which is important in science because you need

to get along and work with other people.”

The project kept evolving—from water chemistry and insects, to fish and community service, to intense laboratory work—and it all intrigued him. Boynton learned the importance of being patient, organized and meticulous. The experience of working around smart, highly motivated people who love what they do inspired Boynton and lifted his expectations of himself.

“You learn a lot from their experiences and gain some of their wisdom,” he said. “I talked to Nick so much, and not just about the research. You’re not just a number and people give you personal advice. It was cool to have a project that wasn’t related to a grade and wasn’t limited by a class period—and that might connect to what I do later on in my career.”

Professor Baer says that working with students and colleagues on this research has been one of the highlights of his academic career.

“Our collaborative research project benefits the students and the overall



Photo: Nick Baer

*Student researchers Jenisha Shrestha and Paul Boynton identify and store their research samples at a Dartmouth College laboratory.*

research effort. The students are an integral part of most aspects of our research. Many hands make the enormous task of collecting, processing, data management, analyses and dissemination possible for us,” he explains. “Our student research assistants have become part of our research community and are mentored not only by me, but also by the project’s co-principal investigator at Dartmouth College, Celia Chen, her research technician, Hannah Roebuck, a Ph.D. student Ramsa Ulloa-Chaves, and many other collaborators. Clearly our students’ skills, dedication, attention to detail and strong work ethics will serve them well in their

future career paths or graduate school.”

Chen, a ecotoxicology researcher and Professor Baer’s project mentor, has been inspired by how her colleague incorporates students like Boynton and Shrestha into so many aspects of his teaching and research. She describes Baer as an “enthusiastic, can-do kind of scientist who is an absolute pleasure to work with.”

“Nick has a spontaneous but organized style of working with his students and collaborators. The Colby-Sawyer students... are all very dedicated and extremely hard working,” Professor Chen says. “They have been very responsible and committed.”

## A New Vision for Liberal Arts Colleges

Professor Baer's research, and his ability to involve students, is part of the rapid and radical change at Colby-Sawyer College that began in fall 2010, when the National Institutes of Health (NIH) awarded a five-year, \$15 million grant to ten colleges in the state to create a biomedical research network. Known as the New Hampshire Idea Network of Biological Research Excellence (NH-INBRE), the program is led by the state's two research institutions, Dartmouth College and the University of New Hampshire, in collaboration with eight undergraduate institutions, including Colby-Sawyer College.

With an infusion of \$1.25 million over five years, Colby-Sawyer launched two pilot research projects led by Natural Sciences

Professors Baer and William Thomas, along with several smaller faculty-driven projects. Dozens of students in the college's science programs—from biology, environmental studies and exercise and sport sciences, to health studies, nursing and psychology—have been trained as researchers within their professors' projects and in NH-INBRE-sponsored summer research programs. In just over two years, a research culture has begun to grow among Colby-Sawyer's faculty and students that connects them to other researchers in New Hampshire and beyond.

For Professor of Natural Sciences Benjamin Steele, who oversees the project at Colby-Sawyer, the most exciting impact has been on Colby-Sawyer students. "NH-INBRE has enabled us to develop a research culture that allows stu-

dents to do a piece of a research project that contributes to a larger body of scientific knowledge," he says. "It's much more intense and collaborative than the individual research projects our students have done in the past."

## Like Moths to a Flame

Cells are the essence of life. They adhere to one another to create the tissue and bones of multicellular organisms, to heal wounds, and in abnormal conditions, to form and spread diseases such as cancer.

Understanding cellular adhesion is an important area of cancer research and the focus of Professor Bill Thomas's ongoing research as a cellular biologist. He became interested in this topic as a graduate student at

Princeton University and has continued to pursue it every summer for the past 13 years at the Institut Curie in Paris.

For the first time since he joined the college in 1991, Professor Thomas is able to engage his students—18 in all—in his research. Since 2010, he has built a network of student researchers to explore different paths to a central question: How do cells develop the adhesion that holds them together? The answer could ultimately help to stop the spread of cancer.

In the narrow Biology Laboratory at the Curtis L. Ivey Science Center on a Friday afternoon in November 2011, space is tight as a group of curious freshmen and sophomores huddle around Faedhra "Fafa" Wagnac '12 as she performs an experiment. Wagnac, a Biology major with minors in Chemistry

# The experience inspired me.



Photo: Michael Seamans



Faedhra Wagnac '12 explains each step of her experiment to Pascale Chataigne '13 in the Biology Laboratory.

and Environmental Studies and one of two paid research assistants in this project, places flasks of carcinoma cells into a gyratory shear, setting it into motion at 200 rpm for 30 seconds. Her project replicates, with simpler, less expensive equipment, an experiment Professor Thomas conducts in Paris that seeks to quantify whether cell-to-cell adhesion strengthens over time.

Nearby, Maria Cimpean '13, a Biology major with a minor in Chemistry, sits by the laminator flow hoods, carefully transferring, or "passaging," cells

from one flask to another. Cells go through division cycles, and Cimpean's goal is to determine whether cells are more adhesive at certain stages of their cycles.

Like Wagnac, Cimpean works slowly while explaining each step to two underclassmen standing beside her. Completing the experiment, she begins to clean the equipment she has just used. "You have to disinfect all the equipment carefully every time you use it," she tells her trainees, sounding a bit stern, "to avoid contamination."

Cimpean learned this lesson the previous sum-

mer, when she arrived in the lab after a weekend to find a white film growing in the bottom of several cell culture flasks in the incubator. She knew there was a problem, and began to search for answers online. She

believed it was a fungal contamination and documented her findings before contacting Professor Thomas in Paris. He confirmed her suspicions and helped her outline an action plan. It took an entire week to sterilize the incubator and equipment. "Sometimes you learn the most from your mistakes," Cimpean says.

Part of Cimpean's and Wagnac's roles includes recruiting and training more students for the project. "When I ask them what they want to do in the lab, they usually say, 'Something cool,'" Cimpean explains. "But research is not all glamour

and fun. There are supplies to order and beakers to sterilize and solutions to prepare. And once you get data, it requires analysis and developing and editing images. Research takes a lot of patience and perseverance."

Professor Thomas bursts into the lab to check on his student researchers before rushing back to a classroom where other students wait to talk to him. Soon he's back in the lab to chat with Cimpean about the American Society for Cell Biology conference where she will present her research the next week.

In his office, Thomas concedes that it's hard to balance teaching with oversight of student researchers. "It takes an enormous investment of energy to create a research environment. I'm drawn in multiple directions, according to students' needs," he says. "But research has had a *tremendous* effect on students. They hope to go on to medical school. They're drawn like moths to flame. It's a powerful learning experience."

His students are learning more than tissue culture techniques; they are experiencing the excitement—and the tedium—that is research. “Just today, after Fafa has done multiple tests, the data are beginning to support her hypothesis. She has a chance to do something that’s never been done before, but it’s day-to-day persistent work. Students need to know that this is what’s required, and learn to plan ahead, learn to adapt and pay close attention to detail. They have to be poised to take advantage of opportunities.”

## Women as Research Subjects

Inspired by her father’s work, Kerstin Stoedefalke, professor of Exercise and Sport Sciences, teaches and researches the effects of exercise on human

health. For more than 20 years she has conducted research during many summers at the University of Exeter in the U.K., where she earned her Ph.D., and she has often been frustrated by the lack of baseline research in her field that includes women as subjects.

When Professor Stoedefalke learned of the chance to involve students in her research projects, she designed a study that would engage students both as researchers and research subjects. She wanted to test whether the current guidelines for measuring energy expenditure during walking exercise—which are used as the basis for weight loss and other health programs—are accurate for women as well as for men.

While researching current guidelines, Professor Stoedefalke was surprised

to find that the most recent were published by the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) in 1975. Interestingly, her father, Dr. Karl Stoedefalke, was part of the research team that tested the male subjects to develop the appropriate metabolic equations for these guidelines.

With NH-INBRE funding for student researchers in place, Professor Stoedefalke’s study would require extensive recruitment and testing of more than 100 women, ages 18 to 22. Early in 2011, she recruited Madison Hawkins ’12, an Exercise Science major in the pre-med curriculum, as an intern and later as a research assistant. Hawkins began her internship by creating a PowerPoint presentation about the research project, and visited numerous classes with the hopes

of recruiting student volunteers.

A second Exercise Science student, Justine Sachetta ’13, joined the project, and she and Hawkins recruited and tested 62 participants by the end of the year. “We have students from all majors, but the ones who are most interested tend to be in body-related majors like ESS and nursing,” Sachetta explains.

“Research helps solidify the concepts I learn in the classroom,” Hawkins says. “It’s a good opportunity to step up and try out what’s in the textbooks. I like intercollegiate sports and I like research, so I really want to do human performance research.”

Professor Stoedefalke points out a major difference between her study and the two pilot research projects. “We’re involving the community and using human subjects rather than petri dishes. Sometimes our research subjects don’t show up.

# Research takes a lot of patience and perseverance

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We can't just keep them in the fridge," she says, with a laugh. "But it's a good training ground for our students."

On a late fall afternoon in 2011, Hawkins and Sachetta are scurrying around the Human Performance Laboratory in Mercer Hall, preparing a research subject for a test. They fit the student with a metabolic analyzer mask that connects to a computer program which measures—via a gas exchange analyzer—the volume of oxygen (VO<sub>2</sub>) she utilizes while walking on a treadmill. Knowing that 1 liter of

oxygen utilized by the body is equivalent to 5 calories expended, the test will determine the energy cost of walking at various speeds and grades.

Hawkins instructs the student to walk at a constant speed of 3.2 mph during a three-minute warm up and in three stages of 2-, 4- and 6-percent grades. She and Sachetta record the student's VO<sub>2</sub> rate when she reaches a steady state in each stage, the point at which her heart rate remains steady for 30 seconds, before moving her to the next stage.

Later they will compare her metabolic data and that of dozens of other female students who have participated, to the equations in the ACSM guidelines.

"We're finding there is a difference," Hawkins says of their early results. "Our data suggest that the (ACSM) equations at the 4-percent and 6-percent grades overestimate the calories that are actually utilized at that stage."

More than a year later, Sachetta and Katherine Coughlin '13 continue to work on the project and are still yielding different

results with female subjects. Professor Stoedefalke says the study suggests that one should not assume that research conducted on male subjects will produce the same results for women.

"Our next step is to publish the research results," Stoedefalke says. Meanwhile, she is working on a new research project, as a co-investigator at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, focused on the effects of regular exercise in breast cancer survivors. Professor Stoedefalke anticipates that Colby-Sawyer students will play an integral role in the data collection.



Photo: Michael Seamans

*Madison Hawkins '12 and Justine Sachetta '13 work with a student volunteer as part of a project that seeks to gauge whether women and men burn the same amount of calories while walking.*

## Student Scientists

An exuberant din fills President's Hall at the Mountain View Grand Resort in July 2012, as more than 100 students from New Hampshire colleges present their biomedical research. With the spectacular backdrop of the Presidential Mountain Range, the Colby-Sawyer students are clustered around their



poster boards—on which their research has been crunched into bytes of copy and colorful images—and respond to questions posed by passersby.

Nursing major Katuiscia “Kasey” Correia ’13, who attended the meeting during a 10-week Summer Research Fellowship in Nursing (iSURF-N) at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, says research has become a big part of her profession. “There’s a big push for evidence-based practice, so it’s good that we’re adding research to what we do. We’re getting exposed to all types of nursing, clinical nursing, nurse practitioners and nurses doing clinical trials to improve nursing performance and patient safety,” she says. “You can be at the bedside or have an administrative role or go into clinical research focused on improving the quality of care.”

As she and her fellow student nurses shadow nursing specialists in the course of a day, Correia experiences the interdisciplinary nature of the medical field. “You work



Photo: Jon Fox

*Colby-Sawyer students, faculty and staff, along with some of their research partners, attended the 2012 NH-INBRE meeting to share—and celebrate—their research at the Mountain View Grand Resort and Spa in Whitefield, N.H.*

directly with the patients, but you also network with doctors and medical students and administrators and specialists. It’s an amazing experience.”

Nearby, Professor Stoedefalke’s research assistants, Justine Sachetta and Kathryn Coughlin, answer questions about their work and futures. Sachetta plans to go to graduate school for exercise physiology and hopes to work in obesity and cardiac programs for a clinical hospital. Coughlin has enjoyed working with other students in the lab and hopes to combine research with clinical practice.

Through another research project, Coughlin discovered the rewards of working with elderly people. “I’m thinking about doing a study to show how exercise can benefit the elderly, maybe in a master’s program in recreation therapy,” she says. “When I started working with them, they told me, ‘I’m old! I don’t like to exercise,’ but after awhile they saw that exercise helped them.”

Professor Thomas’s student researchers are also out in force. Yangjinqi “Vigil” Vu ’14, a Biology major with Chemistry and Environmental Science minors, is a hard-working student who has been spotted in the lab at 1 a.m.

She finds her work on cell adhesion both exhilarating and challenging. “If we can figure out how adhesion works, maybe we can prevent the cancer from migrating through the body,” she explains.

Many students, like Jose Diarte ’13 of Paraguay, see their research training as a means to a higher goal. “When we were freshmen, we didn’t have these kinds of opportunities. It’s something I really appreciate,” he says. “We have the chance to change the world. I want to do epidemiology, but this will be good background for me when I apply to grad school.”

In this moment, in the grand hall packed with buoyant student researchers and beaming faculty mentors, the introductory speech delivered the day before makes perfect sense.

around the new culture of experiential learning through research opportunities. This new culture has truly been transformative.”

manager at Dartmouth, expects the state’s grant will be extended.

Professors Baer and Thomas plan to apply for external sponsored research funds, and several

newer faculty members have brought their research projects to the college, attracted in part to Colby-Sawyer by the potential of NH-INBRE support.

Colby-Sawyer students have gained valuable skills and experience in research methods and in presenting their findings, not only at the annual NH-INBRE meet-

NH-INBRE is a “partnership of peers,” integrating research into the curriculum of small liberal arts colleges, says Wise. The program meets schools where they are on the research continuum, and for Colby-Sawyer, which was already moving along this path, the infusion of research funds has accelerated its progress.

“We’re funding the most effective way to give students the research experience they need, and Ben (Steele) shows an unusual ability to get the biggest bang for the buck,” says Wise. “The research budgets at some schools only impact a half-dozen students, but Colby-Sawyer has involved many more faculty and students.”

One of the major cultural changes that NH-INBRE seeks to support is to bring scholarship into the realm of the classroom, which would benefit faculty, students and the educational experience at liberal arts colleges. “Typically smaller colleges see scholarship as different from teaching,” Wise explains. “We’re trying to say that they are one and the same.”

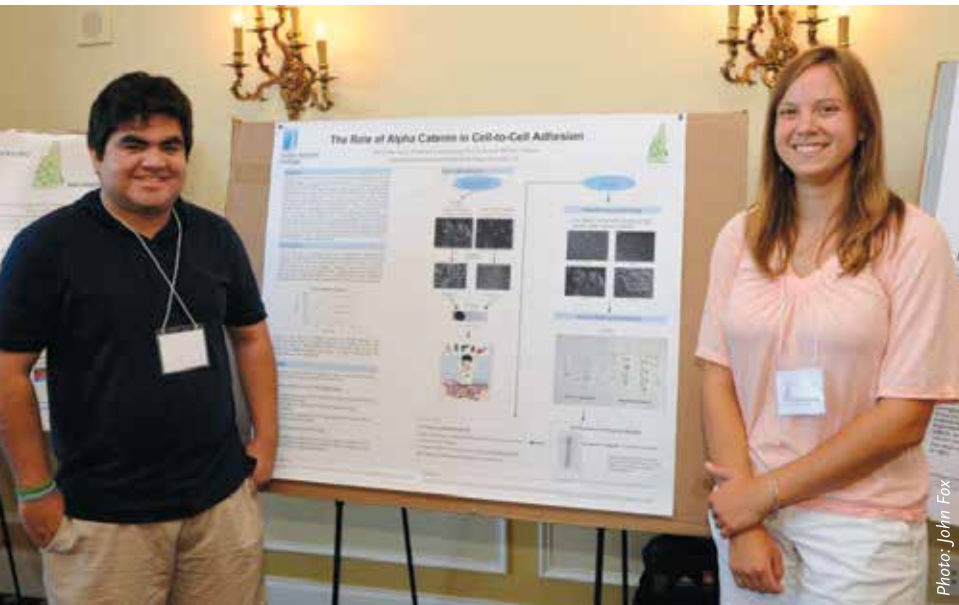


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*Seniors José Diarte (left) and Lauren Oberg presented their contributions to Professor Thomas’s research project at the NH-INBRE annual meeting. Both students plan to go on to graduate school—he in epidemiology and she in biology and sustainability—and they see their research backgrounds as valuable preparation.*

“The impact of the program on undergraduate researchers has been enormous,” said Ronald K. Taylor, professor of microbiology and immunology at Dartmouth’s Geisel School of Medicine and the project’s principal investigator. “Now every NH-INBRE institution has a program that revolves

## Looking to the Future

In 2014, the NH-INBRE program will apply to the National Institutes of Health for another five-year grant to continue to expand its culture of research across the state. Chuck Wise, the project

ing, but also at regional and even national biomedical research conferences. Graduates’ horizons have already stretched to include new possibilities, including publishing their research in scientific journals, employment in clinical laboratories, and graduate school in a variety of fields.

## Merging Medical Research and Practice



Research Assistant Maria Cimpean '13 works under a laminar flow hood, passaging cells from one flask to another.

With her research experience from Colby-Sawyer, Cimpean felt prepared to contribute to the project. “My experience with cell culture proved useful, as I had to maintain and manipulate the stem cells I was working with. I also learned a technique called polymerase chain reaction.”

Through presenting her undergraduate research at NH-INBRE and at national conferences, Cimpean has developed strong skills in science communication that helped prepare her for the final UROC presentation. “Presenting on a topic and project that was just nine weeks old proved challenging, but the support and feedback I received from the institute, its scientists, and Dr. Windelborn was wonderful,” she says.

Photo: Michael Seaman

As Wise says, NH-INBRE provides the forum for small teaching colleges to consider their new possibilities. While the NIH research grants will likely continue to help Colby-Sawyer build its culture of research in the short term, the college will ultimately need to sustain the momentum through independent sponsored research grants and other means.

“This is Colby-Sawyer’s time to see if the research shoe fits,” says Wise. ♦

As a high school student in Romania, Maria Cimpean had a rare opportunity to volunteer in a hospital emergency room, where she helped the medical staff with patients who were inebriated and injured, in cardiac arrest, or suffering from multiple fractures after an accident.

“I liked the team effort during these cases and the excitement when the unexpected happened,” she said. “I discovered I’m very calm in an emergency.”

Cimpean came to the U.S. in 2009 as a Biology major, and a year later she jumped at the chance to join a NH-INBRE biomedical research project. She broadened and deepened her knowledge and skills over the next two years, culminating in her senior Capstone research project.

Last summer, Cimpean completed a 10-week internship at Boston Biomedical Research Institute in its Undergraduate Research Opportunity Core (UROC). Supervised by Dr. James Windelborn, she worked on a project focused on the developmental aspects of differentiation in embryonic stem cells.

“NH-INBRE has given me the opportunity to get involved in a research project early on in my college years. To me, it meant the first step to establishing a research culture at Colby-Sawyer,” she says. “Through NH-INBRE, students can get involved in biomedical research at a small liberal arts school. You get the liberal arts experience, the personal attention due to the small class sizes, and get to work on a research project right here on campus. To me, that is just exceptional.”

Following graduation in May, she plans to work as a research technician for a couple years, during which she will seek admission to a program that combines medical school with doctoral studies. The dual degrees will allow her to practice medicine and pursue her research interests.

“I’ve known for a long time that medicine is where I belong. It’s what I see myself doing for the rest of my life,” Cimpean says. “What has changed after NH-INBRE and my internship is that I am strongly considering an M.D.-Ph.D. program because I would like research to be part of my future too.”



# News from Alumni Relations and Annual Giving

## Save the Date for Alumni Fall Festival 2013

Friday, Oct. 4 – Sunday, Oct. 6

Colby-Sawyer welcomes all alumni and friends to Alumni Fall Festival each year, and we hope to see you in October. Return to New London to relive your college memories, rekindle your friendships, and reconnect with your college.

Reunion celebrations will take place for the following classes: 1933, 1938, 1943, 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998, 2003 and 2008.

## Your Support Makes a Difference

Alumni support of the Colby-Sawyer Fund is vital to the success of the college and our current students. Your generosity provides a transformative educational experience for students who will make a difference in our world. Whether you choose to support scholarships, faculty enrichment, facilities or student life, your gift—*no matter the*

*amount*—can make an impact on Colby-Sawyer in a way that means the most to you. To make a gift online, please visit [www.colby-sawyer.edu/giving](http://www.colby-sawyer.edu/giving). Thank you for your investment in Colby-Sawyer College, and your continued commitment to your alma mater!

## Seeking Nominations for the 2013 Athletic Hall of Fame

The Colby-Sawyer College Athletic Hall of Fame honors the achievements of the college's outstanding individual athletes, teams, coaches and supporters who have enhanced and reinforced the college's commitment to athletic excellence. The Athletic Hall of Fame selection committee is accepting nominations for the 2013 induction class. The induction ceremony will take place on Oct. 6, 2013, during Alumni Fall Festival. For additional information, or to access the nomination form, please visit [www.colby-sawyerathletics.com/hof.aspx?tab=halloffame](http://www.colby-sawyerathletics.com/hof.aspx?tab=halloffame). The deadline for nominations is May 1, 2013.



Photo: Michael Seamans

*Students take time to play in the leaves during the height of foliage season.*

## Join Us for a Colby-Sawyer Event in Your Area

Colby-Sawyer may visit your area soon! Alumni events are a great way to stay connected to Colby-Sawyer and to network with fellow alumni and friends who live in your area. Visit [www.colby-sawyer.edu/alumni/events](http://www.colby-sawyer.edu/alumni/events) for a complete listing.

## Colby-Sawyer College Inaugural Delegates

During the past months, a Colby-Sawyer alumna and a faculty member represented President Thomas Galligan and Colby-Sawyer as official delegates to inaugural ceremonies at other colleges and universities. We are grateful to those who accepted invitations.

Mary Ellen Blatchford Walker '80 at the University of Vermont on Oct. 5, 2012.

Professor of Exercise and Sport Sciences, David H. Winton Endowed Teaching Chair and Director of the Teaching Enrichment Center Jean Eckrich at Suffolk University on Dec. 4, 2012.

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# Enduring Gifts of a Great Education

## Helen Casciani '49

by Beth Cahill, Vice President of Advancement

Sixty-four years after graduating from Colby Junior College, Helen Casciani recalls Winter Carnival, Sunday teas with President Sawyer, and Mountain Day as some of her favorite memories from her time in New London.

“One night in 1949 we were called to the living room in Shepard Hall for a surprise. A television had been bought, and that’s where we had the first airing on campus. I have always remembered that evening. It felt like we were all a family,” says Helen. “The college still seems like a family to me. I like the comfortable feeling between faculty, staff and students.”

This is one reason Helen has chosen to support the college during her lifetime, and with a bequest

provision that will provide scholarship aid for business students. “Colby-Sawyer is very worthy of my support. I believe that anyone who is qualified should not be denied an education due to lack of money, and I feel sure the college will use my gift as I intend,” she says.

Helen followed her sister, Lorraine Casciani Quinlan '46, to Colby Junior College and that decision made all the difference. In addition to lifelong friendships with Barbara Chernin Feldman '49 and Anita Boffa Cafritz '49, she developed confidence to pursue a career beyond the typical vocations of the time for women. After a few years as a secretary at an advertising agency in Boston, she became a stewardess for Eastern Airlines in 1952. Helen chuckles as she recalls that she felt



*Helen Casciani says her college education gave her the confidence to pursue a career beyond the vocations typical for women in the 1950s.*

safe flying then because all the pilots had returned from WWII.

Eventually Helen left the airline and moved to New York City to begin a 27-year career with Brunschwig & Fils, a decorative fabric company. She worked her way up to operations manager and credits her education with making her fulfilling career possible.

Wonderful teachers like Dean Louise Koory helped Helen expand her perspective and interests. In addition to being a long-time museum volunteer and supporter of the arts and theater, she has traveled the world on more than

25 adventures, including 15 international cruises, mainly to the Far East.

“The world is getting smaller,” she says. “It’s really important to see what is going on with other cultures and understand the big issues. It’s an eye-opener.”

Helen appreciates the college’s dedication to a rigorous education that engages students in learning and encourages their understanding of multiple perspectives, and she is committed to providing this experience for students. For her, it’s simple: “If you can afford to, you should help.” ♦

**“Helen Casciani is an extremely loyal and good friend. She was a wonderful roommate and has always remained very supportive. We have enjoyed a great friendship over the years.”**

— Helen’s former roommate and good friend  
Barbara Chernin Feldman '49

# Opening New Worlds of Opportunity

## Loomis “Loo” Dana

by Beth Cahill

When Dartmouth College alumnus Loomis “Loo” Dana married Susanne “Sue” Ott ’49 in 1951, he probably didn’t expect that his wife’s passion for Colby-Sawyer College would one day become his own. Throughout her life, Sue, who passed away in 2001, had a special place in her heart for her college.

She was a loyal supporter and kept in touch with her many friends.

Since 2001, Loo has kept Sue’s memory alive at Colby-Sawyer. In 2006 he made a gift to establish the Susanne O. Dana Memorial Scholarship Fund. Each year an award is made from this fund, with preference given to students planning to enter the medical field.

Since establishing the scholarship fund, Loo has decided to help make the college’s new Fine and Performing Arts Center possible. His generous gift will be recognized by naming a music studio in Sue’s memory. This most recent gift celebrates the couple’s love of music, and recalls a time for Loo when he enjoyed playing the clarinet while Sue played the cello.

Sue was a German refugee who came to the United States with her mother and sister in 1938. She first encountered Colby-Sawyer as a child when she attended Colbytown Camp. This opened a world of possibility for her, and she subsequently was awarded a scholarship to attend Northfield Mount Hermon School before coming to Colby Junior College. Loo hopes the scholarship fund will help Colby-Sawyer students achieve similar levels of success, confidence and love of learning.

Now living in Vermont near two of his three children, Loo enjoys the opportunity to talk with his family about their philanthropy. “I have been able to support my churches and a historical society that has been important to my family in recent years, and now I am pleased to help Colby-Sawyer,” he says. “The college was always very special for Sue, and when I make gifts in her memory, I know they have great impact. That’s important to me.” ♦



*In honor of his late wife, Susanne Ott Dana ’49, Loomis Dana established a scholarship fund in her name in 2006. Most recently, he made a generous gift to the new Fine and Performing Arts Center to name a music studio for her as well.*



# A Commitment to Excellence in Nursing

## Carole and Joe Brophy

by Beth Cahill

A mishap that landed Carole Brophy in the hospital with a broken leg when she was a 7-year-old in Brooklyn, N.Y., began her lifelong love for nursing. “I was important to the nurses, and they made me feel comfortable in an unfamiliar place,” she recalls.

After high school, Carole studied nursing at Saint Clare’s Hospital in New York City. That is where Fordham University student Joe Brophy was moonlighting as an EMT, where he met Carole and later proposed, and where their five children were born.

It was also at Saint Clare’s that Carole first practiced nursing. “Of all the clothes I’ve ever owned, I always felt best when I put on my nurse’s uniform,” she says.

Carole and Joe raised their family in West Hartford, Conn., where Joe worked for The Travelers. During those busy years, Carole’s compassion and training led her to serve on the board of a street ministry group and to found the

West Hartford Adult Youth Council. Her efforts provided drug education and support for hundreds of parents and teens. “I left behind something valuable for the community,” Carole says.

When Carole and Joe were ready to retire, they chose Sunapee, N.H., because the area’s lakes and mountains provide activities that appeal to their children and grandchildren, and because Colby-Sawyer offers so many opportunities for involvement.

Colby-Sawyer has been a part of the Brophys’ lives since they arrived in the area in 1998. Thanks to a fortuitous invitation to a dinner party that included then-President Anne Ponder, the Brophys learned more about the college and have been engaged ever since. Carole and Joe take and lead Adventures in Learning courses, enjoy the Hogan Sports Center and the library, and Carole is a member of the President’s Community Forum. Their most special bond, though, is with the



*Since their retirement in Sunapee, N.H., Joe and Carole Brophy have been very involved in the college and especially supportive of the Nursing Program. Their recent gift commitment will support nursing faculty professional development, including doctoral studies.*

Nursing Department. Every year Carole and Joe host the senior nursing students for an evening in their home, and Carole tells the students how proud she is of them and offers some advice. Because Carole and Joe have made it a priority to share their ancestry with their children, it’s not surprising that Carole asks the students never to forget where they came from: Colby-Sawyer.

The Brophys’ generosity extends beyond hosting this memorable evening.

A recent gift commitment supports doctoral and other advanced study for nursing faculty, as well as participation at professional conferences. Their gift also helps to maintain a high level of student academic performance.

“The faculty’s ability to turn out well-educated, thoughtful and ambitious nursing graduates has certainly been impressive,” says Carole. “I am happy to help the nursing faculty to continue to pursue excellence for the Nursing Program and the college.” ♦

# Alumni Fall Festival Celebrates College's 175th Year

by Tracey Austin  
Photos by Gil Talbot

It's not every day you get to celebrate a 175th birthday, but that's just what hundreds of alumni, friends and members of the Greater New London area did during Alumni Fall Festival Weekend, held Oct. 12–14, 2012.

The weekend kicked off with a community-wide celebration on New London's Sargent Common, where Peter Bianchi, chair of the New London Board of Selectman, remarked on the rich shared history between Colby-Sawyer College and the Town of New London. He also issued a proclamation declaring Oct. 12, 2012, Colby-Sawyer College Day in New London. The Colby-Sawyer Players treated the crowd to a reenactment of the signing

of the college's original charter, and several alumnae from the Buzzin' Dozen and The Monotones (singing groups from the college in the 1950s and 1960s) joined the current Colby-Sawyer Singers for a rendition of "Colby Forever."

Alumni of all ages enjoyed the activities offered throughout the weekend, including faculty-led workshops and lectures, campus tours, alumni and varsity athletic competitions, reunion class cocktail parties, and much more.

The annual alumni awards were presented during Saturday's All-Alumni Gala Celebration. Longtime Colby-Sawyer volunteer Gail Graham Lee '62 was



A birthday party wouldn't be complete without cake—in this case a towering replica of Colgate Hall. Pictured with the masterpiece are (l to r) Betsy Woodman (daughter of Colby-Sawyer's third president, Everett Woodman); Chair of the Board of Trustees Tom Csatari; Sidney Sawyer Diekmann '71 (granddaughter of H. Leslie Sawyer, the college's first president); President Thomas C. Galligan Jr; Chair of the Board of Selectmen Peter Bianchi; Patsy Sawyer Powers '66 (granddaughter of H. Leslie Sawyer); Jaime Powers '99 (great-granddaughter of H. Leslie Sawyer); and Nick Ciarlante '14, president of the Student Government Association.

the surprise recipient of the Alumni Service Award. Lee has served the college for many years in various capacities, is a loyal donor to the Colby-Sawyer Fund, and was an early supporter in the college's campaign to build a new arts center.

Mike Mooney '02 was presented with the 2012 Young Alumni Achievement Award. Mooney spearheaded the Wind-crossing Film Festival project that brought alumni filmmakers to campus to make films with current students. He was a mentor and inspiration to

students, and his work with them was a valuable contribution to their learning experiences.

Celebrations in honor of the 175th anniversary capped off the weekend, with a fantastic fireworks display and the 175th Anniversary Dance Party that lasted into the wee hours. The weekend was a smashing success and provided the entire college community opportunities to celebrate our rich heritage, our current success, and the promise of a bright future! ♦



Cris Carpenter Hudson '62, Connie Earl '62, Gail Constantinides Morrison '62 and Susan Sawyer '62 share a laugh at the 50th Reunion Cocktail Reception at the President's House.





These alumnae and longtime friends had a ball on the dance floor at the 175th Anniversary Party in the Hogan Center. (Back row, l to r) Peggy Woods Heffernan '86, Sandra Beattie Hand '85, Christine Smith Grande '84, Leslie Colmer Estrella '85, Polly Birdsall Martinson '83, Liz Merriman Kyle '86, and (front) Terry Hastings St. Pierre '85.



Jennifer Buck Carney '02 and her son, Baxter.



Hundreds of students, alumni, faculty, staff and community members gathered outside of the Ivey Science Center for the 175th Anniversary fireworks display.



Baseball Coach Jim Broughton welcomed back past members of his team for the alumni game.



Je-Je Harding Pierce, pictured above, accepted the silver bowl award on behalf of her Class of 1947. The class was honored as the reunion class with the highest percentage of donors to the Colby-Sawyer Fund.



The ladies from the Class of 1957 enjoyed an afternoon tea at the home of President and Mrs. Galligan. (Back row, l to r) Elizabeth Grayson Deal, Diane Shugrue Gallagher, Suzanne Vander Veer, Robin McDougal, (front row, l to r) Elaine Mackenzie Kutrosky, Emily Berry Lovering and Kim Yaksha Whiteley.



Members of the Class of 1962 reunion committee present President Galligan and Director of Annual Giving Chris Reed with their 50th Reunion gift to the college.



# class notes

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## 1939

**Mary Trafton Simonds '38** and I, **Ai-Li Sung Chin**, became good friends at Brookhaven Retirement Community after I discovered that she was a fellow resident. We were all saddened by her recent death not so long ago. Her son William became my tax accountant shortly after I entered Brookhaven and still is. I am in reasonably good health except for some arthritis affecting my right knee. My current projects are writing my life story for my own record and for my children and grandchildren, and continuing piano lessons with a teacher/composer

who encourages me to compose my own simple tunes.

## 1940

**Editor's Note:** *We regret to inform you that Judy Conover Reinicker, who had served as the 1940 class correspondent since 2003, passed away Jan. 12, 2013. We are so grateful for her service to Colby-Sawyer; she will be missed!*

**Eileen Mattis O'Brien** sold her home in Sarasota, FL, and is now living in a retirement village in Smithville, NJ, not far from her older son. She sees her grandchildren often as they live nearby. She no longer drives as she is quite deaf despite wearing hearing aids. She was fortunate to escape Sandy, just inconvenienced without power for a day. **Jeanne Schwob Homer** is still in a retirement home in Boca Raton, FL. She flew to VT last Oct. to see her son-in-law's month-long exhibit of his pottery, a celebration of the "40 Year Retrospective" on the main street of Burlington, VT. You can see examples of his work at [robertcomp-tonpottery.com](http://robertcomp-tonpottery.com).

## 1941

**Joan Russell Desmond** is living in a retirement home in Wilmington, DE, where they take the residents to the theater, movies and dinner places. Her 3 grandsons live in NH, VT and MD and visit frequently. **Lillian Anken Harris** writes, "Hi from Verona, NY, where I've been living for the past 60 years. My husband, Art, died in 2001. We had 4 sons. My youngest son, Dan, now owns and runs the farm we bought in 1952. I live close by on farm land in a house built by son Warren. Son Roger lives with me, for which I am grateful. Son John and his wife, Charlotte, live in WV near their extended family. Warren and wife Joann were vacationing in FL about 8 years ago when he had a severe heart attack and needed a heart transplant. He is doing very well now. My youngest son, Dan, had 4 children—3 of them triplet girls who have autism at different levels. Their brother Sammy turned 16 on Halloween and now has a permit to drive with an adult. I still drive, and play cards once a week with elderly friends who are

getting fewer and fewer. I read a lot and go to the library in Oneida, and do crossword puzzles and jigsaw puzzles. I have 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren." **Mary Louise Williams Haskell** is still on Casco Bay and grieving about her son's tragic death a year ago. She has lots of friends and her 3 girls are a great comfort to her. **June Skinner Peacock** lost her husband, Rev. Hebert Peacock, more than 2 years ago. She spends her summers in Whittier, NC, and the winters at her house next door to her daughter and her family. June paints and writes. She's just completed a book, *Window in the Wall*, the story of her 91 years of life. **Deborah Burton Adler** writes, "Soon I'll be go! We moved from Shaker Heights to Judson Park Residence in Oct. 2011 and then I had hip surgery. I then took a tumble that impaired my back and have just now gotten back to normal. We have 3 daughters, 3 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren spread through CA, WA, ME and the Czech Republic. I'm in pretty good health but am designated legally blind,

so no driving or reading. We are hoping to sell the house this year.”

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Norman Van Dine sent a letter to let the college class know his wife, **Margaret Jardine Van Dine** (formerly of Madison, ME) passed away. Last year I, **Margaret “Peg” Morse Tirrell**, was a victim of a massive wind gust when driving home from a meeting in ME and was blown off the road and hit

a tree. I had to spend time in the hospital, but nothing was broken except my glasses and I had lots of bruises and bumps. Unfortunately, the result was glaucoma in the left eye. At the age of 88, I am allowed to drive only in good weather.

## 1944

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Hi, dear friends! **Elizabeth Bryant Parker** is still living alone at home in Windsor, CT. She’s still somewhat active in community affairs. She says her health is “lousy,” and we can all



Mary Francis '10, Collin Bray '06 and his grandmother Jean Morley Lovett '45 at the Ocean Reef Club in Key Largo, Fla.

sympathize with that. **Doris Peakes Kendall** took a trip from Cape Cod to Seattle, WA, where she witnessed the birth of her great-grandchild. **Ruth Wilgus Rockwell** writes from Atlanta, GA, that her whole family is well and all successfully employed. Her husband of 60 years passed away after a very happy marriage. He was a mechanical engineer. They made 20 trips to Europe and spent many weeks each year on the beach at Sea Island. She was at Colby for only one year and transferred to the U of Buffalo, where she got her degree in art history, and where she met her husband. **Nancy Erickson Murphy** and her hubby, Cal, have been married for 67 years and are still active in Sequim, WA. She loves

to entertain, knit and read. They play a little golf, and Cal, who’s 93, still plays racquetball! They have 3 children, 6 grandchildren and 4 greats. They spent 23 winters in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, then moved from San Diego to their golfing community in WA. I got to see them when they were in San Diego. **Barbara Macaulay Watkins** is still in Diamondhead, MS, but thinking she will move to MA to be closer to her family. Barb’s lifelong friend, **Shirleyann Fuller St. Pierre**, passed away Oct. 6. They were schoolmates from first grade through CJC. Please accept my sympathy. After successful hip surgery and therapy, **Shirley “Shal” Glidden Splaine**’s hip popped out and had to be replaced

## Soon I’ll be go!

Deborah Burton Adler '41

# I am grandmother to 11 grandkids who have blessed me with six great-grands!

Katie Valliere-Denis Ouilette '50

with a short surgery! All is well and she's driving again. She has retired from the Toy Museum after being director for 23 years. She saw **Jean Morley Lovett** last summer. **Nancy Teachout Gardner** has 8 great-grandchildren! She was planning on going on a cruise in Feb. with a group from her park. **Nancy Dean Maynard** was looking forward to Dec. 15, when her family was to gather for a dedication breakfast of a basketball court in honor of her son-in-law's years at the school as teacher and coach. **Mary Dutton Harder Long** and hubby are still living in a home in Watertown, CT, that he built. She has 4 daughters, 8 grandkids and 2 greats, all of whom live nearby. **Jane Seccombe Rice** has had to move her hubby into an Alzheimer's unit. So sorry, Jane. **Martha Whitney Steers** in Williamsburg, VA, is not too mobile, but does lots of duplicate bridge, knitting and reading. **Jane Peters Layton** has had COPD for the last 15 years and continues to live in her home with her daughter, Margaret. She is very proud of her 4 grandchildren and 5 great-grandkids. **Betty Southwell**

**King's** daughter-in-law let us know that Betty has severe Alzheimer's and is in assisted living quarters. She is in declining health. A note from her daughter notifies us of the death of **Irene Bartholomew Brower** in Aug. in FL. She is survived by 3 daughters. **June Douglas-White** in Cape Cod went on a cruise to the Ukraine. She has always been involved with local theater and recently participated in a playwriting marathon, where they had 24 hours to write and produce a 10-minute production. I was notified of the passing of **Gloria Hamburger Vise** last June. I, **Ruth Anderson Padgett**, survived a stroke in late Aug. Spent 4 weeks in rehab and am now getting physical therapy. Half the family came to my house for Thanksgiving and everyone came for Christmas. I stay active in local politics and play bridge a lot. Am fortunate that Gus is aging well and we do a lot with our church, which we love (and helped to start).

## 1946

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It was great hearing from **Priscilla Beardsley Glenn**, who still lives in Atlanta, GA. She is on the board at the Dunwoody Fine Arts Association. She is painting and entering shows, but sales are slow this year. Priscilla's 3 boys have done well, as has her daughter. **Beverly "Bebe" Walker Wood** lives at Squam Lake for 6 months of the year. Her children are between 50 and 59 and they are doing well. Beverly is still a docent at the Squam Lake Nature Science Center. **Frances "Twinkie" Randall Wood** is living at Kendal on Hudson, a retirement community. Her daughter lives in New Zealand and her son lives in MT. Both are farmers. **Barb Bell Clark** lives in a studio apartment at Covenant Village in Cromwell, CT. She plays bridge twice a week at the Hartford Duplicate Bridge Club and attends the Hartford Symphony Series and the Hartford Stage productions. Her 2 sons live nearby, and she visits her daughter and son in NH often. **Mollie Miller Tanner** is spending the winter with her daughter and family on Long Island and will not go to FL this year.

## 1947

**Anne Elliott Chaffin** took a trip to NYC for the International Convention of Delta Kappa Gamma, which is a society for women teachers. She spent a week in July 2012 with conferences, tours, workshops and fabulous food. She's still teaching English as a Second Language at NM Junior College in Hobbs, NM, and enjoys every minute of it. **Joan Watson Krumm** writes, "We were evacuated to a nice cold Holiday Inn with no heat or electricity because of Sandy, but the food was good and we ate by candlelight. I am happy to be back in my nice brick building again with view of ocean and lake. Miss the beautiful fall foliage in NH."

## 1948

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**Mary "Oggie" Ogden Sutcliffe** wrote a quick note that her husband, Herb, will be celebrating his 94th birthday on Apr. 1. **Cornelia**





*Cornelia "Nini" Hawthorne Maytag '48 and Nancy "Hob" Hobkirk Pierson '48 in NYC.*

"Nini" Hawthorne Maytag was in NY last spring and was able to have dinner with her roommate, Nancy "Hob" Hobkirk Pierson.

Nini described the dreadful firestorm that took place in Colorado Springs in late June. 25 houses caught fire and 12,000 residents were evacuated as was the popular Garden of the Gods Park. It was serious enough that all the residents got their personal papers together before evacuating. The fire continued into early July. Nini was lucky to live in an area that was "on the ready" to leave their homes at the spur of the moment. The residences at the Garden of the Gods Club were evacuated and several of Nini's friends moved in with her. By the time the fire was under control, 350 homes close to the mountain had been

destroyed. Carol "Shoe" Shoemaker Marck and Chuck own a condo in Snowmass, so visit with Nini quite often. After checking on the situation in CO, the Marcks left their daughter Christy Marck MacCormack '82's DC/MD home for their permanent home in the Poconos and found they had just missed a terrible storm in the area they had just left. Maddy Pennicke Cattel is a great-grandmother and is still having fun with all the nice people who live at The Village at College State, PA. Fran Wannerstrom Clark has moved to a senior retirement community in CT. She is very happy with her new digs. In Sept. her granddaughter, Amanda, was married. It was a 3-day weekend on Cape Cod, where her granddaughter spent many happy summers as a child. Amanda and her husband have great jobs at Disney World in FL. Fran went to Saratoga, NY, to check out the horses, plus was busy with the usual concerts, museum trips, theaters, lectures and lunches by the water in nearby Essex and Old Saybrook. Virginia "Ginny" Orr Welsh and Bob are great-grandparents for the 1st time. Kyle and Lindsay in Vancouver, BC, presented them with twin baby girls, Hadley and Téa. Carol "Weis" Weissenborn Smith was without power twice at the end of Oct., 1st with

Sandy and then with the snowstorm that followed. Janet "Westy" West Williams from Crosswicks, NJ, felt they were lucky as they had only 5 days without power. Their property was a mess but her kids and grandchildren came for Thanksgiving and worked outside cleaning up a lot of the debris. The gathering was extra special as it was the Williams' 60th anniversary. Mase and I also had our 60th anniversary on Thanksgiving Day. Nancy "Hob" Hobkirk Pierson and Jim lost a number of trees. They were able to spend 5 days at their home in VT, and 4 more with their daughter, Sally. All 5 of the Piersons' daughters and families were in Bernardsville for Thanksgiving. Ann Wyllie Jarrett reported that the DE beaches had some minor damage from Sandy, but otherwise they were very lucky and missed the worst of it. I'm sorry to have to inform you that Grace James Evans passed away on June 25, 2012. We also lost Lucia Wright VonSander and her husband, Newton. Lucia died in Jan. and her husband died in Feb. of 2012. Mase and I, Phyllis "Les" Harty Wells, have our house on the market. We're anxious to move into a retirement complex just down the road from us. It's connected to the

U of FL, has lots going on and is full of our friends

## 1949

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Sally Jenkins became Sally Jenkins Kimball in 1952.

They raised 3 boys and their 4th was a daughter. The oldest offspring is single, the 2nd has 2 daughters, and the 3rd has 4 girls. Daughter Debbie has 2 sons, one doing well at Yale. The clan has visited Sally in Harwich Port for many summers, attending sailing school and taking tennis lessons. Now they stay with son, Rick, who also has a place there. Sally sold her house and moved to smaller quarters after her husband died. She has continued playing tennis and previously sailed, racing every weekend in the yacht club's Flying Scots class. Volunteering is still part of her week, as is physical therapy to correct an injury from falling out of bed. In spite of this setback, she continues with garden club activities.

**Susanne Neiley White's** daughter, Cindy, 55, has been with Disney more than 10 years in the HR dept. Following Suzanne's husband's death from Parkinson's disease last year, Cindy took over hosting the family Christmas get-together. Son Steve, 60, a trial attorney in Cleveland, deals mostly with asbestos cases. His daughter, 24, is a Denison U graduate working in Chicago. Son Mike, 57, does property development on the eastern shore of MD and DE. Like another of Suzanne's daughters, he and his wife, Patty, have 2 who graduated from the U of Dayton: Kelsey, 24, and John, 23, residing in DC. Their youngest, Colie, 20, graduated last spring from Georgetown Prep, where he excelled in soccer and lacrosse. He lives with Patty and Mike in Potomac, MD. Susanne had 2 knee replacements and maybe golf will again be in her future. Normally **Pat Jaffer Russell '50** and I meet in NYC to celebrate our Sept. birthdays, but the last 2 years we just didn't find the time and energy. In May, Pat and Dave settled in where it's cooler and there is golf, in Queensbury, NY. Her granddaughter, Avery Louise Clark, was married

at the end of Aug., and recently Pat returned to see her in the lead of "Guys and Dolls." Oscar Otto informed us that **Hope Cushman Otto** passed away in Nov. at the assisted living facility in the Denver area where she resided. We send our condolences to you, Oscar, and to your family. Again last year, I spent Christmas Eve and Day with my oldest daughter, Betsy, and her husband, Paul, in Chatham, NJ, where I lived briefly. My granddaughter, Katie, a graduate of Marist College who is teaching special ed in Basking Ridge, was with us as well as my grandson, Kyle, a May graduate of Gettysburg College who is happily working at Omnicom Group in Manhattan. Two days after Santa's visit, I flew to CO to spend 2 weeks with 3 other daughters. Gigi does grants for the U of CO and lives in Boulder with Bob, who teaches entrepreneurship at the college. Their daughter, Kelley, is in Denver with Direct TV, and her brother, Rob, is an engineering sophomore at Santa Clara, CA. Joanne, a Syracuse alumna, has recently started a doggie care business called Good Dogma in Lafayette. My daughter Ellen is a geriatric social worker in Boulder. She received her master's at Denver U. My 4th child, Richard, lives in Clinton, NJ, and works

for an insurance company in Flemington, concentrating on title insurance. Upon returning from the beautiful mountains in Boulder, I headed to Lorton, VA, where my eventual destination was Grand Harbor, Vero Beach, FL. This is my 8th year there with my sister, **Joan Reynolds Irish '50**, who lives there with her husband of 54 years. Two years ago Joan and I played golf with **Joan Eaton Mauk '50**, who is still living in Cincinnati when not in residence in Grand Harbor. She and her husband, now deceased, had been on ski patrol in Stowe, VT, and had an accident while snow plowing and carrying a toboggan. Since then she's had 3 hip replacements. I do volunteer work for several groups, including Habitat for Humanity of Vero. Took up bridge several years ago and play weekly with a group. Abandoned mah jongg. Golf is still on the agenda. Please continue to send your news!

## 1950

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*Barbara James Mueller '50 and Gilbert "Ace" F. Mueller Jr. enjoyed their visit to campus in September.*

I am still thrilled to be the new CJC '50 class correspondent. **Pat Davis Hoffman** is living near family in NC. **Joan Smith Eastman's** beloved husband, Gerry, passed away 6 years ago. She is now living in a wonderful spot called Broadmead in Cockeysville, MD. Her younger son, Jay, lives 20 minutes away with his wife and 3 children. In July, Joan and her daughter, Betsy, took a fabulous cruise to AK. Betsy lives in San Diego with her husband and 3 children. Joan hated leaving her older son and his family (3 children) in Huntington, NY, but there was no retirement community there she really wanted to go to. Joan met a wonderful man after about 5 months and they were married on May 1, 2012. Her husband, John L. McShane, is a retired architect and a Princeton graduate. They were about

to go on a belated honeymoon on a transatlantic cruise. **Jean Finley Doughty's** husband's recent passing grieved many of us friends from Skowhegan High School and CJC days. On Dec. 1, the *Waterville Morning Sentinel* chose Jean's daughter-in-law Paula Doughty as ME Field Hockey Coach of the Year. Jean's late husband, Jim, was a superb coach and he surely was a great influence. I, **Katie Valliere-Denis Oulette** have been on a great trip through life for these 52 years since we shared tears and laughter on our graduation day. I am grandmother to 11 grandkids who have blessed me with 6 great-grands!

## 1951

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**Marcia Cowles Bushnell** volunteers as an ESL teacher, supports 350.org and the Occupy movement, and demonstrates with peace and justice coalitions. Most of her time is spent painting in her studios in VT and MA. She has put together an exhibit of her oil paintings called "Against Forgetting" and created a PowerPoint program that includes her paintings and the voices of

poets who have witnessed war and its consequences. The paintings were exhibited this spring at the VT Law School. She also worked as a volunteer for Elizabeth Warren and was a delegate to the MA Democratic State convention in Springfield in June. On Election Day, she drove people to the polls. Marcia spends most of her time in MA and goes to GA in the colder months. Her children and grandchildren live near her so she sees them often. She bikes and kayaks, and takes courses that interest her.

**Marguerite "Maha" Cline Almy** writes, "I have been dealing with the after-effects of Hurricane Sandy, which wiped out the entire 1st floor and exterior gardens of our home in Mantoloking, NJ. We had 3 feet of water in the garage, which totaled my 2-year-old Lexus. About 140 homes were lost in a town of only 514 houses. The National Guard is protecting us from looters who try to come in from the bay front and along the beaches. It will probably be a long time before we

make a full recovery." **Barbara Gesen Trulson** reports she was with **Katharine "Kay" Tyler Drolet** the last week before Kay passed away. Barbara keeps very busy in her retirement home. She has found many old friends, plays bridge, pool, and ping pong, but says her favorite time is in the art room. She has been in several art shows, and says it's a lot like living on a cruise ship except without the water.

## 1952

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Our 60th Reunion: On Friday **Elizabeth "Betty" Carlson Salomon** and I arrived at my cousin-in-law Claire's house in Elkins for the weekend. The 3 of us joined the Saturday morning campus tour at Colgate led by **Lauren Broderick '13**, a CSC senior who was fun and informa-

tive. The tour ended at the Sawyer Fine Arts Center, where we met up with the rest of our class staying at Twin Lake Villa: **Polly Heath Kidder, Nancy "Shum" Shumway Adams, Joanne "Judy" Fowle Hinds, Noel Henriques Brakenhoff, Sarah "Sae" Bond Gilson, Mary Anne "M.A." Lutz Mackin, Ingrid Mellgren Davidge, Gordon McAllen Baker '53, Sylvia "Dickie" Cookman Hnat** and her sister Molly Barrow, **Joanie Rablin Keppler** and **Joan Salmon Nesbit**—just in time for President Galligan's enthusiastic speech on "The State of CSC." After the speech we all headed to TLV with the bagged lunches CSC donated for a relaxed, pleasant time together: seeing old pictures sent by **Sally "Itchie" Hueston Day**; looking through the lovely "memory folders" **Mary Jane "Fritzie" Fritzingher Moeller** prepared for each of us; and reading letters from **Polly Black Koerner**. Also, we listened to **Joanie Rablin Keppler's** story about her trip to CSC; heard **Sae Bond Gilson** tell

I have been dealing with the after-effects of Hurricane Sandy... We had three feet of water in the garage.

**Marguerite "Maha" Cline Almy '51**



# Last September I enjoyed a trip to Finland and down the Norwegian Coast to Bergen and Oslo.

Joanne Ripley Spencer '54

about the dog show at her retirement community where her pug won a prize for the shortest ears; saw that **Joan Salmon Nesbit** looks—and is—just the same as ever. We enjoyed the company of **M.A. Lutz Mackin**, **Gordon McAllen Baker**, **Dickie Cookman Hnat** and **Ingrid Mellgren Davidge**, who some of us haven't seen since graduation, and discovered that the late husbands of **Betty Carlson Salomon** and Dickie's sister Molly Barrow were in the same class ('49) at the Naval Academy. We also discovered that the Cookman family has a history in Ocean Grove, NJ, where Betty lives. Later, **Polly Heath Kidder**, Betty and I went to tea at the President's house. While Polly talked to Mrs. Galligan, who plays tennis with her daughter, Betty and I spotted **Shirley Holmes Dunlap '47**, older sister of **Janet Holmes Thompson**. Our delightful Reunion ended Sunday morning with coffee at TLV. Two weeks later, Hurricane Sandy visited Betty's house and a big

wave filled her entire cellar. **Margaret "Marny" Scruton Green**, who sadly lost her husband, Brem, this past summer, drove solo from Ontario, Canada, to Longboat Key, FL, where she has spent many winters, to see old friends and play some golf, then went to Hinsdale, IL, to visit her 3rd son and family before returning home. **Kristine "Kris" Eldridge Osborn** and husband of 54 years, Oz, are living in Coeur d'Alene, ID, with both children and 6 grandchildren nearby. **Nancy Garland Menchetti** writes from Phoenix that her family had an open house for her 80th, including all 5 great-grandchildren and many friends. **Nat Clarke Jones** was disappointed to miss Reunion due to back surgery that didn't heal fast enough. **Nancy Angell Turnage** cooks 2 turkeys every Thanksgiving: one for a church charity and another for her family. **Janet Holmes Thompson** and Kenn are living quietly and their greatest joys are their 4 children and 11 grandchildren. The

youngest are 3-year-old identical twins. Everyone lives nearby except one granddaughter teaching in France. Because Kenn is a 4-year survivor of a very serious illness, the family keeps giving him goals and so far, he has danced at his granddaughter's wedding in May 2011 and celebrated his son's birthday on 11/11/11, his 85th in Sept. 2012, and Janet's 80th on 12/12/12, and looks forward to their 60th wedding anniversary on 6/27/13. I'll end with kudos to our Reunion committee: Shum, Noel, Sae and Nat!

## 1953

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As I looked at the Mountain Day 1954 cover on the last CSC issue, I remembered our 2 class trips up the mountain side of Mt. Kearsarge. We had graduated the previous May when the cover picture was taken, but the smiles, hair and clothes style reflected back as special days for us. **Sue McMahon Fuller** of Rochester, NY, writes, "We winter in Sun Lakes, AZ. We have friends living in New London, NH, that we visit each summer, so I am familiar with all the school improvements since graduation in 1954." **Liz Margeson Harrison** in Rochester, MN, fell and broke her knee and was out of commission for 3 summer months. Her granddaughter lives on Long Island and was without electricity for several weeks, but no flood damage by Hurricane Sandy. She and her family went to MN for a time. Liz was looking forward to a move into a retirement community in the area.

**Emmy Spencer Breough** also needed to downsize from a large house and found a manufactured home community with lodge, pool and tennis court in their home town of Traverse City, MI. Emmy and Neal spent a week in Stanwood, MI, relaxing and playing tennis, followed by trip to MA and CT to attend her 60th high

school reunion. While there she stayed with her college roommate, **Joanne Ripley Spencer**. Neal had a slight stroke that affected his left side slightly, and was kept in the hospital for 24 hrs. Tobey and **Janet Hofmann Hansen** spent another wonderful summer in Harbor Springs, MI. **Joanne Ripley Spencer** in Rochester, NY, writes, "In 2011 I experienced some significant health issues but with the incredible support from friends and family, I am now back in the same house, enjoying the yard and neighbors, along with gardening, volunteer work with the Red Cross and a regional theatre. The family includes 6 grandchildren: 4 in college, one who graduated and is working in Boston and one senior in high school. In May 2012, I enjoyed my 60th high school reunion in Boston. Last Sept. I enjoyed a trip to Finland and down the Norwegian Coast to Bergen and Oslo." **Helen Johnson Sargent** and Dick continue to divide their time between ME and SC. Their travel highlight in 2012 was a trip to the Pacific Northwest, including Portland, Seattle, Glacier National Park, Columbia River to Astoria, and along the Pacific coast. In 2013 their plans include New Orleans and a theatre trip to London to celebrate

Dick's 80th birthday. They also enjoyed mini-reunions with **Nancy Paige Parker** and **Carol Nelson Reid**, and look forward to hearing about the 60th Reunion plans for 2014. **Harriet Johnson Toadvine** moved from Baltimore and their beach house in Naples to a new place in Naples, FL. They'll still go to Cape Cod in the summer. **Ann Rosenbach Scott** writes, "One of our grandchildren goes to the New London school system. She is in 2nd grade. It seems strange to pass the college when I occasionally get to pick her up." Ann is still working 2 days a week at a local furniture store but plans to retire in 2013 after 17 years. They've given up skiing, but planned to head for FL in Mar., then on a 2-week cruise to the Caribbean. **Nancy Sellers Mion '55 MT** had a wonderful year with the birth of their 12th grandchild, Nathaniel, born in Beijing, China last July. They enjoyed a visit there with their son Cordine and grandson, Christopher, who is 3 yrs. old. **Joan Potter Palatine**, of Glastonbury, CT, sees **Jackie London Govin** and **Mary Lou Schneider Crowell** and talks to **Hope Lewin**. **Frannie Pryor Haws** and Bob are doing fine in HI. They have 6 great-grandchildren, all with Hawaiian, Chinese, Irish and a few other races mixed in. Frannie volun-

teers at the Castle Medical Center. She writes, "If you are a volunteer and break a hip, like I did, you get treated like a queen." Her golf handicap has gone up a bit from the fracture but she's determined to bring it down. She still hears from **Margot Thompson**. Margot's 2nd hip surgery went well, so she can continue with all her old activities except skiing. She had a great trip to the Dalmatia Coast last fall, which included visiting Croatia, Montenegro, Albania and Greece. **Barb Brown Bateman** moved to The Villages a few years ago after living in Naples, FL, for over 15 years and traveling back and forth to RI every summer. Al has become very active, playing golf, enjoying a water exercise program, and playing cribbage and Hi Lo Jack. Barb's 1st love is genealogy and there they have an excellent organization with great speakers and many special interest groups. Barb facilitates a British special interest group. She's a registrar for DAR, plays golf once a week, and belongs to a book club. She and Al attend the RI Club every month and also a URI Alumni Chapter, which Al leads. They've been lucky to have family reunions in RI each year attended by their son from CA, daughter from AZ, and 2 daughters in RI. They also have 1

grandchild, Luke, who is 9. **Janet Rich Nixon** has 3 of her 7 children and all the grandchildren living in her town of New Boston. Her son David lives out West, where she traveled and enjoyed a great 5-day visit in MT. Jim and I, **Jo-Anne Greene Cobban**, graduated from the same high school, so we organized a small group to celebrate our 60th high school reunion in the summer of 2012. We also enjoyed a change of pace by sight-seeing around New England in the springtime and taking a leisurely Amish countryside tour in Lancaster County, PA, plus Philadelphia in the fall.

## 1955

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Greetings from the Northeast Kingdom of VT. If any of you are in the Hancock, NH, area, do stop at the Hancock Inn, the oldest continuously operating inn in NH. **Bobbie Jerauld Coffin** and her husband owned and ran the Inn for the past 15 years, and just recently turned ownership over to one of their sons. Bobbie and her husband moved to Rivermead, a retirement community in Peterborough, NH. Bobbie asks

if anyone has heard from **Carolyn “Kitsy” Babcock Barber**. If so, please let her (or me) know. Another NH resident, **Stephanie Brown Reininger**, is busy teaching a watercolor class for the Institute for Lifelong Education at Dartmouth. Across the CT River, in the Upper Valley, **Carole “Chris” Binney Haehnel** has her house up for sale and has moved into a senior complex in White River Junction. She is trying to figure out how she can have 4 great-grandchildren, when she herself is only 25! **Chris Huckel Kinnamon** and her husband in NJ survived Hurricane Sandy. They were without power for 5 days. They recently moved to Flemington, NJ. When she wrote, she was busy practicing for the Christmas concert put on by the Hunterdon Chorale. She is doing very well after a hip replacement last Mar. **Barbara Frostholtm Vreeland** has been busy traveling, visiting friends in TX, CA, OH and SC. Even with all this travel, they managed to find time to move to their new home in Montville, NJ! **Carol Myers Ditmore** is fine now after having a bleeding ulcer in Aug. So glad that she is recovered and could enjoy her planned trip to St. Croix! I look forward to hearing from you all in the next several months.

Please keep those notes coming!

## 1956

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**Sarah Rudy Terhune** was in New London during Fall Festival when the college celebrated its 175th birthday. The ceremony was held on the town green and was very well done. In June the CSC Lunch Bunch gathered at their favorite seaside restaurant in Harpswell, ME, with **Beth Bryant Camp '92** (from the Advancement staff) for our annual gathering. We hope to get President Galligan here soon to speak to the growing number of alums in this area. Kudos to **Sue Turtle Millard**, who was awarded the Distinguished Alumni Service Award at last year's graduation. In 1923, Sue's grandfather founded Turtle & Hughes, an electrical distribution company. In 2008, Sue became chair of the Board of Directors. She was honored for her extraordinary achievements, deep commitment to women in business, and her generous philanthropy. In early June a luncheon was held in OH for Tom Galligan and CSC alums at the Governor's Residence. The event was hosted by First

Lady Karen Waldbillig Kasich in memory of her mom **Leslie Moore Waldbillig '50**. The class was represented by **Sibyl Sutton Strickland**. The last *Colby-Sawyer Magazine* brought back wonderful memories of Mountain Days to **Elizabeth “Betty” Coleman Lincoln**. Ed and I, **Nancy Hoyt Langbein**, took a great Colby-Sawyer 4-day trip to Montreal. There were 8 alums, several people from the community, Beth Cahill and Assoc. Professor of Fine and Performing Arts Bert Yarborough. The group went to several art museums, with Bert giving wonderful insights of the works we saw. I would like to give a heartfelt thanks to all who gave to our 4K Challenge. A huge thanks to the annual giving staff for their tireless efforts up to the last minute to make it a success.

## 1957

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**Elaine Mecca Madden** writes, “Am having a ball as an actor in 3 performances that will be presented by my ‘Acting toward Performance’ class at the OLLI (Osher

Lifelong Living Institute, UMASS, Boston) Facilitator Appreciation Party in Jan. And, I continue my 2nd year as president of Top of the Hill Gang, a 450 member all New England ski and sports club. Retirement is wonderful!” **Carlene Johnson Thompson's** husband of 45 years passed away in 2003, and in 2006 she married Jim Thompson, a retired Colonel in the US Army Reserves. Between them, they have 4 children, 13 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Carlene and Jim live in Clermont, FL, in an over-55 golf community. They enjoy traveling, and were going to Costa Rica in Jan. and to Nova Scotia and PEI in Jul. **Diane Shugrue Gallagher** has self-published her very first book, and she says “it's selling like hot cakes.” *Lure of Service* is about her time in the Peace Corps from 1990-1992 as a 53 year old. Diane served in The Republic of Cape Verde, West Africa, where she “learned Portuguese, fell in love twice, once with a sweet 2 year old who I brought to the states 2 years after I left for adoption in response to his dying mother's wishes, and a Cape Verdean man who was just amazing.” She says she learned more than she taught. While in Cape Verde, Diane started a woman's sewing association, taught AIDS lectures,



established a children's library, and taught business English to employees at Shell Oil so they could get an increase in their paltry salary. She is now a board member of The Cape Verde Children's Coalition and is fund raising for a home for orphans who live in the town where she worked. Diane was going back to Cape Verde in Feb. to "paint and polish and then cut the ribbon for 17 boys and 10 little girls who deserve a safe harbor." She attended our 55th reunion at Colby-Sawyer in Oct. with 6 of our classmates and says she signed lots of books. Her first printing of 150 sold out in 2 months, so now she is doing a bigger printing. If anyone is interested in purchasing a copy, contact Diane at (617) 353-3696 (office) or (617) 738-1012 (home). **Nancy Bailey Smith** writes "I didn't make our Reunion this year so I'm hoping those who attended will tell us all about it. Really hated to miss it, but sometimes we just can't do it all." **Mimi Barclay Johnson** is having a lot of fun as founder of French Creek Art Colony, which had its first group show last Oct-Nov and was heralded as the best show ever at Beaumont. Their next show is scheduled for Apr. 11 – May 16 at Jenkins Arboretum in Devon, PA. Mimi notes, "Most of my winter work will be inside

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Elizabeth "Betty" Coleman Lincoln '56

the warm studio, but we plain air painters will go out in snow and fog and other exciting conditions. The secret to painting in the cold is to fold up an old oriental rug and put it under your feet—keeps cold out for hours!" **Robin McDougal** reports, "**Diane Shugrue Gallagher** rented a van and safely piloted it and us to New London for the 175th Anniversary of Colby. We had a very jolly time...laughed a lot, ate good food, and enjoyed seeing all the new buildings on campus. We stayed at Maple Hill Farm B&B where we enjoyed fabulous blueberry pancakes for breakfast each morning. We attended **Adelaide "Happy" Anthony Griffiths'** presentation on natural remedies, and of course we all bought a jar of her all-purpose salve. Our group included **Elaine McKenzie Kutrosky, Suzanne VanderVeer, Metza "Kim" Yaksha Whiteley, Emily Barry Lovering, Elizabeth Grayson Deal, Diane Shugrue Gallagher** and me. We wish more of our class had joined us for a

great fall weekend!" I, **Jill Booth Macdonell**, started a 2-year term as co-president of Clipped Wings, United Airlines Stewardess Alumnae and Flight attendants, Inc. of Sacramento. We have 45 members, meet for a luncheon once a month and have a couple of charities. I've never been a president of anything before, but said, "Why not?" I like the challenge of learning something new, particularly at age 76. I talk with **Janice Eaton Atkins** regularly and they are reconstructing part of their house that cracked from the San Antonio drought this past year.

### 1958

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**Carole Hamell Wenthen** and Fred celebrated their 50th anniversary in June with a cruise to HI. In Sept. their daughter, Cathy, was married in Cazenovia, NY, with friends and lots of musicians—her husband, John Cadley, is a singer-songwriter of bluegrass music. They put their 1st CD out as a duo called The Cadleys. **True Nichols** is living in the family home in East Orleans, MA, and retired as of Feb 2012 after spending 39 years as a pension analyst for large companies. Two of her kids live in Rye, NH, and Norwell, MA, and the 3rd lives in FL. Congratulations are in order for **Mary Cummins Wilson**, who in Sept. was given a plaque for Outstanding Studio Teacher of Violin for 2011-12 by the WV String Teachers Association! **Barb**



**Colby-Sawyer Flashback:** Can you identify these members of *The Monotones*? If so, please contact College Archivist Kelli Bogan at [kbogan@colby-sawyer.edu](mailto:kbogan@colby-sawyer.edu) or (603) 526-3360.

**Mitchell Ellis** and Dave are official snowbirds for 6 months of the year in Patagonia, AZ, where they enjoy life in a diversified community. **Sally Trussel White** attended the 1st annual scholar/donor luncheon at CSC in Sept. Sally's daughter, **Susan Blair '88**, was killed in the World Trade Center, and a memorial scholarship fund has been set up in her honor. The young woman who received Sue's scholarship this year is in the child development program with a psychology minor. She is a resident assistant and involved in the child development majors club. Sally served on the board of the MA 9/11 Fund for 2 years and now serves on the Family Advisory Committee. Daughter **Leslie Blair '83** also attended CSC. **Judy Christie Anderson** and

husband live in a retirement community in Mystic, CT. Roomie **Shirley Noakes** visited them in Stonington, ME, where they have a summer home, and **Bette Silven Alsbrook** had lunch in Mystic. Life is good with 3 grandchildren. **Priscilla Tufts Bartle** and Dick are still living in Andover, MA, in the same place after 46 years. They have 6 grandchildren between the ages of 11 and 17 living in PA and MA. She attended her 55th high school reunion in Falmouth, MA. She talks to **Marilyn Winn Goodwin** and **Suzy Parris Ten Broeck**. Thanks to all who answered the call for news—please won't the rest of you do the same!

## 1960

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**Marianne Harvey Olsen** and her husband, Fred, live in Greenwich, CT, and have a place in Groton, VT. I hope she's heard from **Andrea Woronka Enos**. **Charlotte Heyl McLaughlin** wrote of a "girls" vacation she had with her roommate **Julie Dornemann Steck** last Apr. They spent time in Amelia Island while Charlotte's husband, George, went to South Africa with Princeton classmates. Charlotte visited the campus and was amazed by the growth, but also impressed that the New England charm has been maintained. I told her that **Barb Swanson Smith** lived not far from New London. Charlotte is thinking about finding a part-time place in the area. **Sharley Janes Bryce's** whole family was together for Thanksgiving in Seattle. She attended a writing retreat in MT in Sept. and is now working on a memoir of her high school years. Sharley and her husband, Graham, spend summers in OR and winters in Tucson, where they enjoy tennis, golf and sunshine. They were married 46 years ago in Dec. **Elizabeth Abel Lane** went on the alumni trip to Montreal with a focus on art. She and her husband, Barton, took a pre-trip to Quebec City. This is the

2nd trip they have taken with the alumni, the 1st being to Los Angeles to the LA County Museum of Art and the Getty. They planned to travel more once her husband retires from neuroradiology in Apr. Elizabeth still practices part time as a dermatologist, with a special interest in psoriasis. She has 4 grandchildren: Nadia, 2, Aidan, 5, Delaney, 5, and Charlotte, 7. Nadia and Aiden live close by, while Delaney and Charlotte live outside of Baltimore. **Ellie Tomlinson's** 2 years at CJC gave her the confidence to go on to a 4-year college, where she graduated with a BA degree. She lives in Marblehead, MA, where she enjoys the company of her 4 cats and English Cream Golden Retriever pup, Lily, who takes her walking to new areas, meeting new people and dogs. She takes heart in the knowledge that she and Lily will be 85 in the same year. **Brenda Buckalew Lorch** is enjoying retirement with her husband, Barry. They spend their winters in Longboat, FL, to avoid the winters in Clifton Park, NY. They have taken many trips to China, Germany, Austria, Japan, Spain, Portugal, Switzerland, Croatia, and most recently Ireland. They have 4 children and 9 grandchildren, who all get together at their home in the

Catskills during the summer. **Susan Porter Saunders** and her husband, Bruce, went from South Casco, ME, to Carson City, NV, for Sept. through Apr. Their daughter lives there and can ski at any of the 4 large areas about one hour away. They also play golf, as they're in the "high desert" where snow melts quickly. They return to ME for the summers, where she sees her grandchildren. **Nancy Lucas Sheridan** and her husband, Jim, still live in Fairview, TX, in an active adult community called Heritage Ranch. They, too, love to travel to avoid the summer heat. They have gone to HI, AK and Bronson, MO, and planned to cruise to the Caribbean in Feb. Nancy and Jim are finishing up a 2-year stint on their local travel club board. She has learned how to play mah jongg and plays Mexican Train and cards with friends. They are enjoying retirement! **Susie Frank Hilton** and her husband, Dick, returned from a fabulous trip to Ireland. They saw lots of forts, cathedrals, gaols, cemeteries and pubs. She and Dick live in Naples, FL. **Gale Hartung Baldwin** has sold her home in Darien, CT, and is spending time at her cottage on Nantucket. I saw **Susie McKenzie** while in NYC for a niece's wedding. She's very busy with her church and their

meals' program. She travels to France for vacation and is a big NY Giants fan. **Hannah "Haydi" Caldwell Sowerwine** writes, "I arrived in Kathmandu at the end of Nov., and am visiting for the 1st time since we moved back to CA in 2005 after living here for nearly 14 years. My husband, David, and I had 14 volunteer students working in our garage all summer on 6 prototypes of an AV tool for the developing world. Called Looma, it's a portable projection system that uses a wand or keyboard and mouse to navigate the screen. It has government textbooks and other educational content pre-loaded onto the device, and the ability for teachers to add other materials. We are working closely with United Mission to Nepal, you can find out more at our website: [villagetechnosolutions.org/Education.html](http://villagetechnosolutions.org/Education.html). We are both thankful to be in good health. We have 12 grandchildren between 4 and 22...some but not all are in the Bay Area." As for me, **Patty Canby Colhoun**, I spent 10 weeks in France while my daughter, Ann, had back surgery, was changing jobs, and was moving. I saw my son, CB, in Denver at Thanksgiving, and Annie came for Christmas. I will be taking a trip with my sister to Cabo San Lucas in Feb. and then plan to stay

in The Villages until I return to ME for the summer. I am always looking for news. I've had classmates get in touch with each other as a result of this column, so email me and I'll try to connect you.

## 1961

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After wild hurricane Sandy in late Oct., our area is back in one piece. Even CSC was closed for a couple of days. Hope all of you weathered the storm! **Elizabeth "Tizzie" Grove Schweizer** has moved from Ithaca, NY, to East Greenwich, RI. She enjoys being near her son, Ted, who resides in the area. Sadly, Tizzie lost her husband, Fred, last Mar. **Prue Jensen Heard** and her husband, Peter, spent the holiday at home with friends and family. The Heards live in the home where Prue grew up, in Yarmouth, ME. **Susan Heath Bint** and her husband, Brian, are quite the travelers: In 2012 they had 2 trips to England and 1 to CA, and of course wintered in FL. Please feel free to drop me a line, or email me with your news.

Would love to hear from you!

## 1962

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Over 40 of your classmates enjoyed a wonderful 50th Reunion weekend in New London this past Oct., reconnecting, reminiscing and enjoying one another's company. I would highly recommend attending our 55th, so put a heads-up on your calendars for 2017. **Jane Howe Trainor** and Bob have been living in Bluffton, SC, for the past 6 years and love the weather and the Hilton Head area. Golf, volunteering, gardening and traveling keep them busy. One of their grandsons is at Savannah College of Art and Design, so they get to see him a lot. After Colby, **Ellen Gessner Clowes** enrolled in the Roosevelt Hospital School of Nursing and graduated in 1964 as a registered nurse. She worked at Roosevelt until 1968, when she married Michael, an Australian journalist who had been sent to NYC as a foreign correspondent. In late 1968 they moved to Sydney, where she found work as a home nurse, and in 1970 they moved back



to NYC. She returned to Roosevelt while Michael completed an MBA at Columbia U. In 1973, Michael joined Crain Communications in NYC, and in a 33-year career started and edited 2 successful financial publications. Also in 1973 they moved to Huntington, Long Island, where they raised their 3 children: John Paul, who is 40 and a director in the news department of WBNS Channel 10 in Columbus, OH; Molly, 38, who is a customer relations supervisor at Restoration Hardware in West Jefferson, OH; and Jeffrey, 26, who is a financial controller with Orkla, a top Norwegian company in Oslo. Upon retirement, Ellen and Michael moved to Westerville, OH, where they're involved with the choirs of the Church of the Messiah. Ellen has also been taking jazz piano lessons. They enjoy the theater and take advantage on the great productions by Otterbein University's theater department. **Karen Loder Davis** has been "sort of" retired since 2007, working as a companion to the elderly for Comfort Keepers whenever she's visiting her daughters (Pam, 46, and Lisa, 44) in VA long enough to be put on the schedule. When not in VA, she's either with her brother in Brewster, MA, or traveling/visiting. Latest trips have been to FL,

## David and I had 14 volunteer students working in our garage all summer on six prototypes of an AV tool for the developing world.

Hannah "Haydi" Caldwell Sowerwine '60

France, Canada and Cuba. Plans for 2013 include trips to Ireland, Mexico and Mongolia. She works hard to keep her body and mind in working order and is becoming less technologically challenged. After retiring from several careers that paid the bills, **Juditha Johnson Dowd** now has much more time to pursue a lifetime love of writing poetry and fiction. About 100 of her poems and stories have appeared in literary journals and magazines; her 3rd poetry collection was published this past summer. She also performs every month or so with an ensemble of female poets in the NY-Philly area and occasionally on the West Coast. She and her husband, Jim, celebrated their 25th anniversary in Nov. 2011. They raised 5 daughters and are now enjoying 6 grandkids, 3 of whom only live a mile away. She walks daily and does Pilates and yoga, and Jim runs marathons. They have grown their own produce

for decades and love to cook. Every year or so they rent a place in another country. Judy's main volunteer activity is serving as a Trustee for a preserved former church built in 1819 and owned by their town, where they run a fall concert series and a history-focused essay contest for middle schoolers. This has been one of Judy's happiest decades. **Connie Earl** is retired after 2 long-time jobs with Six Flags and Ernst & Young. She has lived in Fort Worth, TX, for 42 years and loves it. Connie keeps busy with quilting and Department 56 collecting, and won a national award for one of her collections. **Lynn Dysart Elwell** was a legal secretary for 10 years in Palm Beach, FL, and then was a floral shop owner in West Palm Beach. She now lives with her husband, Bruce, in San Francisco, where she received her undergraduate and master's degrees in counseling at the U of SF. Lynn volunteers at the Institute on Aging on the

Friendship Line counseling panel via telephone to worthy senior citizens. She has 3 children and 6 grandchildren ages 8 to 18. She and Bruce travel by sailboat to various countries in Europe using Kalos Golf cruises. **Sara Crane Foss** has 2 adult children: Chip, a railroad engineer in NM, and Melissa, a corporate executive in MA. Sara's been married to her 2nd husband, George, for 23 years, and they now divide their time between northern NH and Amelia Island, FL. In the 1980s she became a certified tennis teaching professional, still occasionally teaches, and now plays 3 to 4 times a week for fun. In the 1990s she returned to college and earned her BS in social work (she was 50!) and worked in that field for a few years. Sara enjoys oil painting, has shown in some small galleries, and often participates in various studio workshops to continue learning. After graduating from Colby, **Sheila King Yanoff** attend-

ed the Boston Conservatory of Music as a dance major for 1 semester. Quickly realizing that she was not sufficiently athletic to be a dancer, she dropped out and began working at office jobs in Boston, doing artwork at night as a hobby. She briefly married an artist, was divorced in 1968 and took back her maiden name in 1978. In 1972 Sheila enrolled in the MA College of Art in Boston, majoring in painting, and graduated with honors with a BFA in 1974. Since then she's been painting pretty much every day and has shown and sold widely. **Beverly Brookfield Kinraide** has been married for 47 years to Tom and has 2 daughters who have produced 4 grandchildren, ages 8 months to 13 years. Beverly received her bachelor's at Boston U in 1967 and her master's in Environmental Theology/ Science in 1997. She became an ordained Unitarian Universalist minister in 1992. During her post-Colby life she taught in Japan in 1963 and in MT from 1967-1971, founded GASP (Gals Against Smog and Pollution), was a senior scout leader, was an editor for the Department of Forestry in CO from 1971-1978, and ran a daycare center for 12 children. She was in VT from 1978 to 1981, where she was a WIC conference

## Telling Stories that Teach

Jane Kerr Stenson '61

*Once upon a time, in the woods of Connecticut, there lived a girl named Jane.*

That seems an appropriate way to begin the story of Jane Kerr Stenson '61, a longtime children's educator who has made a career of using stories to teach both children and adults.

Originally interested in studying math at Colby-Sawyer, Stenson instead majored in Humanities. After graduation she moved to the Midwest and became a high school teacher. In the mid-1980s she took a position with the National College of Education (NCE) at National Louis University, simultaneously teaching young children at the university's demonstration school.

Around this time, Stenson became interested in the relationship between storytelling and education. "I began to recognize that there were people in the world who were storytellers for a living," she says, "and I just kind of moved in that direction."

She discovered the National Storytelling Network, a non-profit dedicated to the art of storytelling, and traveled to conferences and concerts. She began to synthesize storytelling and teaching, seeing that they could be used together for the benefit of children's learning. "It's always been about the kids," she points out.

Always comfortable in front of a classroom, Stenson gradually learned how to stand on stage and tell a story. She took on a leadership role in the Youth, Educators and Storytellers Alliance, a special



*Jane Kerr Stenson is a gifted teacher and storyteller.*

interest group of the National Storytelling Network, and began to offer professional development workshops for teachers in addition to workshops for children. She has coauthored three books on the application of storytelling to the education process.

Retired from the classroom since 2010 and living in Evanston, Ill., Stenson continues to share stories with adults and children alike, imparting her wisdom to novice storytellers of all ages. Last summer, Jane and her husband celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary. With three grown sons, and three grandchildren, her family provides plenty of eager listeners for her stories.

— Mike Gregory

*Learn more at [www.janestenson.com](http://www.janestenson.com)*

organizer, and was involved in scouts and in clinical pastoral education. Then she lived in WV from 1981 to 2011, where she was co-founder of FOE (Friends of Education), involved in scouts, ran a UU ministry, was a member of KLOUT (Keep Litter Out of WV) and was a member of a blue ribbon commission on education and environmental concerns. Tom and Beverly moved back to MA in 2011 and designed and built a LEED-certified retirement home, where they're enjoying grandparenthood and she is trying to survive cancer. As for yours truly, I spent most of the summer and this fall fighting my 4th bout with lung cancer, going through surgery, radiation therapy, and chemotherapy. So far, so good, and I'm back on the golf course! I was in total shock at Reunion to receive the 2012 Alumni Service Award from the college. I have an entire Class of '62 Reunion Memory Book to share with you, but I will save more of it for our next alumni issue. Until then, stay well and have fun.

## 1963

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2012 was better than last year for me, **Donna Dederick Ward**. I'm free of cancer so far, but aging has presented new and different problems. My husband, Cliff, still working at 70, fell into an improperly covered manhole on the job and broke his foot. He's still limping after 9 months and will require more surgery. Folks call him "Chester" after the character on Gunsmoke. We're in Naples, FL, for the winter after a difficult season running our B&B, Meadowood Farm, by myself. This coming season should be better as Cliff will be there to help. My 1963 classmates are hoping to attend our 50th Reunion in Oct. 2013. **Martha Herndon Williamson** heard from the alumni office that our 50th Reunion will be Oct. 4-6. She writes, "My roommate, **Pam Rich Marston**, and I are planning to go and I hope other good friends can be motivated to do the same." Martha spent the last year learning hip hop dancing and researching/lecturing. She and Jim celebrated 35 years of marriage. **Elizabeth "Betsy" Smith Budelman** writes from Brentwood, NH, that **Marion Ahbe Lord** and her husband, Hardie, visited for 3 days in Oct. Marion and Hardie had traveled all the way from NC for a Miata rally in MA. **Judy Bowerman**

**Condon's** 25th book was published last year on country decorating, antiques and gardening. Judy and her husband, Jeff, recently returned to their roots in New England and restored a 200-year-old home after living in VA for 9 years. During the winter months, they live in St. Maarten on the Dutch side. They are fortunate to have a rich and full life with 5 children and 5 grandchildren. **Pam Rich Marston** retired in 2009 from teaching middle school math and computers in a small K-8 school. She's been active in garden club, Harvard Historical Commission, church choir and a competitive tennis team. Pam enjoys playing golf, horseback riding and skiing. Most of all she enjoys being with her 2 granddaughters. They had a girls' trip to Disney last spring where she just missed seeing **Martha Herndon Williamson**. Last Nov. **Joanie Gibney Whittaker** and her husband moved from NH to CT to be closer to daughter Sue, son Rob and their families. They continue to enjoy Tucson for about 5 months of the year and Ocean Park, ME, in the summer. **Sandy Newbert Fitts** is back in Sarasota and back to golf after a summer of working on the big move from condo to house in Wolfeboro, NH.

"Our 50th is fast approaching!" she writes. "**Marilyn 'Mimi' Zimmerman Hoff** is pressuring me to go, as is **Virginia 'Jill' Osterland Prescott.**" After graduating from Colby, **Sue Swaney Sharkey** earned her BA, married Tim Sharkey, and earned her MA in education. She returned to teaching high school math and retired in 2002, then eased into retirement by being a math coach for her school district. They have 2 sons and 3 grandchildren. Her family has a cottage on Otter Pond, just down the road from New London. **Debby Lazoff Morgan** writes, "Life is good for me; great kids, grandkids and great-grandkids. Unfortunately, most of them live out West so we don't get to see them often." **Lee Hobson Crawford** spends summers in Grafton, VT. **Martha Wardner Black** is looking forward to our 50th and renewing old friendships. She currently lives in Putney, VT, and works at The Putney School in Health Services. She writes, "I am divorced, but have 2 children and 2 grandsons who have boundless energy and provide much joy. I am in close touch with **Virginia Swain** and we share special memories of Colbytown." **Lee Montgomery** has been out of the country and was not able to get her news to us in time for the newsletter.



**Cheryl Gemberling Kozloff** and her husband, Chick, spend the winter in Hobe Sound, FL, and the summer in Portland, OR, where their daughter and her family live. **Tora Aasland** writes, “After 8 years as member of the Norwegian Parliament, in 1993 I was appointed to be a Governor in Rogaland County—the region surrounding Stavanger on the southwest coast of Norway. In 2007, I was asked to be a member of our Cabinet, and I stayed in Oslo for 5 years. I was the minister of research and higher education. Returning to my Governor position in Apr. this year, I thought I should retire in Nov., passing 70 years of age, but the Ministry has asked me to continue one more year. So now I am busy in my job as a Governor for a county of 480,000 inhabitants, 26 municipalities and a lot of activities. I live on a farm outside Stavanger, and my 3 sons have given me 7 wonderful grandchildren. I have been to the US several times during my position as a minister, and I have participated in organizing the Trans-Atlantic Science Week in different places in US and Canada over the last years.” **Bonne Doron** is still working full time as professor of English composition, literature and speech communication at Des Moines Area

Community College; she moved there in 1994 while finishing her PhD in rhetoric. Bonne hopes to finally semi-retire in May, volunteer, and get her own creative writing published. She’s an animal advocate and a lover of camping with her RV and dog. **Marilyn “Mimi” Zimmerman Hoff** saw **Sandy Newbert Fitts** recently, and they’re going to try to make the Reunion in Oct. 2013. She says, “My husband, Les, and I live in Palm City, FL. We both work part time and live on a golf course, and travel to CA to see our daughter and grandsons as much as we can. I was diagnosed with breast cancer in Feb. 2010 and after the lumpectomy and radiation I hope to be a survivor.” Way to go, Mimi. I’ve had only 20 months since my lumpectomy and want to be a survivor, too! **Virginia “Jill” Osterland Prescott** says that having survived 2 Halloween storms in 2 years, she and her husband, Ed, are feeling very fortunate. See you at the Reunion.

## 1964

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Thank you to **Leslie “Lee” Norris Gray**, who was our class correspondent for 6 years. She did a wonderful job; I just hope I can do as well. But I will need information from all of you. Please email or call me to let me know what you are doing, or plan to do in the future. In June I, **Kathy Conathan Reardon**, went to my 50th prep school reunion with **Sarah Caldwell Anderson**. We had a great time and ran into **Elizabeth “Bitsy” Frazier Connolly** and **Ann “Demi” Grynkrout Fothergill**. They went to our sister school, along with **Barrie Off Bergener**, who also was at the reunion, but we missed

seeing her. We had a great time catching up, and found Bitsy lives near me in Villanova, and Demi near Sarah in Marblehead. Sarah had a wonderful opportunity this past year to go to Patagonia, Chile and Argentina. She has twin granddaughters living in Houston. **Suzanne Rauffenbart Santry** is living in NYC with her husband, David. She’s a trustee for the Institute of Classical Architecture and Art, a nonprofit national organization dedicated to advancing classical architecture, urbanism and their allied arts. She’s also a trustee for the Hunter College Foundation, actively promoting Hunter



**Colby-Sawyer Flashback:** *The photo above ran in the last issue of the magazine. Thanks to the assistance of a number of alumni we’ve now identified those in the photo. The gals pictured, members of the Colby Junior College ski team, are (l to r) Joan Weston ’63, Cynthia Pope White ’63, Nancy Maclaurin Decaneas ’64, Becky Young Robinson ’64, and Pam Pease Behn ’64. The team’s coach was Gail Bigglestone (not pictured).*

College. Suzanne and David have travelled to some very exotic locales, including Burma and Asia. David is involved with the British Game and Wild Life Conservation Trust, involving frequent trips for them to the UK. **Hedy Ruth Gunther** and Bruce are in Kingwood, TX, living close to their daughter and her family. Hedy has twin grandchildren. She and Bruce also have a lake house, and try to spend their weekends there. Hedy plays lots of tennis and loves to garden. Their whole family went to Cozumel in Dec. for a family reunion. Her brother Peter now lives in New London, so she went back for a visit this summer. She's planning on our 50th Reunion in 2014. Also planning to go to Reunion is **Ann Franklin Ewig**. She had a reception for Colby at her home in NJ this past Oct. **Alyce Cushing Stick** and her husband came from Gladwyne, PA. Ann and Tom try to get to their home in ME often. Ann travels with her chickens when she goes for the summer. **Pam Materne Shirley** and Bob spend the winter in HI. They went to Italy with friends for Bob's birthday this year. I'm friends with **Diana Tripp** on Facebook. She is an accomplished artist living in Boulder, CO: Please visit her website [DianaTripp.com](http://DianaTripp.com). Jack and I are planning

on Reunion also. He retired this past July, and I guess I need an attitude adjustment. It's taken me a while to get used to having someone besides the dog in the house all day. **Amy Harper Regan's** recent trip to Africa was wonderful; they walked 104 miles in 10 days, camping along the way. They headed to Portland, OR, for Christmas and then to CO for a week.

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Well, here we are again! **Pat Maher Christodoulou** just switched careers after working in her husband's office for 15 years. She's

now a NY real estate stager, which means she "stages" places that are for sale. She would love to find out about **Joyce Wilkinson Oesch**, **Sigrid Thorne** or **Nancy Keister Wellington**. **Jan Moore Canavan** and husband Bob have been in Sonora, CA, for 22 years and are still enjoying life in the Western Sierra Nevada foothills, riding their horses in the mountains in the summer and skiing in winter. Their dog, Sadie, is in her 6th year as a certified therapy dog, visiting local care homes and participating in the Title 1 reading program at the elementary school. Jan volunteers with hospice and Sadie also occasionally visits a patient with her. Daughter Robin, her husband and children live in nearby Twain Harte. Jan and Bob take care of their 2 grandchildren (ages 3 and 1) one day a week. Robin is a speech language pathologist and contracts with local schools and hospitals. Their son, Jay, recently moved his wood shop from MT to Sonora. **Peggy Philbrick Prew** is still in New London! She was a day student, born and raised in Springfield, NH, until her family moved to New London during her junior year in high school. She graduated with us in 1967, married New London native Dale G. Prew and began working in the medical offices in New

London. She's currently working for NL Hospital in the general surgery office as a patient care coordinator. Her husband died in 2002 (sorry for your loss, Peggy), and she sold their house on Hayes Road in 2009 and bought a condo at Hilltop Place. Peggy, her dog Sally and her cat Bodhi are all doing fine at Hilltop and she's still working full time. She plays the euphonium, a baritone horn, in several area community bands as well as in a local tuba quartet, directs the hand bell choir at the First Baptist Church in New London, and has been a member of the New London Bandstand Committee! **Frances King** writes that she's "happily ensconced in the Boston U campaign to raise one billion dollars," which is the 1st university-wide campaign in BU's history. Frances is continuing with HistoryKeep, her personal history business, and has completed writing and/or editing 5 memoirs, family histories and biographies this past year. She'd love to hear from **Suzanne "Zu" Milo Kane** and **Prudence Hostetter**. Well, I *did* hear from Pru: She had been to Greece, Turkey and Australia! She went to Australia to put the family tree together, visiting relatives in Melbourne and Brisbane. The visits to Greece and Turkey were with her Bishop as they

traveled in the steps of St. Paul. Pru is still enjoying her teenage son as he struggles with high school/ Eagle Scout projects and travel volleyball. **Emily Waterman Mooney** will be retiring from teaching this coming June after 39 years. She started teaching phys. ed. and coaching field hockey and lacrosse in CO, then RI, and has finished her career in VT for the past 15 years. Six years ago she started a property maintenance/gardening business during the summer months, and is planning to add pet care. Emily has been a ski instructor for the past 18 years on weekends and vacation weeks and is hoping to do more of that on a full-time basis during the winter. **Whitney McKendree Moore** and **Ann Lincoln Mitchell** attended the recent 45th Reunion, and were “connected at the hip” to **Anne Baynes Hall**. She writes, “Hopefully we will have a great turnout for our 50th!” **Leona “Lee” Burbank Ross** is self-employed as a bookkeeper, slowly trying to retire. She and her husband, Jerry, have 5 children and 10 grandchildren, and they live in Longmeadow, MA. Lee read **Whitney McKendree Moore’s** book *Whit’s End* and could easily identify with Whit’s words as she, Lee, has been addicted to being organized most of her life.

**Allison Hosford** partnered with a friend to give workshops throughout the year on various farm-oriented skills. Husband Roger was putting a big kitchen addition onto their home. At the time of her news, they were in the midst of the Christmas tree season on their Choose & Cut Christmas Tree Plantation. Allison is still watercoloring. **Marina Gopadze** bought a house in a Lithia, VA, which is an old stopping point on the railroad. Retirement is a long ways off...and that’s fine with her! **Mrinalini “Meera” Narain Rao** and her husband, Dileep, were visiting the US from India on holiday after a gap of 10 years in Aug. – Sept. 2012. They visited Washington, DC, and San Francisco and then went to NH to visit **Sallie Macintosh**. They met in the home of Sallie’s mother, **Marcia Brown Macintosh ’41**, and spent 3 days together catching up on the news. Meera and Dileep have 2 bachelor



*Ann Lincoln Mitchell '67 and Whitney McKendree Moore '67 at Alumni Fall Festival in October.*



*Mrinalini “Meera” Narain Rao '67 (l) and Sallie Macintosh '67 (r).*

kids: daughter Malini and son Kartikeya. Malini works for a telecom company, Aircel, and Kartikeya works for himself in event management. Meera and Dileep are both retired and live in New Delhi, and anyone coming to India is most welcome to get in touch with them! As for me, **Sis Hagen Kinney**, my father died unexpectedly in early Oct., right after we’d celebrated his 90th birthday in Melbourne, FL. I’m still teaching, but have switched to 2nd grade, which I love! But I decided I should just get on with the enjoyment of retirement and leave this teaching stuff to those way younger than me! Our daughter Natalie graduated from nursing school in early May, passed her big test in July, and is now an RN working in Newport News, VA. Bobby and I are well and hope to get back up to our NC mountain cottage for hiking and kayaking this coming summer. Send us (either

me or CSC) your email address, snail mail address, Facebook name, etc. so we can remind you to come to the 50th Reunion.

## 1968

### **Class Correspondent Needed**

**Susan Ittner Rock** planned to retire in Jan. 2013 as the laboratory manager of the Arthritis Treatment Center in Frederick, MD, after having been employed there for over 21 years. She and her husband, Bob, who is already retired, hope to be able to see their sons and their families more often once she’s also retired. They spent Thanksgiving week in Paris with friends. **Cornelia “Nina” Y. de Schepper** has been living in San Francisco since 1986 after having spent some years teaching in overseas schools. She’s been a realtor since 1987, has been involved with the SF Historical Society as a founding member, and has been a chair of the SF Fall Antique Show for a number of years. In the summer, she spends time at her house in Greensboro, VT. Nina keeps in touch with **Jean “Gusty” Lange**, who lives in NYC and never sits still!



# The Time to Give Back

Ann Grinnell '71

"I grew up knowing that you had to give back," says Ann Grinnell '71. "My parents taught me that." It's a lesson that this resident of Kittery Point, Maine, has learned well. Following the devastating 2010 earthquake in Haiti, Grinnell has journeyed several times to that country, doing what she can to help the people, particularly the children, recover from this tragedy.

Originally from Cohasset, Mass., Grinnell has had an intriguing career anchored by two of her passions, swimming and photography. She has been a children's swim instructor for 47 years, while also working as a portrait photographer. During a brief retirement in the early 2000s, her sense of civic duty led to a stint in local politics as a town councilor and as a disaster relief volunteer for the American Red Cross.

Everything changed for Grinnell in January 2010. "I was out walking," she remembers, "and a friend told me about the earthquake. I said, 'I gotta go.'" Three weeks after the disaster that left more than 300,000 Haitians dead and one million homeless, she and her partner, Marge, were in the town of Léogâne, the epicenter of the quake.



*Life changed for Ann Grinnell in January 2010, when a devastating earthquake struck Haiti.*

"Marge is a nurse practitioner," Grinnell explains, "and we went with an organization and did medical work in the middle of a field." They stayed in Haiti for 10 days.

Grinnell has continued to return to Haiti with the non-profit group Partners in Development. "What I really like is that Partners in Development has a child sponsorship program," she says. Grinnell has sponsored 25 Haitian children, and after taking thousands of photographs in the beleaguered country, she exhibited them at her first solo show last April at the Seacoast African American Cultural Center in Portsmouth.

Grinnell headed back to Haiti for her fourth visit in November 2012 with 400 soccer balls to hand out. "Last year one kid got a soccer ball. He was so thankful, you would have thought you'd brought him an iPad! On this trip, we're bringing every kid a ball."

— Mike Gregory



## 1969

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Hoping your holidays were eventful and happy times with family and friends.

However, your Colby friends are sad as I have no updated news to present. Facebook tells me that **Deb Marcoux**

**Deacetis** is enjoying the sun in FL and **Susan Pomerantz** was at the Rose Parade in CA. **Sara Haskell's** Facebook page shows the weaving projects she's working on, and **Beth Constantinides**

**Meurlin** shows 3 generations of duck hunters on her page. Happy belated Birthday to **Bonnie**

**Adamski Lewis '71**—she looks so thin and beautiful! I would love to get news from any and all of you alumni to post in this column. My email is gail@michaelschool.com or you can reach me via Facebook. Signing off with love, friendship, and best wishes for the upcoming year.

## 1971

### **Ellie Goodwin Cochran**

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After Colby Jr., **Barbara S. Nieman** went on to Skidmore College to earn a degree in philosophy. She settled permanently in Saratoga Springs and got her teaching certification. She retired 3 years ago after working in the Ballston Spa School District serving as the at-risk coordinator for 30 years. Now Barbara volunteers at the Old Friends at Cabin Creek, a retirement home for thoroughbred horses. She also evaluates prospective teachers, plays golf and takes pictures. Barb and her partner, Sarah, are getting ready to celebrate their daughter's graduation and she has a great list of colleges to consider. Barb still comes to Newfound Lake in the summer. **Mary Lou Sibley Wolfe's** only child, Alex, is graduating from high school, where he's a soccer star and top student. She's a retired operating engineer and high school English teacher, and her husband, Cory, is with Boeing. After 3 joint replacements, she's ready to get back into part-time work. She sends a special hello to **Nancy Teach '70**. **Ann Grinnell** is

being featured in the *Colby-Sawyer Magazine* about her efforts in Haiti; she went in Nov. on her 4th trip since the earthquake. She's taught swimming for 47 years; you can check out her website at [www.lapss.net](http://www.lapss.net). **Mary Stewart** has been a building contractor in NC for 18 years. Stewart Builders ([www.stewart-builders.net](http://www.stewart-builders.net)) is a joint effort with her son, and they build upscale custom homes and work on commercial jobs. In her free time she's taken up competitive classical ballroom dancing. **Annie Alger Hayward** was off to meet **Annie Pouch Aronson**, **Marquerite Woodworth Seefeld**, **Jean Bannister** and **Bonnie Pratt Filiault** for a mini-Burpee reunion down on the Cape. She reports that Bonnie is the best real estate broker on Cape Cod and is the top realtor at Kinlin Grover in Osterville. All of Annie's friends are empty nesters, except for her and her husband, Bill, whose daughter Katie is a sophomore at BC. **Heather Weimont Ciardelli** has

been busy in the family business Ciardelli Fuel Company in Milford, NH, when not taking care of her 2 grandsons. Both of her sons work for the company. Her husband, Michael, built their home, which coincided with their 34th anniversary. Heather has been able to do lots of traveling, most recently to Italy with 5 of her high school friends in honor of their 60th birthdays. **Susan Gronbeck** wrote from her hotel room, where she'd been living since being evacuated from her home in Sea Bright, NJ. Hurricane Sandy brought 5 feet of water to the lower level of her home, and it will be months before they'll be able to return. Her family business also suffered damage. Susan recently connected with **Jan Morris Krein**. **Sara Warner Blackburn** and her husband, Ted, retired to the FL Keys a few years ago. Ted was a bond trader in NYC and Sara taught elementary reading. Now Ted serves on the City Council in Islamorada and Sara volunteers with the Arts and Cultural District

and works in a gallery. Their youngest son, Ben, and his wife are in Chicago and have a 4-month-old son, and their other son, Ted, and wife live in San Francisco. Sara stays in touch with **A. Katy Leach Connors** and **Carol Wilson Trauernicht**. **Elizabeth "Betsey" Burdett** has retired from working with emotionally disturbed high school students and is now running her business, Southeast Exposure Outdoor Adventure Center, in Ketchikan, AK. Her partner and son Jared do kayak, bike and zipline tours and planned to start a rigid hulled inflatable "drive your own" tour in 2013. She was starting a solo circumnavigation paddling tour in Dec., starting in Punta Gorda, FL. Our most senior classmate, **Marilyn Gage Hyson**, produced a monthly television program called "Fun with Music" on her local TV station, which broadcasts worldwide on computer access. **Karen Siney Fredericks** became a grandmother last year to Parker, and she's visiting

My long-awaited book,  
*Knitologie*, can now be purchased  
online at Amazon!

Lucy Main Tweet '72

CO as often as possible to see him. Her daughter, Colby, is a wedding photographer. **Bonnie Adamski Lewis** has been employed at the college for 13 years as the lab manager of the Colby-Sawyer/Lake Sunapee Protective Assoc. Satellite Laboratory. Bonnie also stays involved with life on campus. She and her husband, Paul, celebrated their 40th anniversary in Aug. Their granddaughters are in Atlanta and are 9 and 7. I, **Ellie Goodwin Cochran**, have really enjoyed hearing from you and can report that our son was married in Sept. on Lake Winnepesaukee to his long-time love. I fortunately was on sabbatical this summer and had the chance to enjoy every minute of the planning and the big day. I still enjoy my work with NH Charitable Foundation and find it very rewarding to work with so many philanthropic people.

## 1972

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We had our 40th Reunion in Oct. and I know of 2 people who went: **Robin Mead** and **Elizabeth "Libby" Doonan Hampton**. Libby has been living in

Sudbury, MA, for 25 years and has been an orthopedist/RN for 31 years. Libby has a daughter and 2 grandsons who live nearby. She sees **Anne Winton Black '73/'75** and **Heidi Christ Colella '74** periodically. At Reunion she met **Brooke Bero '87**, who turns out to live about a mile from Libby. I don't have any details on what Robin is doing these days, but I bet she's still playing golf as much as possible, since the last time I saw her she was building a home on a golf course. **Serena Alber Watson** has lived in the greater Boston area since leaving Colby-Sawyer, but resides most of the time on the Cape, where she renovates old houses. Her latest project is an 1820s carriage house in Barnstable Village, which she rents out as a vacation rental. Her 3 children are grown and she's now a grandmother. Serena married her husband, Conrad, whom she met while at Northeastern U. They're in real estate development and have just bought an 1850s house in the Brooklyn Navy Yard, which they plan to fix up over the coming year. She would love to reconnect with **Faye Hooker Keller**, **Lee Sherman Wainwright** and **Damarie Ombaka**. **Kathy McInerney** became a senior software tech writer after leaving Colby-Sawyer, but her passion is the work she does with a historical

## Competitive Paddle Tennis has been cranked up a notch!

**Cathy Moore Pomeroy '73**

letter collection that came to her through her father. It's been a 10-12 year effort. **Lucy Main Tweet's** long-awaited book, *Knitologie*, can now be purchased online at Amazon, etc. Hope this letter finds you all well. Please feel free to send me your news and updates; always love to hear from you all!

## 1973

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Greetings, everyone. It is always nice to hear from you and it keeps me in business writing this column. Ft. Lauderdale weathered through Hurricane Sandy with a little flooding, but some major beach erosion did occur with the ocean washing across A-1-A. Our home sits 7 feet above sea level, and that doesn't sound like much to a northerner, but every foot counts down here. So many folks were surprised

by this storm, and we hope things are coming together for those affected. **Cathy Moore Pomeroy** and her husband, Ted, have traded stress and schedules for family and fun. After 10 years of teaching highly explosive kids, Cathy has transitioned out of the classroom and into the community and home. She spent the last 3 months raising funds for teachers so they can offer students special projects outside the regular curriculum. Competitive Paddle Tennis has been cranked up a notch as well! Ted is now over at the beautiful Denver Botanic Gardens and has specialization in the Japanese Gardens. If you find yourself out that way, stop and say Hi. Twins **Nancy Haslun Wall** and **Jane Haslun Schwab** were busy moving their parents into a retirement village about 10 miles from Jane in RI. Jane is in her 17th year as a middle school teaching assistant and enjoys having the summers free. Their daughter Lindsay is married and teaches grades K-2 in a self-contained classroom with kids on the



autism spectrum. Taylor is still in San Diego after moving there 5 years ago after college. She is a marketing specialist with American Specialty Health. **Gail Spaulding York** and her husband, Don, own Indian Head Athletics in Manchester, NH. They live nearby in Bedford and have 5 sons. Three of the boys are married and they now have 6 grandchildren. They are fortunate that the kids all live in the area, and love every minute spent with the grandkids. Their youngest son is a senior in high school and a very good athlete, so they travel to watch games and keep up with his schedule.

**Pamela Newkirk** still lives in San Diego and looks forward to retirement from being a bank manager in May 2013. Their son, Jesse, is 29 and lives in NY. He plays guitar in a rock band and works as a scholastic editor during the day. Daughter Christine, age 32, lives in Los Angeles. Husband Ben has been retired for 4 years and he and Pam love to travel when they can. **Lilly Heckman Cleveland** earned a professional certificate in genealogical research from BU. If you need help with research, now you know where to go! Last summer she attended the wedding of **Lorraine Carroll** in Cambridge. Also attending was **Suzanne Wheeler McLymond**, who lives in

Rochester, NY. **Margie Newman White** and her husband, Bob, were busy with their daughter's wedding in Sept. Their new son-in-law just passed the Bar and is now a lawyer. It is wonderful to hear from so many of you. Please be sure to include your full name, including maiden name, because that is how we all knew you. Here's a News Challenge for 2013: I would like to hear from you if you are reading this but have not sent in any news in the past 5 years. Thanks, it will keep me in business. Stay well and here's to a great 2013.

## 1974

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For the past 35 years, **Elaine Adams Bayer** and husband Bill have lived in Austin, TX. She's a teacher and coordinates a special education work program for 2 high school campuses in Round Rock Independent School District. Bill and Elaine have 3 grown sons and one grandson, Brady, who is 16 months old. Every Nov., Elaine is part of "Nano Writers," attempting to write 50K words during the month. She writes primarily short stories. This past summer,

Elaine attended her 40th high school reunion and ran into **Cathie Stebbins-Peterson**. **Deborah Bartlett Pitt** has lived in Australia, mainly Melbourne, for 31 years and loves it. She's a journalist and copywriter, writing mainly on interiors (for *Australian Vogue Living* and several international glossy magazines), the performing arts and travel. She manages to get back to the US and New England almost every year, so she doesn't feel too disconnected and, with dual citizenship, feels that she has the best of both worlds. Deborah is married and has one daughter, Katherine, 23. **Amy Davis** is VP and Trust Officer for PNC Wealth Management in DE. She graduated with a BS in economics, magna cum laude, from Ursinus College. She also graduated from the Central Atlantic Trust School at Bucknell U. **Eleanor Cummings Bowe's** grandchildren count has increased to 4. On Sept. 25, the 1st girl—Vivienne Lake Ullman—joined the group. She joins brother Grant and cousins Graham and Ross. Eleanor and Jerry love living in the Bay Area and being able to see family all the time. They've also purchased a home in the Lake Tahoe area.

## 1975

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From May 7 to June 22, 2012, **Heidi Scheller** worked with intern **Sean Pengxiang Ding '13**, a Colby-Sawyer student from China, at Trilogy Insurance Group for his BUS485 Internship. Sean is a business major who is interested in economics and finance. Sean demonstrated his skills in spreadsheet and accounting, and then, under Heidi's instruction, comprehended adjusting certain insurance premiums according to the books. At the end of the internship, he had been to various business networking events and enjoyed presenting himself to others. The internship at Trilogy was a great experience for him, and he feels lucky to have met Heidi and Garen and worked with them that summer.

## 1976

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In Nov., one of the professors who teaches 3 freshmen writing classes asked me, **Janet Spurr**, to speak to her students. I spoke on "Going for Your Dreams No Matter How Long It Takes." Afterwards, the students wrote about what they had learned and then were called on. So many of the students wrote that they would go for their dreams, which surprised me, but made me, once again, so proud to be a part of Colby-Sawyer College. I also was so impressed at how many international students are at CSC. **Dawna M. Cobb** got together with **Brooks Rolston** in Oct. in Philly. They saw an exhibit at the Philadelphia Art Museum, followed by lunch in the restaurant there. Brooks lives outside of Philly and Dawna lives in Baltimore. Dawna has reconnected with some old Burpee friends via Facebook: **Nancy Hill Smith**, **Linda White Gemmer**, **Lucy Phinney Martin** and **Ann Erickson Shaw**. In July she left the U of MD School Of Law, where she served as Dean of Students for about 6 years. That stint, combined with her 17 years at the MD Attorney General's Office, enabled her to take early retirement. Her husband also left his teaching job after 23 years. Their goal was to do a bit

of traveling and then go back to work doing something a little different. They went to China for 3 weeks this past fall in part to visit their college-age son, who was studying Mandarin in Beijing. Their travels included visits with local villagers living in the mountains in southwest China, and they hiked the Great Wall and ate in local restaurants. Their oldest son, Anders, is a kindergarten and technology teacher at a private school for low income kids in North Philly. Dawna will teach part time at UM law next semester. For fans of the TV show "The Wire," she's working on a project with Sonja Sohn, who played Kima, the female detective.

## 1977

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Thanks for reading our 1977 graduation year article, and hope you continue to submit your news as the years unfold. I, **Wendi Braun**, am closing in on my 2nd year as management consultant at Fresenius Medical Care (dialysis services) and continue to travel throughout the country. My youngest went off to college this past fall and

the silence at the house was eerie, but I soon came to enjoy the freedom that no kids bring. I bought a sailboat this past summer and enjoyed relearning how to sail on the Cape. **June Bascom** writes, "My partner Michael's father passed away and his oldest daughter was married. It's good to have joys with the sorrows. My work for the State of VT for people with developmental disabilities is more challenging every year as budgets continue to tighten. On the more fun side of life, Michael and I bought motorcycles last spring and enjoyed a lovely, dry summer and fall cruising around the pastoral highways and byways of the north country. Though I had good intentions of attending our Reunion last fall, I got waylaid and so missed the fun of catching up with **Ellen Dutra Houghton** and **Kathy Brown Teece**." **Elizabeth "Betsy" Mullen Wakely** has stayed in touch with **Dorothy "Didi" Wilson McQuillan**, **Madeleine "Maddie" McClintic Harty '79**, **Katherine "Cabby" Herr '76** and **Donna Boole Yerganian '79**. She also sees **Anne Tilney Brune '76** at Boars Head Sports Club. Betsy is living in Charlottesville, VA, with husband Charlie; they've been married 32 years! They have 3 grown boys: 2 are working on their own and our 3rd is in college.



*Debbie Bray Mitchell '77 and Debbie Rogers Pratt '77 visit their old room in Burpee Hall during Alumni Fall Festival.*

**Kimberley "KC" Seiniger** writes from Los Angeles, "I have just celebrated 25 years at Paramount Pictures! I'm Executive Director of Music Production for the motion picture group. I get to have the difficult job of going to scoring sessions and watching 100-piece orchestras play the music that is the underscore of our films. I also have a 2nd career as a Marriage & Family Therapist and plan on continuing seeing clients after my retirement from Paramount, which will probably not be for another 10 years. I became engaged to my wonderful partner, Teri, and I hope that CA allows us to get married and grants us equal rights. I have 2 step-kids with my partner: Jon, 17, and Jessica, 20, plus 2 great furry kids. I'm

very active in tennis at our country club and also do Krav Maga.” **Deb Lloyd Fetterman** is living in upstate NY with her husband, Bob. They went on a vacation to Bali then on a scuba live-aboard boat to Komodo Island in Indonesia. Deb’s 2 sons are doing well: one married and one involved in a long-term relationship. Take care, everyone, and don’t forget to send me your news for next time!

## 1978

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**Barbara McKenzie Holch** lives with her husband, Niels, in Annapolis, MD; they’re now empty nesters with 2 sons living on the “other” coast and one in Boston. Oldest son Charlie graduated from Colby College in ME in 2009, lives in San Diego and works for a biotech company. Son Ben graduated from Emerson College in Boston in 2011, lives in LA and is working in the film industry. Youngest son Jack will graduate from Emerson in 2014 and is majoring in sound design. Barbara serves as VP of the Friends of the Lighthouse, a local homeless prevention

center. She’s still an active long distance runner and dog enthusiast. Her best friend and college roommate **Debbie Bray Mitchell ’79** is a constant force in her life. **Patty Collins Duffey** is “almost” an empty nester, with her youngest now a sophomore in college at Washington and Lee U in Lexington, VA, and her 2 oldest—Bridget (Dartmouth 2011) and Brendan (Connecticut College 2007)—working and living in NYC. Patty stays busy with her marketing communications business and new blogging business, Blogger Pros. She’s also been involved with the music industry the last 4 years, producing a young performer showcase series at the Hard Rock Café and managing other concerts and events for young talent. In Nov. 2011 she formed a prodigy level pop/alternative rock band, popALERT, for young teens. The band recently recorded their 1st EP of 5 songs working with Marc Delcore, who was Britney Spears’ former music director. Patricia originally got involved with music when she realized the impact it had on helping young teens overcome bullying. Eight of the performers she has worked with were in the movie “Bullied to Silence.” This year she’ll be the New England Director of the

Tunes for Tots program. **Heidi Joyce** is in her 18th year of employment at the VT League of Cities and Towns working as a sr. health promotion consultant, where she designs and implements wellness programs for VT municipalities. Heidi has created several DVDs on exercise, incentive programs and the like. **Rebecca Reeves** saw fellow Austin dorm alum **Molly Cutting Werner ’79** this past summer at a benefit wine tasting in Clinton, NJ. **Sue Webster Ries** lives in Mont Vernon, NH. Her daughter, Heather, has started middle school in Amherst, NH, and plays on the school basketball team. Susan is a self-employed graphic designer and is currently working out of her home for a company in Lawrence, MA. She also makes stained glass and teaches stained glass in the evenings during the school year in the Adult Art Enrichment Program at Souhegan High School in Amherst, NH. Each year Susan gets together for a weekend in New England with CSC alums **Stephanie Burke Hendrickson** and **Lisa Washburn Rauh**. **Laurie Russell Title** is living in Fairfield, CT, where her husband, Dave, is the superintendent of Fairfield schools. Son Russell (23) is working, daughter Sarah (21) is a senior at Miami U in OH, son Jack (18) is in

high school and daughter Robin is 10. Last but not least are their 2 dogs, Fenway and Wrigley. They’re enjoying their close proximity to NYC, though they still love their Boston teams and vow that will never change! I, **Jody Hambley Cooper**, got engaged this past July to my boyfriend of 8 years and am planning a June 2013 ceremony and celebration here in New London. My fiancé and I reconnected at our 30th high school reunion in NY and have been in a long distance relationship ever since. It’s been a bit of a challenge, but we’ve managed to adjust as we share the same goal of eventually living under the same roof here in New London. I get together with my CSC roommate **Suzie Horigan Campbell** quite often. She’s still living in Bow, NH, and teaching school in Hooksett. Her daughter, Jessica, got engaged this past summer. I saw Suzie and her husband, Ron, recently at the annual Colby-Sawyer holiday party hosted by President Galligan and his wife (with whom I sing in the Kearsarge Chorale). As always, I hope to hear from more of you for the next issue!



## 1979

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Nov. 2011 found **Paula Magnanti** attending the New Hampshire Women's Caucus, held at Colby-Sawyer. She then went on to join both the Boston World Partnership as a healthcare regional connector and the Smarter Cape Partnership as membership chair. Paula also moved her healthcare consulting practice to Sudbury, MA. **Deanna Dow Wachsmuth** saw one of her favorite CSC professors on the Katie Couric Show last Nov.—Dr. Anna Salter. Anna has gone from PSY 101 professor to a renowned expert on child molesters. Deanna's son, Shane, and 5-year-old grandson, Tyler, live with her and husband Scott in Newfields, NH. Her mom

still lives in New London. Deanna is the managing director of Sheshunoff Consulting + Solutions Risk Management division. She supervises a staff of over 40 professionals delivering outsourced internal audits to banks and credit unions all over the Northeast. **Ellen Fitzpatrick Criscione** got together in Boston last Sept. with several '79 Burpee dorm-mates: **Martha Colinan Ellicott, Ellen Fitzpatrick Criscione, Caren Demoulas Pasquale, Lisa Hammond Carvalho, Alice "Mari" Hanabergh O'Sullivan, Susan Chapman Warren, Susan Sherry Barnett** and **Diane Remondi De Falco**.

## 1980

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This group of Burpee dorm mates enjoyed a mini-reunion in Boston in September. Joining the fun were (standing, l to r) **Martha Colinan Ellicott '81, Ellen Fitzpatrick Criscione '79, Caren Demoulas Pasquale '79, Lisa Hammond Carvalho '79, Alice "Mari" Hanabergh O'Sullivan '79,** (seated, l to r) **Susan Chapman Warren '79, Susan Sherry Barnett '79 and Diane Remondi De Falco '79.**



**Colby-Sawyer Flashback:** *These Colby-Sawyer alumnae seem to be having some fun at the college's annual Ski Day at King Ridge. Are you able to identify the gals in the photo? If so, please contact College Archivist Kelli Bogan at kbogan@colby-sawyer.edu or (603) 526-3360.*

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Left to right (starting at top) The ladies from Abbey Hall got together in October in Burlington, Mass., for their annual mini-reunion. Joining the fun were (back row, l to r) **Jen Ellis '85, Alison Higgins DiPanfilo '84, Cindy Elder Latham '82, Lisa Barnes '82, Marion Quinn McElwee '84,** (3rd row, l to r) **Kym Printon Fischer '86, Jackie Arciero Corrigan '84, Jody Anderson Mills '85,** (front row, l to r) **Amy Carrier Lyon '85, Rachel Hobbie '86, Angela Presutti Kelly '84, Francesca DeRosa Durant '85, Peg Rogers Andrews '85, DeeDee Dean Rich '85, Amye James Newhall '84 and Dana Eliopoulis Regan '85.**

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# 1986

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**Karen Craffey Eldred** and her family went to Mont Tremblant, where her 4-year-old learned to ski, to the Cape to play with **Ruth Malmquist Craffey '59** (Grandma), and to Disney World. Karen also took her aunt to see Las Vegas and the Grand Canyon, complete with a drive on Route 66! **Susan "Bermie" Gibbons Gray** hopes to go to daughter Annabelle's graduation from the College of Charleston by boat from Bermuda. Emily is a freshman at Boston U and will join them. **Elizabeth "Betta" Civetta Pontius** traveled to China and is pictured on the great wall with her 3 kids on Facebook—awesome!



*Nancy Breen (back row, left) founded the Youth Enrichment Center on a farm in Maine a decade ago as a way to give inner-city children and teens opportunities to connect with nature.*

## City Kids in the Country

**Nancy Breen '80**

The two teenagers stared at Nancy Breen '80 incredulously. Here they were, high schoolers from Lawrence, Mass., on a farm in Southern Maine. Without internet access. Without television. Without cell phones. What were they going to *do*?

In the decade since she founded the non-profit Youth Enrichment Center at Hilton-Winn Farm, Breen has been teaching children and teens that nature offers plenty to do. Here, on 48 acres of a King Grant's farm dating back to the 1600s, inner-city youth see the stars for the first time. They learn where food comes from and harvest fruit and vegetables right out of the ground. They experience a connection with nature that is missing from their fast-paced, gadget-oriented lives.

Breen, who majored in Early Childhood Education at Colby-Sawyer, is passionate in her belief that children need to spend time unplugged and tuned in to the world around them. "I grew up with nine brothers and sisters," she says. "We grew up outside and were very fortunate to experience nature, but many children don't have that opportunity today."

Since its founding in 2002, thousands of children have been introduced to the

beauty of the great outdoors in a safe, nurturing environment. There are summer programs for local children, day and overnight trips for school and community groups, and events throughout the year to promote community building.

Plans are in the works to construct animal buildings and to put in a trail system so hikers can go on self-guided tours. Ninety-nine percent of the work at Hilton-Winn Farm is done by volunteers, and Breen is especially thankful for a core group of classmates who have contributed so much of their time.

Breen remembers those two kids, who couldn't imagine how they would get by without phones and television. After a weekend spent camping out under the stars, when it was time for them to leave, they said, "Who needs TV? Who needs phones?" It's a response that Breen has heard again and again, and loves every time.

— Mike Gregory

*Learn more at [www.hilton-winnfarm.org](http://www.hilton-winnfarm.org), including how you can become a volunteer.*

**Molly O'Shea Piercy** moved to a new home in Warner, NH. **Liz Merriam Kyle** traveled back to CSC for the Fall Festival with **Sandy Beattie Hand '85** and others from that gang. **Karen Williams Jason's** eldest child was to graduate from college this May, and she planned to do college visits with her son in the spring. She's still working as an associate VP at Bridgewater State U, and has been a leader in the university's 15-year, \$300M capital construction investment program. This fall she's taking her 1st classes in the university's MBA program. She received her 1st master's degree in 2004 and a Certificate in Advanced Graduate Studies in Education Leadership in 2010. Karen and her husband of 22 years bought a cottage on Manomet Beach and spent the winter renovating it. They get up to New London a couple times a year to visit family and always check out the campus. **Lucinda "Cindy" Balseer-Eaton** lives in Bristol, VT, with her husband of 26 years, and works as finance manager for a company in Burlington, VT. Her son, Justin, is 25 and married with a 1-year-old, and her 1st grandchild, Odin, was born in 2011. Lucinda's daughter, Molly, was to graduate from college in May.



*Lisa Twohig Roussel '88, her husband, Don, and their daughters, Kate and Emma, enjoy a day of hiking.*

## 1987

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After graduation from Sports Science, **Robin Rainie-Lobacz** worked as a strength coach, personal trainer, and PT aide until life allowed her to return to school for her master's in clinical medical science. She's been working for 12 years as a PA in orthopedics, 1st at Concord Orthopedics, and for the past 9 years in SoCal at Camp Pendleton, where there's no shortage of work healing the sprains, strains and fractures of the US Marines. She and her husband, Kenzie, also own Dream Catcher Yachts, a boat brokerage in the local

harbor. They live aboard their 50-foot sailboat nearby and make a very small carbon footprint.

## 1988

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I am happy to be the new Class of 1988 correspondent! My husband, Gary, and I, **Catherine Hood-Pittenger**, have 3 children, ages 19, 18 and 10, and currently live in Chapin, SC. I'm employed by the Diocese of Charleston and work as a client advocate at the Catholic Charities of the Midlands office in downtown Columbia, SC. **Lauren Forbes Mulvaney** and her high school sweetheart, Brian, are raising 4 teenage daughters; the oldest is heading off to college next year. Since graduating in 1988, Lauren's journey has taken her across the US: She moved to southern CA, then back to the East for 18 months in Charlotte, NC, and then back to CA—where she and Brian have settled. Though she's enjoyed many great places of employment thanks to the nurturing and rigorous liberal arts education at Colby Sawyer College, Lauren is most proud of the job of being a mom. She and Brian have a 17-year-old daughter, Kylie, a 16-year-old daughter,

Kendall, and 2 13-year-old daughters, Katherine and Kennedy. All their girls love the East Coast, soccer, lacrosse, science, and being involved in their charities in Orange County. **Kathy Whalen** started her own yacht charter company in Boston. Each fall she'd take 2 months to deliver one of the yachts to the Caribbean, and then coach freestyle skiing up north for the winter. Kathy got her pilot's license at age 27 and became a volunteer search and rescue pilot for the Civil Air Patrol. Her proudest accomplishment is having her daughter, Tatum Whalen-Swanson! She's 10, in 5th grade, and ski races for Cannon Mountain. Kathy and her family live in Scituate, MA, where Kathy works for a start-up company in Cambridge, MA, that helps non-profits raise funds and spread awareness about their initiatives. Last summer, Kathy also started a stand-up paddleboard camp for kids in the summer months. **Caroline Williams Cerrone** is married, has a daughter who is now 8, and works as a school district substitute. **Lisa Twohig Roussel** left a career as an account manager with Blue Cross Blue Shield overseeing all sales and marketing operations for the Federal Employee Program out of



Washington, DC, in 2002. She decided to stay home to be with her newborn twin daughters, Emma and Kate, who were born in Nov. 2002. Lisa stayed home for 7 years, traveling, going to the beach, making cookies and coaching soccer. The girls just turned 10 and are on the 'A' team for Seacoast United in Hampton! Lisa met her soul mate, Don, at Digital in 1990 and they married in 1997. In 2009, Lisa accepted a job overseeing operations at Exeter Hospital for Admitting & Registration and stayed for 2 years before moving on to become a marketing manager for Truven Health Analytics. Best of all, she works remotely! We look forward to hearing from many more of our classmates!

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It was so fantastic to hear from so many of our classmates! **Leslie Vail Britton** is living in Katy, TX, and teaching in Houston. She's been selling Premier Jewelry part time for 2 years. Her daughter was awarded her Bronze Award in Girl Scouts for helping clean up, add landscaping, and design and build a bench for the front of her elementary school. They belong to a great Catholic church that they do much volunteering through. **Lisa McIntyre Matschner** is very busy spending time with her kids. 14-year-old Wyatt was in a National Triathlon in OH. He just finished his freshman year and broke the record for the freestyle and went to regionals. Her 10-year-old daughter, Hope, is doing well in volleyball, swimming and running. Her 8-year-old son, Trey, did several triathlons last summer and plays flag football. Lisa also runs, bikes and swims. She usually runs a few half marathons each winter. Lisa still works part time as a speech pathologist in the public schools and might make the switch to private practice along with her part-time position. It's no surprise that her husband is active, too: He recently biked from Orlando to Gainesville, FL. They had a big family vacation from FL through NC, TN and then OH. After 6 years as owner of Little Brook Gallery and

Studio in New London, **Alison Lambert Vernon** decided not to renew her lease and closed in Dec. She is sad to be closing this wonderful chapter in her life but excited to be starting a new chapter. She decided to rent a small studio on Main Street in New London where she will continue to paint like a madwoman. Her work can be seen on [www.alisonvernon.com](http://www.alisonvernon.com). **Karen Morton Roy** is doing great in FL. Her firstborn will graduate from high school in June. Karen just earned her master's in Curriculum and Instruction with a focus in Language Arts. She celebrated 20 years of marriage with a family cruise during Hurricane Debbie. My family is doing great. Our oldest, Billy, is 15 and a freshman in high school. He played soccer in the fall, hockey this winter, and plans to play lacrosse this spring. Our daughter, Jackie, is 13 and doing great in the 7th grade. She plays soccer, basketball and lacrosse. The "baby," Grady, is 11 and in his last year of elementary school. He plays soccer, football and hockey. My husband, Bill, still has his own law practice in Boston. I'm working full time in my 5th year as a para educator. Please keep in touch. I would love to hear from you.

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I (Beth) want to thank everyone who responded to my call for class news. It's always great to hear from so many of you. Thank you also to **Kirsten Girard Soroko, Chrissy Lyons Agosto, Amy Koskey Kurja** and **Judy Dupuis Munchrath '91**, who returned to campus to help celebrate our 20th Reunion during our annual Fall Festival Weekend. We had a great time with lots of laughs throughout the weekend. **Martha Chevlin** recently moved to Coco Beach, FL. She has her FL RN, BSN license and is looking for a job. She fondly remembers being one of 13 women in our class who graduated with a BSN. **Kelly Lynch Collins** traveled to Austin, TX, where she attended the UC

Grand Prix Formula 1 race with several friends. Then she was off to Sonoma, CA, for 4 days of relaxation and wine tasting. Kelly planned to be home in NH for Christmas and then head to UT for a ski trip.

**Janel McDonald Lawton** writes, "Reunion Weekend collided with another unexpected life occurrence: We moved to Chapel Hill, NC, after spending 13 years in Sugar Hill, NH. A job with Performance Bicycle as the director of web operations

to work as a teacher at the Windy Hill School here on campus. **Michelle Foley Walsh** is living in Westbrook, CT. Michelle writes, "I married a wonderful guy and have 2 beautiful children, Hannah, 6 1/2, and Aiden, 4 1/2. They keep me busy with gymnastics, soccer, t-ball and Daisy meetings." Michelle has been working for the past 13 years as the benefits department manager at the Gowrie Group, which is the largest independently owned

Caroline enjoys 3rd grade and will turn 9 in May.

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**Julie Camp** and **Stacey Banks Nieman** have volunteered to take over the class notes since the last *Colby-Sawyer Magazine* release. Stacey is in Nashville, TN, and Julie is in Hampton, NH. We are both happy and looking forward to providing class updates, so please keep them coming! **Stacey Banks Nieman** has been working at the TN Early Childhood Training Alliance for 7 years and enjoys training child care providers. Stacey also had an opportunity to present a session titled "Rediscovering Joyfulness in Learning and Promoting Positive Outcomes" at the

National Head Start Conference this past summer. Stacey was looking forward to the New Year, when she was to start her 2-year term as president of the Nashville Area Association for the Education of Young Children. **Holly Long Maturo** has started a new venture working as a behaviorist for adults with various developmental disabilities. She consults for the state of CT as well. Recently, she was introduced to pet therapy; with her 5-year-old golden retriever, Farrah, she works with people ranging in age from 20 to 85. Farrah helps them with communication, care and responsibility by giving them unconditional love. In June, **Matthew Reed** and his wife and 2 kids went to NYC, then they went to Washington, DC, in Nov. Between all that, Matt and his wife were able to take a quick run to Atlantic City in Sept. **Theresa "Rene" Whiteley-Warren** successfully completed her 3rd marathon this year in Chicago with a best time of 4 hours and 12 minutes! Way to go, Rene! **Patty Randall Berry** and **Dan Berry** now live in Mattapoisett, MA. Dan works at the YMCA South Coast as the New Bedford YMCA Branch Director. It is unbelievable he is approaching 20 years of service in the YMCA! Recently, Patty became the Christian Education

## Flat Iron Catering Co., our new catering business, has taken off.

**Christopher "Koz" Kozlowski '95**

was the lure. The kids like living in a neighborhood with several kids and a pool, and my husband, Shad, and I enjoy the year-round cycling."

**Brenda Manus White** and her husband, Dave, are living in Hopkinton, NH. Their son, Jay, is a freshman at Merrimack College majoring in athletic training and physical therapy. Daughter Sloane is on the varsity basketball team and preparing to get her driver's license in the spring. Brenda continues

insurance agency. I, **Beth Bryant Camp**, continue to enjoy my work in the Development Office and feel very fortunate to have the opportunity to help advance Colby-Sawyer. It's exciting to see the increased enrollment, new buildings and growth of our special college. Outside of work, my husband, **Nate Camp '98**, and I remain busy in New London and with our 2 daughters and their endless involvements. Ellie turned 10 in Feb. and is in the 4th grade, while

Director at the Mattapoissett Congregational Church. Dan and Patty have 3 children: Maggie, 10, Tommy, 7, and Henry, 4. They added a 4th child this year when they became an AFS host family: Warichsara "Pearl" Sawaspanich, 16, from Thailand, will be a part of the family until the end of the school year. They are learning from each other and growing together. In Nov., they enjoyed their annual Friends Thanksgiving with other CSC friends. This year 25 adults and kids attended. The CSC friends enjoy getting together, including **Jack Tremblay** and **Heather Quigley Tremblay '95** from St Albans, VT, **Dave Morin '95** and **Sara Hogkins Morin '95** from Windsor, VT, **Chris Gasparro** from FL, **Ally Goff Sharpe** and her husband, Chris Sharpe, from Nashua, NH, and close non-CSC friends and all of their children.

## 1995

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Greetings, Class of '95!  
Congratulations to my old roommate **Kerrigan Stone** on her engagement. **Rob Peaslee** is now in his 5th

year as assistant professor in the College of Media & Communication at TX Tech U in Lubbock, TX. Rob and his wife, Kate, welcomed daughter Hazel Ann to their family in 2012. She joins their 3-year-old son, Coen McCormick. Congratulations, Rob! **Sara Gilderdale Morcom** is still living in Wilmot, NH, and working at Stifel Nicolaus in the financial services field. Sara has had a chance to catch up with several classmates and writes, "**Jill Rivers** made a stopover on her whirlwind US tour before heading back to Singapore. On our vacation to Cape Cod we had dinner with **Pat Desmond** and his beautiful family. His 2 children, Clancy and PJ, are absolutely precious and growing too fast. This fall **Brenda Sherwood Barth**, **Lynne Morse** and I met for a marathon lunch to catch up with each other and reminisce a bit. Both are doing well. Lastly, I was pleasantly surprised to get a message from **Christelle Kamaliza '08** that she was in town and wanted to meet for lunch. Christelle, who now lives in China, was back in the States looking for a job. Congratulations to **Heather Quigley Tremblay** and **Jack Tremblay '94** on welcoming their 4th child, Emma, into the world on Aug 1, 2011! Heather continues to work as an RN at a local long-term

care facility and is looking forward to bringing all 4 kids with her to camp in Fairlee, VT, for the summer of 2013, where she'll be the camp nurse at the same camp she attended as a child. Heather continues to homeschool at their home in St Albans, VT. Jack enjoys working as an art director at Direct Design in Burlington, VT. And finally, from **Christopher "Koz" Kozlowski**: "Life is good for the Koz family. The boys are doing great! Dom is in 1st grade and Gabe is in preschool. Dom is playing youth hockey in Rochester and moving up very quickly. **Christen Wallingford Kozlowski '96** is still selling real estate and is starting to see the market come back slowly. She just competed in the '90-day Challenge' at the Works gym in Somersworth and is in the best shape of her life. As for me, the Chop Shop is doing well. We were just ranked the 6th best restaurant in the state for 2012 by Guyot.com! Flat Iron Catering Co., our new catering business, has taken off. We are one of the exclusive caterers for Rivermill in Dover and just did 3 weddings in the last 4 weeks! Next year, we already have bookings all over the seacoast and all around Lake Winnepesaukee."



**Christopher "Koz" Kozlowski '95** with wife **Christen Wallingford Kozlowski '96** and sons **Dom** and **Gabe**.

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Among the Class of '97 enjoying themselves at Alumni Fall Festival last October were (l to r) Alan Handlir, Jolene Thompson Stratton, Sarah Rawson Mann, Molly Michaels Reid, Tawnya Gannon Lopez, Amie Pariseau, Michelle Souriolle Boucher, Nat Cole, and Lauren Smyrl Koron with her daughter, Victoria.

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We hope this alumni update finds everyone in good health and happiness. **Chris Quint** is working as executive director of MSEA-SEIU Local 1989 and living in ME with his wife, Kim, and their 2 kids. Looking forward to seeing folks at



Lisa Lachesky LeBlanc '98 celebrated her September wedding with some of her favorite CSC pals. Pictured are (l to r) Lisa Cote '98, Jamie Gilbert Kelly '98, Lisa Lachesky LeBlanc '98, Scott LeBlanc, Stefanie Lord Baumblatt '96 and Meredith Decola Trudel '98.

our 15th Reunion in 2013! I, **Jamie Gilbert Kelly**, am a loss prevention supervisor for Banana Republic in New England. I have kept in touch with **Lisa Lachesky LeBlanc**, who married Scott LeBlanc in Sept. 2012. We celebrated with other CSC alums **Meredith DeCola Trudel**, **Lisa Cote** and **Stefanie Lord Baumblatt '96**. **Adina Barber Cripps** and **Jon Cripps** write, "Jon and I moved from Penacook, NH, to Pembroke, NH, in Aug. and are loving our new home. Jon is still teaching at West High School in Manchester and I am a sr. configuration specialist at Choicelinx in Hooksett, NH. We are very busy with our 2 kids, Keelin, who turned 10 in Oct., and Liam, who turned 6 in July. Keelin has been dancing at Concord Dance Academy for 8 years and started competing 3 years ago. She's also involved with Girl Scouts. Liam is taking after his father and has been playing ice hockey since he was 3." **Chris Cousins** and wife **Jennifer Blais Cousins '99** live in Woolwich, ME. Chris works for BDN as a senior reporter and has been keeping busy with their 2 sons, Caleb and Lucas. Since Sept., Chris has been Caleb's Boy Scout den leader. **Karen Butler Yates** is living in Berwick, ME, with her 2 kids, who are 10 and 7. Karen is working as a

school psychologist in Rochester, NH. She proudly completed her post-grad work in school psychology from Capella U in Sept. 2011. **Lynne Nixon Sansonetti** and her husband **Mike Sansonetti** are living in MA with their son, Blake, who turned 3 in Jan. Lynne is working part time at The LEAP school in Sudbury, MA. **Rachel Woodbury Novak** and her husband **Nat Novak '99** bought a farm in Hanson, MA, in May 2012 and have settled in with their kids. They also recently bought their 1st pony, Diego. **Alison Thorn Bogrett** is working for Coca-Cola Refreshments calling on the Northern New England bottler for sales and marketing execution. She's living in Haverhill, MA, with her husband, Rich, and their lab, Frank.

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Hello, Class of '99! I would like to find a partner to help with class correspondence and to help collect notes for the magazine twice a year. If you'd like to help out, please contact me or the Alumni Office. **Shane Hoover** writes, "We are enjoying our new home after building this past Jan.

2012 in Ashburnham, MA. I've also changed employers and have accepted a new position of residential underwriter for GFA Federal Credit Union in Gardner, MA. I keep in touch with some CSC grads and we try to get together at least 2 to 3 times a year camping at Radeke Cabin on the Kancamagus Highway in NH with **Frank "Rizzo" Abel IV '97**, **Chad O'Neill**, **Seth Hurley '00** and **Nick Bertsimas**, with a few other random appearances. Or we get together at Frank's Summer Party or my "Not on Christmas, Christmas Party" with **Amy Hall Oliver**, **Jaime Gilbert Kelly '98**, **Nick Burchard** and all the above earlier mentioned." **Josh Bailey** hosted a get-together with CSC alums and their families to watch a Patriots game—it was the 1st time they had all been together since 2008. In attendance were **Andrea Lemire St. Onge** and **Eric St. Onge** with their son, **Owen**, **Josh Bailey** with **Sean** and **Asher**, **John Bridges** with daughter **Grace** and **Emily Sherret**, and **Doria** and **Emma Morrison** with **Mike Morrison** and daughter **Jordan Morrison**. **Josh** is living in Scarborough, ME, with his wife **Lisa** and their 2 boys, **Asher**, 2, and **Sean**, 6 months. He continues to work as a physical therapist at Orthopedic Associates of Portland and he sees **John Bridges** and

his family quite often as he is just down the street in South Portland, ME. **Devin Healy** writes, "I am still working for an orthopedic surgeon and taking care of high school athletes while in full-time nursing school, graduating in May 2013. My plan is to work in the pediatric ER after school and hopefully move back up North after I get some more experience. I miss my family and the fall way too much and FL only has 2 seasons." **Hilary Sherman Hawkins** still works as an RN in the ED at DHMC. She's looking forward to finishing her MBA from George Washington U in Dec. **Hilary** writes, "Our kids are growing fast and furious and we now have 5 grandchildren. **Zach**, **Trevor** and **Chris** are all married with children. **Skyler** is finishing up her Jr. year in boarding school and wants to be an MD. **Zylis** is 11 years old and would love to be a professional DJ." **Chad O'Neill** has been a school counselor at McCann Tech in N. Adams, MA, for 7 years. His daughter, **Marley**, is 4 and is loving Pre-K. **Chad** reports that he sees his CSC friends a couple times a year at various parties and camp-outs. I, **Suzanne Blake Gerety**, now have 2 elementary schoolers, which means my husband, **Ed**, and I are busy with all that goes with their



Enjoying a recent get-together are (l to r) **Andrea Lemire St. Onge '99** and **Eric St. Onge '99** with their son **Owen**; **Joshua Bailey '99** with his wife, **Lisa**, and their children, **Sean** and **Asher**; **John Bridges '99** with daughter **Grace** and **Emily Sherret**; and **Mike Morrison '99** with his wife, **Doria**, and their children, **Emma** and **Jordan**.

activities and events. I continue to write a monthly business advice column in *Dance Teacher Magazine* and consult with dance studio owners worldwide on how to start, run and grow their business.

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Hi, all. My husband and I, **Jan Prudden Montgomery**, have been enjoying our son, **Davis**, who is now 6

months old. I'm back to work teaching 3rd grade in Andover, MA, and we're still living in Melrose, MA, with our 4-year-old **Chocolate Lab**, **Hinckley**. **Tara Schirm Campanella's** husband returned from deployment and they moved to Key West. **Tara** just got a full-time job working at her daughter's school as a sub and aide. This fall **Katie Sykes Follis**, **Zanna Campbell Blaney**, **Kate Lovell** and I competed in the Warrior Dash at Gunstock Mountain. **Molly Prudden '12** came along as team support. The next day **Katie** and **Zanna's** sons were all christened together in Waterford, VT. **Kate Lovell** is working for her family's hockey business, **Lovell Hockey**, in Dedham, MA, and living in Norwood, MA. **Kate** stays in touch regularly with **Jan Prudden Montgomery**,

**Zanna Campbell Blaney**, **Katie Sykes Follis**, **Jessica Dannecker Gullo**, **Jenn Caron Small '01**, **John-Paul "JP" Sanieski** and **Hayley Cozens**. If you're looking for a good daily laugh, check out Kate's page on Facebook called Change Scene and feel free to post your own "Change Scene" stories on the page!

**Shannon Goodfellow Sherman** writes, "My husband, Dean, and I celebrated the 1st birthday of our son, Tucker Grey Sherman, this past Oct. We enjoyed visits this past summer at home on the Cape from our close college friends **Katy Grow Heider** and **Tara Strand Balunis**, as well as **Becky Banas**. My husband continues to run a successful physical therapy clinic and I still represent 600 RNs at Cape Cod Hospital as Chairperson for our state union, the MA Nurses Association."

**Mechilia "Chile" Eng Salazar** married her best friend, and in attendance to celebrate from CSC were **Stef Vickers Heddon '02**, **Heidi Allen Goodrich '01** and **Sarah Price Tschorn '02**. They're living in a Boston condo with their 3 dogs and searching for a house with a yard. Lastly, after 6 wonderful years as executive director of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Middlesex County in Somerville, MA, Chile transitioned to a new role as director of development



*Tara Schirm Campanella '00 and her daughters Sofia (age 5) and Gianna (age 8).*

for Room to Grow, a nonprofit dedicated to enriching the lives of babies born into poverty. She also launched her own business, 360 Student Coaching, to help high school students develop public speaking and leadership skills. **Shannon Rowell Pine** is finishing up the 1st semester of her master's in forensic psychology. **Chuck Gaede** married Jenn Keplin on June 15 and then welcomed their 1st daughter, Madden Shay, on Dec. 8. He is also assistant coaching the men's and women's hockey teams at CSC! **Jessica Dannecker Gullo** and her husband have moved to the Chicago area. Jess is settling in and enjoying a new area of the country. **Katie Sykes Follis** and her husband, **Matt Follis '99**, are still in Ballston Lake, NY, with their children, Caroline and Carter. Katie is still working for Merial. **Zanna**



*Shannon Goodfellow Sherman '00 and her husband, Dean, celebrate their son Tucker's first birthday in October.*

**Campbell Blaney** and her husband, Nic, are in Goffstown, NH, with their sons Merrick and Cavot. Zanna continues to work at Bedford (NH) High School as a school counselor. **Amy Potter Drummond** is thrilled to report she is now working as the alumni relations coordinator at CSC, and she hopes to see many of you at upcoming alumni events across New England! Amy and **Drew Drummond '02** are still living in South Sutton, NH, with their daughter,



*Tara Strand Balunis '00, Katy Grow Heider '00 and Shannon Goodfellow Sherman '00 enjoy a recent visit.*



*Diehard Red Sox fans Rosetta Cannizzaro '01 and Paul Cormier Jr. were married at Fenway Park on Mar. 17, 2012.*

Addison, 3, and son, William, 1. She often sees **Megan Costello Burch '01**, **Abby Lefebvre Crowell '01** and many others in the New London area. Please keep us posted—we haven't had updates from many classmates in a while!

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Where do the Red Sox rank in your life? **Rosetta Cannizzaro** and Paul Cormier Jr. would say #1. Married on Mar. 17, 2012, at Fenway Park, the couple live and breathe Red Sox Nation in everything they do. Bridesmaids at their wedding wore classic black and carried bouquets



made of baseballs and a foam finger. The groom and his team wore black and white pinstriped tuxes with spectator shoes. Baseballs were passed out to the crowd. Following the reception at the Malden Moose, the couple left for Cooperstown, NY, to visit the Baseball Hall of fame.

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It's been another busy and exciting year for the Class of '02! **Lisa Farina Post** married Stephen Post on May 5, 2012, in Portland, ME. **Courtney Norris Francisco** and her husband, Jimmy, who will be celebrating their 7th wedding anniversary, welcomed their son, Adam Norris Francisco, on Sept. 2. He joins big brothers Parker, 5 1/2, and David, 3. Courtney continues to work in the infant room at the Children's House Montessori School. **Heather Billings Flock** and **Derek Flock** tied the knot this past summer and had a great time celebrating



*Kirsty McCue Ridings '02 with her husband, Matt, and daughter Olivia.*

with old friends from Colby-Sawyer. Heather and Derek share that they had a wonderful time at alumni weekend and got to witness the engagement of **Matt Danahy '05** to his girlfriend Amanda! **Andrea Chula Emery '04** and **Eric Emery '04** welcomed their 2nd child, baby boy Jayce, on Sept. 14. **Kirsty McCue Ridings** and her husband, Matt, welcomed their 1st child, Olivia, on Aug. 14, which also happened to be their 2nd wedding anniversary! **Hilary Cogen Ryan** is



*Alumni friends joining Lisa Farina Post '02 (3rd from left) on her wedding day were (l to r) Casey Mitchell Mescher '02, Addie Goff '02, Katie Reeder Ronzano '02, Lisa Tripp Sharpe '86 and Bob Behn '02.*

enjoying being a mom for the 2nd time to her new son, Brennan Christopher. Brennan joined big brother Liam in July and everyone is happy and healthy. Hilary is back to work at Colby-Sawyer in the Admissions Office and is taking over for Linda Gassman who retired in Dec. Hilary says, "We'll all miss Linda, but we're happy she'll be able to enjoy retired life in FL!" **Kate Johnson Scott** has

been busy at work, got married in June to a wonderful man, and completed the Hartford Marathon in Oct. Next year she looks forward to running in the Reach the Beach Relay taking place in MA. **Ashley Bramwell Arruda** still teaches kindergarten in Scituate, MA. Recently, Ashley and her husband moved to Marshfield, MA. They have a 2-year-old daughter, Caroline. **Dug Scott** writes,



*Colby-Sawyer was well-represented at the wedding of Heather Billings Flock '02 and Derek Flock '02. Gathering for the celebration were (back row, l to r) Dave Houghton '04, Pat Kelly '02, Matt Danahy '05, ( middle row, l to r) Matt Sweeney '02, Eric Emery '04, Erica Reeder McMahon '04, Rob Buckley '02, Derek Flock '02, Jacob Jarvela '02, (front row, l to r) Andrea Chula Emery '02, Sarah Lloyd O'Connell '01, Heather Billings Flock '02 and Nikki Fowler Martin '02. Heather and Derek were married on Aug. 5, 2012, in Rhode Island.*

“My wife and 2 daughters, ages 4 and 10, and I live just outside of Philadelphia. I am the marketing manager for Scott Honda & Scott Select and am very proud to be the 1st of the 4th generation of Scotts to work in the family business. I have recently started doing some marketing consulting on the side with the hopes of starting my own business soon. I have time to do that now because I recently completed 3 years as the president of the school board for The Walden School, a pre-k through grade 8 Montessori-based school where my girls attend. I also had a chance to attend our 10th Reunion and very much enjoyed seeing the campus and all my New England pals. I was especially proud of **Mike Mooney**, who won the Young Alumni Achievement Award for his dedication to the school.” In June 2011, **Brendan Carney**’s practice moved to Newton, MA, and merged with another acupuncturist. He continues to work at Brigham and Women’s Hospital and the Harvard Acupuncture Course for Physicians teaching acupuncture to interested doctors. His basketball craving has been replaced by a zest for the ocean and surfing as well as skiing. Brendan still lives in West Newton, MA, with his wife, **Jenny Buck Carney**, and

their under-2-year-old son, Baxter. **Stephanie Roy Ziniti** and her husband, Peter, welcomed their son, Peter III, on July 3. **Marc Ezekiel**’s sister, Kelly, shared that Marc married Laura McDaniel Ezekiel in May. They live in South Boston with their Chocolate Lab puppy, Brogan. Marc continues to do well in his professional life. On June 16, **Ellie Scuccimara Hawes** married Jonathan Hawes. Her father performed the ceremony, and fellow CSC alum **Anne DeCosta Bousquet ’03** was one of her bridesmaids. Ellie and Jonathan are planning a honeymoon to Italy this spring. **Casey Mitchell Mescher** and her husband, Joe, welcomed twins Lauchlan and Liliana on 10/11/12. The babies arrived 8 weeks early. They are now home from the NICU, and their parents could not feel more blessed! It has been a very busy year for **Lucia Savage Reeder** and her husband **Ben Reeder ’99**. She writes, “I’m still working 4 days a week at Chestnut



*Stephanie Roy Ziniti ’02 with her husband, Peter Jr., and son Peter III.*



*Friends Lucia Savage Reeder ’02, Katie Reeder Ronzano ’02 and Debbie Panza Brenner ’02 enjoy a play date with their new babies.*



*Ellie Scuccimara Hawes ’02 and her husband, Jonathan, on their wedding day.*

Hill Counseling Associates in Dover, NH, as a mental health and substance abuse counselor. Ben got a new job in Mar. at Southern NHU, which allowed us to move closer to our families. We sold our house in Concord in May, bought a house in Newmarket in June, had our 2nd child (a baby girl named after a long line of Lucia’s) on Aug. 16, and Ben just got promoted at the beginning of Nov.” Olivia Franciska Peterson was born on May 4, 2012,

to **Amy Birner Peterson** and husband Chase Peterson. They live in Henniker, NH, in a 200-year-old farmhouse, and Amy is the assistant marketing manager at Stonyfield Farm. **Kevin Maccioli** and his wife, **Kelly Raiano Maccioli ’03**, returned to MA with their son, Daniel, in the fall of 2011 and bought a house in Marlborough this past spring. After 10 years at the *Malden Evening News*, Kevin took a new job in June as the public information officer for the Middlesex County Sheriff’s Office. **Debbie Panza Brenner** writes, “The Brenner clan has grown in the past year by 2. We welcomed Katelyn and Matthew on Sept. 1, 2012. I returned to work full time at Second Start Alternative High School and am enjoying spending time with friends and family.” As for me, **Nikki Fowler Martin**, I still love being a



stay-at-home mom. Sam keeps me very busy, but we have so much fun together. My husband, Ben, and I built a house in Spofford, NH, this past spring. Sometimes I miss living in NY, but it's so nice being close to family and old friends. We've been able to spend a lot of time with **Stef Vickers Heddon** and her family, who live in our hometown of Walpole, NH. Stef and I have been out and about with **Beth Burnham '03**, who also lives in Walpole.

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I was promoted to a new position at my job in Oct. I'm now the customer service and technical support representative for the entire Core Physicians Laboratory Services. It's a lot more responsibility, but I was ready for a change and welcomed it with open arms. On May 12, 2012, **Krista Owens Soverino** married Jason Soverino in Philadelphia, PA. Krista met her husband-to-be on Nantucket while visiting **Sarah Valero Hollis**, who served as Krista's matron of honor. Also in attendance were **Justin Svirsky** and **Lauren Hallworth Hall '05**. Krista also started a

## Going the Distance

**Zachary Wieluns '02**

Zak Wieluns '02 remembers the first time he attempted distance running, and why—it was the summer after graduating from Colby-Sawyer. “It was a seven- or eight-mile run around Little Lake Sunapee, and I was dying at the end of it. My roommates were rolling on the floor laughing when I came back from trying to impress my new girlfriend.” A decade later, that girlfriend, Lenka Jakabcinova Wieluns '02, is now his wife, and Wieluns has transformed himself into an ultrarunner.

Wieluns ran his first marathon in 2003. “I had no idea what I was doing,” he recalls, “and it hurt.” From that experience, he learned the importance of proper training, and since then has run four more marathons. He also ran a snowshoe marathon, a grueling test of endurance with a course set up and down a mountain in Pittsfield, Vt. As impressive as those feats may be, Wieluns was just getting started.

Ultrarunning refers to distances greater than a marathon (26.2 miles), with typical events extending to 50 or 100 miles. Unlike road races, ultraraces mostly take place on trails, hills and mountains. “It's a totally different mindset and a different type of training,” says Wieluns. “For most ultra distances you're looking at a minimum of four hours. In 100-mile races you can be out there more than 30 hours.”

Wieluns, who lives in Portland, Maine, had one of his best runs this past October, when he took second place in the Big Brad Ultra, a 50-mile ultrarace held at Bradbury Mountain in Southern Maine. His strong performance had him crossing the finish line in a brisk nine hours and 30 minutes.



*Zak Wieluns '02 is one of New England's finest ultrarunners.*

Despite his successes, Wieluns still has one challenge to overcome. His nemesis is the Vermont 100-Mile Endurance Run, held each July in West Windsor. Twice he has attempted this arduous run, but the first time, a cyst on the back of his knee burst. On his second attempt, he reached the 92-mile mark and his body simply shut down.

This summer will show if the third time will be the charm. “It's a very humbling sport,” he says with a laugh. “It's a very personal thing. You get to learn what you're really made of, inside and out.”

— Mike Gregory





*Justin Pill '03 and wife Carrie Pill on their Sept. 22, 2012, wedding day in Rutland, Vt.*

new job as marketing & event coordinator for Talamore Country Club in Ambler, PA. **Justin Barker** married Sara Rouse in HI in Sept. A gathering in Burlington, VT, followed in Oct. **Matt Strand** and **Michelle Labrie Strand** joined Justin to celebrate his nuptials. **Karissa Pignone Fitzell** is still teaching 3rd and 4th grade in Salem, NH, and enjoying her family, which expanded to 4! Eliza Kelly Fitzell was born on Apr. 18, 2012. Sophia is enjoying



*The band Adria, comprised of Sean Joncas '05 (lead guitar), Matt Cartmill '03 (drums) and Justin Pill '03 (bass), celebrated their 10th year together since forming at Colby-Sawyer in 2002.*

being a big sister. **Jazarae Kirchdorfer McCormick** is still living in FL and is working on her doctorate in special education. Jaz also wanted to share that **Erica Pockell** graduated in May with a master's to be a registered dietician. **Brandy Vose Schlesinger** and **Adam Schlesinger** are living in Woburn, MA, where Brandy is a real estate attorney and Adam is an appraiser for an insurance company. They

also welcomed a son, Logan Robert Schlesinger, on Sept. 2, 2012. Logan is happy and healthy and growing fast, and all is well with the Schlesinger family. **Justin Pill** is the marketing manager at Long Trail Brewing Company and has been there since 1999. He met his wife, Carrie Hayes, at the brewery, as she works there as a brand ambassador in the visitor's center. Justin and Carrie were married on Sept. 23, 2012, at the home that they purchased in Rutland, VT. Justin's band mates from Adria, **Matt Cartmill** and **Sean Joncas '05**, were in attendance, as well as Justin's roommate for 2 years, **Sam Fucile**. The band Adria celebrated their 10-year anniversary this fall and just released an EP that was recorded in Justin's basement in Nov.

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Hello, all! I hope this finds you doing well. **Kate Rocheford Ferguson** and her husband, **Matt Ferguson '03**, welcomed their son, Parker, in Sept.

**Tina Burnell** was recently hired as the technology and media specialist in the Office of Marketing and Brand Management at the U of Southern ME, Portland. **Lauren Palma** purchased her 1st home in Holden, MA, with her husband, whom she married on Oct. 20! Lauren is working at Reliant Medical Group as a nurse practitioner and she and her husband have been doing some traveling. **Lauren Miller Germaine** relocated with her husband, Mike, and their puppy, Henry, from Boston to Charlotte, NC. She loves the South so far and is looking forward to warmer winters. She recently spoke with **Wendy Theall '03**, who had moved from Boston to Boulder, CO, and is working as a massage therapist at Boulder Therapeutic Massage. They are both proud and supportive of **Meghan Hudson Medbery** and CSC Women's Soccer for making it to finals this past year. As for myself, **Mary Lougee Lambert**, I got my goal job of HR manager with the Lake Sunapee Region VNA and Hospice this past July. It's nice to be working back in New London, as well as with many community members that I remember from my days at CSC.



*Krista Owens Soverino '03 and husband Jason Soverino on their wedding day.*



*Celebrating the special day with Krista (3rd from l) were (l to r) Lauren Hallworth Wall '05, Justin Svirsky '03 and Sarah Valero Hollis '03.*



Stephanie Gehlbach Hayden '05 married Patrick Hayden on May 26, 2012, in Stowe, Vt. Colby-Sawyer alumni in attendance were (l to r) Acacia Batschelet Mehaffey '05, Kelsey Donahue '05, Karen Tryon Hoey '05, Erika Tsipouras '05, Dana Bickford '05, Stephanie Gehlbach Hayden '05, Patrick Hayden, Tara Pannell Haddad '05 and Brian Haddad '07.

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**Katie Harrigan Holley** and **Ben Holley** are thrilled to announce the newest member of their family, Ava Rose Holley. Ava was born on Mar. 16, 2012, in NYC. **Jenni Beaulieu Calvi** is in FL but plans to move around a bit for her husband's training as a student naval aviator. Jenni is a stay-at-home mom taking care of their son, Dominic, who turned 1 on Dec. 6! **Amy Lancaster Baker** and her husband,

Randy, welcomed their 1st child, Piper T. Lancaster, on Mar. 17, 2012. **Jess Underhill** married **Mike Carbone '06** in Kennebunkport, ME, on Sept. 29. **Trevor Dorian** and his wife, Cortney, purchased their 2nd multi-family investment property in Feb. Trevor is the Head Strength and Conditioning Coach for Attain Therapy & Fitness, a private facility based out of western MA. They reside in Enfield and on Halloween welcomed son Colten Dean to the family. **Allison Kelly Salem** married Paul Salem on Aug. 4, 2012, at Glen Magna Farms in Danvers, MA. **Ali Natowich** stood by her side as a bridesmaid. **Lindsay McKeton Frazier** and her husband were also in attendance. They had a great beach honeymoon in Jamaica in Nov. and are settling into their house in Wallingford, CT. Allison

also recently accepted a job as an early intervention associate at a birth-to-3 agency. **Stephanie Gehlbach Hayden** married Patrick Hayden on May 26, 2012, in Stowe, VT. Fellow CSC alums in attendance were **Acacia Batschelet Mehaffey, Kelsey Donahue, Karen Tryon Hoey, Erika Tsipouras, Dana Bickford, Stephanie Gehlbach Hayden, Tara Pannell Haddad** and **Brian Haddad '07**. **Cody O'Leary** loves living in VT. **Monica Michaud** loves living out on the lake at her camp in the summer, but decided it was time to buy a house. She bought an old farmhouse in Oct. in Auburn, ME, as well as a new car. Monica also made a change from teaching Pre-K; after 5 years with the little guys she decided to switch to 1st grade.

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Steph Seavy '07 spent her third winter as a professional ski patroller at Squaw Valley Ski Resort in Olympic Village, Calif.



Evan Haskell '07 and Kate Byrne Haskell '07 with family.

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**Lauri Baudanza** is now working at Curry College in Milton, MA, as a community director. **Liz Luddy Erickson** recently married



Kaylee Nicholls '07 and Meghan Hunt '07 enjoyed celebrating their 5th reunion during Colby-Sawyer's Alumni Fall Festival.



Jessica Kingsbury Austin '07 married Brent Austin in July.



The happy couple poses with their wedding party.

**Matt Erickson '08** in New London. **Steph Seavy** is going on her 3rd winter as a professional ski patroller at Squaw Valley Ski Resort in Olympic Village, CA. Steph spent this fall and summer traveling the USA to go whitewater rafting, and she went to Asia to explore China, Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam, Malaysia and Singapore. She also travelled to Baja, Mexico; Costa Rica and Panama. **Jessica Kingsbury Austin** was married last July to Brent Austin. **Evan Haskell** and **Kate Byrne Haskell** have been busy these last few years. Shortly after graduation, Kate moved to Evan's hometown of Deer Isle, ME. In 2010 they built their own house and were married nearby in Bar Harbor. In Dec. 2011 they welcomed a son, Clyde. Evan is currently a carpenter for his dad's business and Kate is a center director/lead teacher/family advocate for a Head Start program. **Melissa**



Kate MacDonald '07 and her fiancé Tim Smith.

**Ferrigno Page** was married on June 22, 2012, in CT to Justin Page. They honeymooned in St. Lucia. Members of the wedding party included **Brian Campbell '08** and **Jessica Stewart '09**. They are currently living in Lebanon, NH, and both work for Hypertherm. **Kate MacDonald** got engaged to Tim Smith on Dec. 3, 2011. **Meghan Hunt** recently graduated from SNHU with an MBA. In 2009, Meghan became a licensed multi-level healthcare administrator for the state of ME. She continues to run her family nursing home and lives in Winthrop, ME. In Oct., Meghan vacationed with her 2 Pomeranian dogs on



Melissa Ferrigno Page '07 married Justin Page on June 22, 2012, in Connecticut. Members of the wedding party included Brian Campbell '08 and Jessica Stewart '09. Other Colby-Sawyer guests included Nicole Poelaert '09 and Kristine Prioli '07.

Pleasant Lake, New London, NH. She attended the 175th CSC Celebration and had a great time catching up with alumni friends. **Jenn LeMay** recently moved to MA and is teaching 1st grade in Nashua. She got together with some fellow classmates last year at **Donna Kaplan Vieira's** wedding. **Laurel Kenna Pushee** and **Geoff Pushee '08** had their son, Jackson David Pushee, on June 4. **Nicole Horgan, Nicole Berthiaume '08, Nicole Iapicca, Thomas "TJ" Coffrin, Kat Davis '08, Emily Birkhead '09** and **Julie Baldiga** recently got

together for an ugly sweater Christmas party in MA. **Amanda LeMarier** will be graduating with her Doctorate of Physical Therapy from Northeastern U in May 2013.

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Class of '08, I hope this finds you well and a big thank you to everyone who sent in updates! On Sept. 15, **Angela Eastman Sylvia**



and **Pat Ryan Sylvia** were married in a beautiful garden ceremony at the Mile Away in Milford, NH, and celebrated with CSC alums spanning several years. **Courtney Bodine Harvey** started a foundation with her sister in honor of their dad called Bodine Design: Design for a Cure. Proceeds go to the Lustgarten Foundation for pancreatic research. Look for their designs and artwork in stores around the NH Seacoast and help support their foundation. **John Royce O'Neil** is still enjoying coaching baseball and teaching exercise science courses at the U of MD Eastern Shore. **Malcolm Borde Smith** has moved back to Pittsburg, PA, where he works as administrative coordinator for the Washington, PA, Wild Things baseball team. Malcolm also has plans to travel next year to catch some sporting events around the US. After passing the registered dietitian exam, **John Bosse**



*Patrick Sylvia '08 and Angela Eastman Sylvia '08 on their wedding day.*



*In 2012 Donna Kaplan Vieira was married to Nick Vieira. Pictured (l to r) are Kris Ramsay '08, Anna Clark Ramsay '07, an unindentified non-CSC grad, Nick Vieira, Donna Kaplan Vieira '07, Sarah Connor '07, Jenn Lemay '07, Kathleen Corr '07, and Jen Dube Fisher '05.*

worked for 8 months as a sports dietitian for the FL Gators, prior to taking his present position as Sr. Scientist in Product Innovation for USANA Health Sciences. John also recently started his own business, PR Products, LLC. **Ashley Goulter** and **Chris Houston-Ponchak '06** are now living together in Brighton, MA, and Ashley has started her new job as a full-time teller/sales service representative at Cambridge Savings Bank. **Kelly DeCharles**

**Holshuh** and **Justin Holshuh '06** got married with many, many CSC alumni in attendance—even their bartender was from CSC! Kelly and Justin now live in Louisville, CO, with their 2 Chihuahuas, Zac and Slater. After working with juvenile offenders for 2 years in NH, **Jenn Chase** moved back to MA and is going on 2 years at the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department. Jenn also bought her 1st house in Plymouth, MA. **Meaghan Pilling** is



*Alumni friends joining the Sylvia celebration were Adrian Pelletier '07, Sarah Heaney Pelletier '08, Chad Nussinow '06, Charlie Belvin '08, Patrick Sylvia '08, Angela Eastman Sylvia '08, Ashley Goulter '08, Chris Huston-Ponchak '06, Travis Soule '06 and Kristin Belanger (non-CSC grad).*



*(L to r) Nicole Horgan '07, Nicole Berthiaume '08, Nicole Iapicca '07, TJ Coffrin, Kat Davis '08, Emily Birkhead '09, and Julie Baldiga '07 pose for a photo during their ugly sweater Christmas party.*

completing her doctoral internship at CSC, where she's a therapist at Baird and also teaches Psych 101. **Alex Possidente** married Amy Bahrenburg on Dec. 15. **Zach Irish** and his wife, Christine, welcomed their 2nd baby, Kylie Ann, on Nov 1. Zack is the associate director of student life at Daniel Webster College and oversees residence life and student conduct operations on campus. This past July, **Rania Ferguson Virgilio** married Dustin Virgilio in Pittsfield, MA. They had many CSC soccer alums in attendance. **Stephanie Kimball** is still enjoying her role as marketing manager at Chadwick Martin Bailey and is looking forward to entering her 5th year with the company. This past summer, Stephanie was



Raina Ferguson Virgilio '08 and Dustin Virgilio on their wedding day.



These Class of '08 soccer alumnae jump for joy at the Ferguson/Virgilio wedding! (L to r) Sarah Cohen, Phoebe Wolcott-MacCausland, Stephanie Kimball, Raina Ferguson Virgilio, Mallory Jaracz, Mallory Blair and Kelly Sullivan.



Kelly Dutra Megquier '08 and Jacob Megquier on their wedding day.



Justin Jaskiewicz '08 and Nicole Morin Jaskiewicz '11 on their wedding day at Curtis Farm in Wilton, N.H.



Chris McClellan '08, Carter Malpass '11, Kristin Costello '08, Justin Jaskiewicz '08, Nicole Morin Jaskiewicz '11, Meghan Steele '11, Nicole Felisme '11, Arianna Dawley Anton '11, Kayla Reed '10, Bonnie Lewis '11, Jeff Marc-Aurele '11, Dave Mikita '10, Jackie Preston '09 and Sammy Ray '11 pose for the Colby-Sawyer photo at the wedding.



Kelly DeCharles Holshuh '08 and Justin Holshuh '06 enjoy a moment on their wedding day.



Joining Kelly and Justine (front) for the celebration were (back row, l to r) Travis O'Brien '07, Kristin Costello '08, Sarah Hayes '08, Taylor Theall '07, Lisa Giordano '08, Molly Mullen '08, Chuck Mayer '06, Matt Erickson '08, (middle row, l to r) Nikki Courtney '05, Alena Slabon Davis '05, Matt Davis, Kate Mangan Newcomb '09, Liz Luddy Erickson '07, Amanda LeMarier '07 and Meghan O'Brien '08.

just one of 50 women accepted into the Boston Chamber Women's Leadership Program. **Justin Jaskiewicz** and **Nicole Morin Jaskiewicz '11** were married at Curtis Farm in Wilton, NH, on July 21. They now live in Raymond, NH—Justin works as a demonstration and training manager for Allen Datagraph Systems, Inc. and Nicole has just completed her 1st semester of the biochemistry PhD program at UNH. **Kelly Dutra Megquier** married Jacob Megquier last summer and celebrated with alumni **Steph Shamel Watson**, **Nick Watson '09**, **Fawn Burns** and **Taylor Kuhl**. Kelly and Jacob are planning to move back to ME in the spring. **Sarah Heaney Pelletier** and **Adrian Robert Pelletier '07** bought their 1st home this past summer and a black lab puppy named Harley this fall.



# 2009

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Wedding bells were in the air this year for the Class of '09! Our very own class correspondent, **Nicole Poelaert**, married Rob Costanzo on Aug. 18. Her wedding was held at her husband's Christmas tree farm in Pembroke, MA. The 2 danced the night away with fellow CSCers **Melissa Ferrigno Page '07**, **Chuck Mayer '06**, **Katey Kimball** and **Zoe Porter '12**. **Melissa Estabrook Pillsbury** tied the knot



Lauren Wasiczko '09 and her fiancé Wayne Lair, Jr



Lauren Wasiczko '09 earned her doctorate in physical therapy from Sage College.

with fellow CSC Charger **Andrew Pillsbury '07** in June. Melissa and Andrew moved to MN, where Melissa accepted a RN position at the U of MN Medical Center on the Intermediate Care Unit, where she takes care of post-operative solid organ transplants. **Duncan Szeliga** married Katy Langley on Oct. 14, and there was plenty of CSC



Sean Ahern '09, pictured with his parents Maureen and John, recently completed his master's in popular culture at Bowling Green State University.

pride in attendance there! **Kristina Casper-Wilson** strutted down the aisle in her cowboy boots to husband Steve Wilson for their Oct. wedding in Bear Mountain, NY. **Lauren Wasiczko** got engaged to Wayne Lair, Jr., at Clark's Lookout while visiting New London. Lauren graduated from Sage College in Troy this year with a doctorate in physical therapy. She works at Sunnyview Rehabilitation Hospital in Schenectady, NY, as a physical therapist. **Aubrey**

**Thomas** recently started a master's program at Emerson College. Her concentration is in public relations and stakeholder communication. She continues her work full time at Harmon Law Offices and recently attended her 1st board meeting in Oct. at Colby-Sawyer as a Winton-Black Trustee. **Elizabeth Cressman** finished her 1st semester at Worcester State U, where she's studying for her MS degree in speech-language pathology. Elizabeth is also working full time as a preschool teacher and she moved to Grafton, MA, over the summer. **Kathryn Mirick** is putting her CSC degree to work as the director of The Kensington School in VA, a preschool and child development center. She lives in Williamsburg, VA. **Ian Wiltshire** is living in Burlington, VT, with his girlfriend, Althea, and their 2 kittens, Piper and Elwood. He's working in



Duncan Szeliga '09 and his wife, Katy, sneak a kiss at their wedding. Among the wedding party shielding their eyes from the marital smooch are '09 classmates Nate Truncellito, Andrew Cousins, Pat McKinnon, Josh Carter and Matt Lemieux.



Alumni gathering for Christina Quirk Mitaly's '09 wedding celebration were Kristina Casper-Wilson '09, Becca Gladden '09, Samantha Ellis '09, Allison Allen '09, Stephanie Manyak '09, Jeanine Audet '09, Elise Kapp '09 and Dave Martin '09.



the prepress department at Creative Labels in VT. **Justin Lewis** is in his 3rd year working at Black River Produce (the company CSC buys its produce from) and he was recently promoted to transportation supervisor. **Sean Ahern** recently completed his master's in popular culture at Bowling Green State U and has moved to Buffalo, NY, where he continues his education at the U of Buffalo studying for his PhD in American Studies. He's also working on an article that is part of a series of articles titled "Popular Culture in the 21st Century," and is putting together presentations for conferences. When he's not writing or going to school, Sean finds himself working in the music library at the U of Buffalo documenting information on musicians from the 1900s to the 1970s. **Christina Quirk Mitaly** had a mini CSC reunion at her wedding last spring.

## 2010

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Colby-Sawyer alumni in attendance were (back row, l to r) Rob Barnes '11, George Packard '11, Jeremy Fuller, Andy Smith '11, Michael Nigro '10, Joe Atwood '12, George "Geordie" Sousa, Hailey Malone '12, (middle row, l to r) Mary Jo Richardson '05, Kellie Tingle '10, Anna Hosmer '11, Chelsea Edson, Victoria Canelas Lantiegne '11, Aric Lantiegne '11, Michaela Iannazzi '10, Nicole DiNapoli '11, (front row, l to r) Ryan Lawless, Travis Plass '11 and Shawn Dunstan '12.



Aric Lantiegne '11 and Victoria Canelas Lantiegne '11 were married on July 30, 2011.

## 2011

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**Jill Dunn** completed her master's degree in curriculum and instruction management and is working at Lebanon High School as a history teacher.

**Kyla Pillsbury** graduated in Dec. with her associate's in health science and works for the New London Fire Department and is the EMS Captain of the Wilmot Fire Dept. **Andrea Hoyt** is working in Duxbury, MA, as a private nanny. **Kelsie Lee** is working at Stencils Online in Franklin, NH, as a designer and programmer. **Ashley Finethy** is working at Cardigan Mountain

School in Canaan, NH, in the communications department.

Congratulations to **Stefanie Turner**, who completed a 7-day, 550-mile bike event for the American Diabetes Association. Meredith Ferris is teaching kindergarten in Lee, NH. **Chelsea Catanzarita** got engaged to **Josh Daneault '09**. **Kristi Parent** is working as a nurse at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in the Intermediate Special Care Unit and purchased a house in Nov. **Nicole Matott** is working as a nurse in the medical oncology unit at Concord Hospital and purchased her 1st house in June 2012. **Nicole Felisme** is living in Lebanon, NH, and working as a RN in the Intensive Care Nursery at DHMC. **Arianna Dawley Anton** was married on June 17, 2012,

at Lake Morey Resort in Fairlee, VT, and is working as an RN in the adult Intensive Care Unit at DHMC. **Andrew Francis** is a communications associate at the ME People's Alliance. **Sabrina Corey** is working as a Pre-K and math teacher for grades 4-6 for the gifted and talented. She's also studying for her master's degree in education at the U of Southern ME. **Ashley Blais** is working at Bimbo Bakeries in NY as an HR associate. **Ashley Sievers** is a clinical case manager at NAFI in RI. **Stefan Didrichsen** is working in Derry, NH, for Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage as a real estate agent. **Averie Zdon** is in her 2nd year at Antioch U New England, working on her doctorate degree in clinical psychology. **Meghan Steele** is the program assistant at the

NH Public Health Association. **Sheehan Milam** is working as a family outreach worker for the Easter Seals NH and is working on her master's degree in community mental health at Southern NH U. **Nicole Morin Jaskiewicz** married **Justin Jaskiewicz '08** in July 2012 and is working on her biochemistry PhD at the U of NH. **Katherine Lee** is working for AmeriCorps in DC and also teaching underprivileged adults and coaching soccer to handicapped players. **Megan Campbell** is engaged, as is **Stephanie Carr**. **Elise Tremblay** and **Alyssa Langlois** both work at Nashoba Learning Group and are enrolled at Endicott College. Elise is working on her master's in autism and special ed. and Alyssa is studying to become a board-certified behavioral analyst. **Carissa Caron** was recently certified as a clinical case manager at NFI North. **Ashley Godin** is working at Journey Forward as a neuro-recovery specialist. **Max Gaughan** is a snowboard instructor at Copper Mountain, CO. **Beau Ramunto '12** is working at F.X. Matt Brewery in Eastern MA and was recently engaged to **Amanda Kruszkowski '10**. **Gabby Maloney** is working at the Perkins School for the Blind, and also teaches special ed. in Belmont, MA. She's

pursuing her master's in moderate disabilities and her ASL interpreting certificate. **Kate Fitzpatrick** is living in Sullivan Square, MA, and working at Commonwealth Psychology Associates. **Lauryn Daigle** is living in Lebanon, NH, and working as a spa receptionist at the River Valley Club. **Sara Juell-Larsen** is a mental health worker at Natchaug Hospital, an inpatient psychiatric hospital in northeast CT, and recently bought a home in Scotland, CT. **Xanthe Hilton** writes, "Another election has come and gone and I found myself in the middle of it once again. Shortly after graduating in Dec. I returned to Newport, NH, as an organizing fellow for the Obama campaign. Only weeks later I was asked to join the team in MI as a field organizer. I worked in Grand Rapids, in the western side of the state, until about mid-June, when I was relocated to the Eastern side of MI. For the rest of the campaign I worked in Oakland County, the home of Mitt Romney. It was an incredible experience. I got to know and work with some amazing people." Xanthe was looking forward to seeing her friends, coworkers and colleagues at the inauguration.

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**Maddy Hawkins** is pursuing her master's degree from Northeastern U in Boston. **Courtney Pike** and her twin sister, **Kassie Pike**, are both pursuing master's degrees in education with a concentration in higher education administration from Northeastern U. In addition to being a full-time graduate student, Courtney has been working 3 jobs. Kassie hired Courtney to work for Birchstand, an online organization that links local businesses with non-profit organizations. She also works as an event coordinator for Stagebandit and spends time working at her family's newly established bar/restaurant The Dusty Bottle. **Adrian Pike**, the triplet brother of Courtney and Kassie, spent 2 years at Colby-Sawyer, transferred to Lyndon State for 1, then decided to join the Army. He is currently deployed in Afghanistan. ♦

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# In Fond Memory

## 1930

Hazel Philbrick Preston — Sept. 2, 2003

## 1933

Lois Pinkham Landis — March 6, 2012

## 1934

Ruth Zoller Bowen — Aug. 20, 2012

Barbara Squier Gay — Nov. 1, 2012

## 1935

Bernice Feinstein Goldstein — July 3, 2012

## 1937

Margaret Willson Arrington — July 1, 2012

Sarah Henckel Judson — July 6, 2012

Ruth Rounds Sheriff — April 9, 2006

Mary White Barty — Feb. 15, 2006

## 1938

Frances Russell French — Oct. 9, 2012

## 1939

Ada Shapiro Creighton — July 20, 2012

Sally Stevens Ayres — July 27, 2012

Margaret McGinniss McNamara —

Nov. 24, 2011

Carolyn Disbrow Roe — Oct. 3, 2011

Sybil Jane Cummings Gilbert —

Nov. 30, 2012

Nancy Edwards Cox — Jan. 3, 2013

## 1940

Jane Hollings Gordon — March 20, 2012

Caroline Jewett Sullivan — Sept. 27, 2012

Winifred Rand Welch — Nov. 3, 2012

Barbara Weare Grover — Nov. 16, 2012

Margaret Brewer Cooley — Nov. 18, 2011

Juliette Conover Reinicker — Jan. 12, 2013

## 1941

Margery Tunison Hoch — June 23, 2012

Nancy Schwarzenbach Hall —

Oct. 23, 2012

Lillian Scott Dyczynski — Aug. 12, 2012

## 1942

Jean Gove Hines — Sept. 25, 2012

Elizabeth 'Betsy' Dunn Kennedy —

Sept. 28, 2010

Sarah 'Sally' Bisset Douglas —

Dec. 28, 2012

Pearl Leigh Fuller — Dec. 24, 2012

## 1943

Barbara Stronach Page — Jan. 2, 2012

Patricia Clapp Smith — Nov. 29, 2012

Arlene Porter Levenson — Oct. 3, 2012

Marjorie Campbell Upson — March 5, 2012

Carolyn Sigourney Holtz — Dec. 13, 2012

## 1945

Gloria Hamburger Vise — June 12, 2012

Janice Cooper Adams — Aug. 29, 2012

Judith Allen Lawrence — Jan. 1, 2012

## 1946

Shirleyann Fuller St. Pierre — Aug. 6, 2012

Lorraine Casciani Quinlan — Aug. 25, 2012

Margaret Reynolds Manning —

Sept. 23, 2002

Marilyn Budgell Shuler — Oct. 26, 2012

Marjorie Noyes McBride — Nov. 15, 2012

## 1947

Beth Piatt Bascom — Sept. 25, 2012

## 1948

Grace James Evans — June 25, 2012

Susan Hight Denny — Jan. 13, 2013

## 1949

Hope Cushman Otto — Aug. 28, 2012

Sally Randall — Dec. 10, 2012

## 1950

Carol Howe Hagan — Dec. 19, 2012

## 1951

Katharine Tyler Drolet — Sept. 28, 2012

Charlene Deubler Trimpi — Oct. 8, 2012

Ann Withe Holmgren — Dec. 24, 2012

## 1952

Jean Easton Erb — Jan. 1, 2013

## 1954

Marylou Beutel Henley — July 17, 2012

Patricia Sweet Gavin — Oct. 24, 2012

## 1955

Carol Walker Gore — July 2, 2012

Naomi Shaffer Tomney — Nov. 15, 2012

## 1956

Sara 'Sally' Height Strawbridge —

Aug. 14, 2012

## 1958

Joan Karl Kelley — Nov. 2, 2012

## 1959

Katherine Maxwell Caley — Sept. 16, 2012

Judith McCormick Taylor — Sept. 29, 2012

## 1960

Sinclair Knudsen Bill — Nov. 22, 2011

## 1962

Catharine Cannon Reese — Sept. 6, 2011

## 1963

Carole Gibson Paullin — March 23, 2011

## 1964

Maureen Kelley Cocchi — Dec. 6, 2011

## 1965

Emily Knowles Langford — Sept. 10, 2011

## 1966

Jane Hyde Malone — Dec. 12, 2012

## 1967

Sally Worthen — July 29, 2011

Helen Muller Schrand — April 26, 2010

## 1970

Wendy Moore Everson — June 24, 2012

## 1972

Carolyn Fite — June 6, 2012

Margaret 'Blair' Fox — Sept. 28, 2011

## 1976

Sarah Cribb — Jan. 2, 2012

## 1978

Bess Robin Smith — July 10, 2012

## 1980

Natalie Barnard — Aug. 16, 2012

## 1992

Astrid Carman-Ferreira — Aug. 1, 2012

## 1998

Peter Shanks — Aug. 1, 2012



# Remembering Dexter L. Burley, Ph.D.

## Scholar in Residence, Friend, Teacher

by Kate Dunlop Seamans

Dexter L. Burley of Newbury, N.H., Scholar in Residence in the Social Sciences and Education Department, died peacefully at home from leukemia on Saturday, Dec. 15, at age 68. A traveler, sociologist, landscape designer and life-changing teacher who was generous with his time and resources, Professor Burley taught with compassion, a global view, humor and deep expertise.

Professor Burley first taught at Colby-Sawyer in 2005 as an adjunct and joined the faculty in 2008 to teach courses in sociology and psychology, including Individual and Community; Cross Cultural Psychology; Sociology of the Family; Aging: Social Forces in Later Life; International Sociology; Adult Psychology; and the Health Studies Capstone. He also served as an academic advisor and an advisor to campus clubs, including the Faith Club.

“Dexter loved teaching more than anything else in the world,” says Associate

Professor of Sociology Kathleen Farrell. “When he was told he had limited time left, he chose to teach full time. Not only did he love to teach, but he loved to teach at Colby-Sawyer.”

Professor Burley once told Amber Cronin '11 that he fell into teaching by happenstance, but she disagrees. “I think Dexter was meant to be a teacher, to share his experiences, intelligence, humor and even his home with his students,” says Cronin, a Media Studies major who is now a newspaper reporter in Maine. “I was drawn to Dexter’s courses. I was so enchanted by my first class with him that I made sociology my minor. His wit, charm, intelligence and genuine care for his students are tremendous losses to the Colby-Sawyer community.”

Professor Burley combined his love of teaching and landscape design by supporting the Windy Hill School in its new home financially, but also with gifts of time and knowledge. He designed the outside play area; oversaw the plantings of the orchard, blueberries, flowers and landscaping;

and returned again and again to tend them.

His colleague and friend Janet Bliss, associate professor of Social Sciences and Education and director of the Windy Hill School, describes him as *extraordinary*. “Dexter Burley was an exceptional thinker, scholar, architect, landscape architect, gerontologist, historian, sociologist, world traveler, connoisseur of art and ardent supporter of his fellow man,” says Bliss. “A more generous and kind individual is hard to imagine. He was an extraordinary listener, a wise counsel, a highly entertaining storyteller, both a delightful host and an appreciative guest, and the most humble person I have ever known.”

In an interview Cronin conducted with Professor Burley while she was a student at Colby-Sawyer, he told her, “We all know that life is a gift, but I think it is through travel that we learn how to unwrap that gift. It’s something that is so easy in our comfortable life, in our stimulating life here, to be intellectually and culturally complacent. It is through travel that you

realize how precious our lives are and it stimulates us to explore that, the beauty of that.”

Professor Burley is survived by his daughter, Jane Schoenborn, his son, Benjamin Burley, and four grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to the Boston Symphony Orchestra, 301 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston, Mass. 02115 or [www.bso.org](http://www.bso.org). ♦



Photo: Greg Danilowski

*Dexter Burley loved teaching and brought compassion, a global perspective and deep expertise in many disciplines to the classroom.*

# Alumna Anna Littlefield, Artist and Early Woman Doctor

by Kelli Bogan, College Archivist

Anna Littlefield is well known in the New London area for her role as one of New Hampshire's first female doctors. Lesser known is that before she was a doctor, Littlefield had several ties to Colby Academy (now Colby-Sawyer College). Littlefield's schooling and teaching at Colby Academy would contribute to and shape her medical career.

Littlefield was born on Dec. 1, 1859, the daughter of Seth Littlefield and Sarah Bragg Littlefield. She had one brother, Ira, who was born in 1873. Littlefield spent the first years of her life in a house on the Grafton-Croydon line in New Hampshire until, in 1869, the Littlefield family relocated to New London, purchasing a house on Pleasant Street owned by Seth's brother-in-law, Joshua Hemphill. Anna would reside in this house for the rest of her life, with the exception of her time at medical school.

Littlefield was described as having inherited her mother's artistic temperament and, as a young adult, was particularly interested in documenting wildlife. She attended

Colby Academy, located in her hometown of New London, where, according to the 1883 *Colby Academy Catalog*, she would have studied the "Ladies Course," which was designed to combine mathematics with "the Sciences, a careful study of the English Language and Literature, and a knowledge of Ancient and Modern Languages." She graduated in 1884.

After a brief stint teaching at the Pleasant Street School, Littlefield returned to Colby Academy to share her gift, teaching drawing and painting to another generation of Colby students, from 1890 to 1892. (Littlefield's brother, Ira, would also attend the Academy and graduated in 1895).

Littlefield is best known artistically for her collection of flora from the region, having documented 97 plants species in oil on paper, as well as an illustrated bird book and several family portraits. She worked with a variety of mediums including paper, cardboard, canvas, eggs and wood. Her work

is best described as Audubon-esque, acutely rendered and often showing the object in various stages of development (in the case of plants) or in a variety of poses (in the case of birds). Hints of Littlefield's scientific mind are also present; often the images are accompanied by the species' scientific name and additional information.

Later in life, Anna told her great nephew, Lloyd Littlefield, that when the brick Academy building burned down in 1892, she took it as a sign to pursue

a hidden passion—to be a medical doctor. In an interview for *Kearsarge Magazine*, Lloyd relates, "She told me years later that she had always wanted to be a physician... so when the building burned down, she figured this was the Lord's way of telling her that if she's going to be a physician, she'd better get with it." So, at the age of 32, Anna Littlefield went to the Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania, the first college in the world to train women to be doctors and grant them a medical degree.



From the Cleveland Colby Colgate Archives

*Anna Littlefield, Class of 1884, studied and taught at Colby Academy and went on to become one of New Hampshire's first female doctors.*





Photo: Greg Damiowski

*Anna Littlefield's medical instruments and bag, as well as her books and art work, remain in her former home and office in New London, now owned by her great nephew, Lloyd Littlefield.*

After completing her degree, Littlefield would return to New London and set up an office in her Pleasant Street home. In the summer of 1897, when the state of New Hampshire began issuing medical licenses, Littlefield was the 13th woman to request one, traveling all the way to Concord to do so. She was the only female doctor practicing within 25 miles of New London.

Dr. Anna, as she would become known to her patients, served as a general practitioner until 1946 and practiced medicine into her 90th year. She worked out of her home and was integral in the founding of the New London Hospital, working with other local doctors to encourage a

group of women to found the New London Nursing Association and open a six-bed hospital located in what is now the Tracy Memorial Library.

Littlefield's home office was fully equipped with the tools and supplies that she needed to attend her patients. She had a wooden desk where she could review her paperwork, but it also included a long wooden extension and a pair of iron stirrups, which converted the desk into an examination table. Littlefield's walls were lined with wooden cabinets that held her medical supplies and medicines which she prepared herself. And, of course, she had a sturdy pair of snowshoes fashioned for her by her brother, Ira, for house calls.

Despite her passion for medicine, Littlefield's love of art never left her. Instead, she incorporated her sketches into her medical notes, particularly a handwritten reference

book that she created on gynecology. Here, along with meticulous notes, are beautifully rendered, scientific sketches of the human body. ♦



Photo: Greg Damiowski

*Littlefield was a skilled artist and illustrator who beautifully depicted the flora and birds of the region, as well as made portraits of her family and scientific drawings of the human body.*



# The President's Daughters

by Betsy Woodman

**I**t was the day after Labor Day in 1962 when we drew up to the big, white, so American-looking house across the street from picture-book brick buildings. The street was empty. The only sounds were our own voices and the wind in the trees. My 9-year-old sister Jane looked around, puzzled.

home from ten years in India, where my father was the cultural affairs officer at the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi, we had some adjustments ahead of us. New London, population then 1,500, was beautiful, quiet, orderly—and, a few weeks later, implacably snowy and icy.

Colby Junior College and the town, on the other hand, gave us a warm welcome.

My sisters and I entered the local school and I met my 12th grade classmates—all 30 of them. Our roots were in New Hampshire, our relatives were close. The President's House, with its gushing hot water and central heating, felt like the epit-

ome of American comfort. In some ways, it was an easy transition.

We did, however, live in a goldfish bowl. In India, we children had been

“little ambassadors,” and in New London, we were still on show. These are not our dress-up clothes in this picture! It was a more formal era, when incoming students, also dressed to the nines, came for tea served from a silver samovar. We kept our rooms nasty neat, too, to show visitors who might arrive at any time.

I benefited hugely from having the college right across the road, especially the library in the Ware Center and the brand new Sawyer Center. One of the perks for the president's family was entertaining the entertainers back at the house. I can truthfully say that I have danced with the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre and eaten scrambled eggs in the kitchen with comedian Dick Gregory.

My sisters and I picked up summer jobs at the college, too. Lee and Jane waitressed for the Gordon Research Conferences while I was a go-fer in the Admissions Office and later in the Development Office.

I lost my connection with the college for a while, but after moving back to the

area in 1998, I discovered with joy that I could get a card to the Susan Colgate Cleveland Library. I've been a “Friend” of the library for years now, but it's been an even better friend to me. Hardly a week goes by that I don't draw on the Cleveland Colby Colgate Archives for family photos from our India days, or watch (on YouTube!) the digitized movies from my dad's collection. College Librarian Carrie Thomas and Archivist Kelli Bogan have been hospitable way beyond the call of duty.

Recently, Tom and Susan Galligan showed Lee and me around every inch of the president's house, bringing back even more memories of 50 years ago. To them, and to my other friends at Colby-Sawyer, I say a huge, huge thank you. ♦

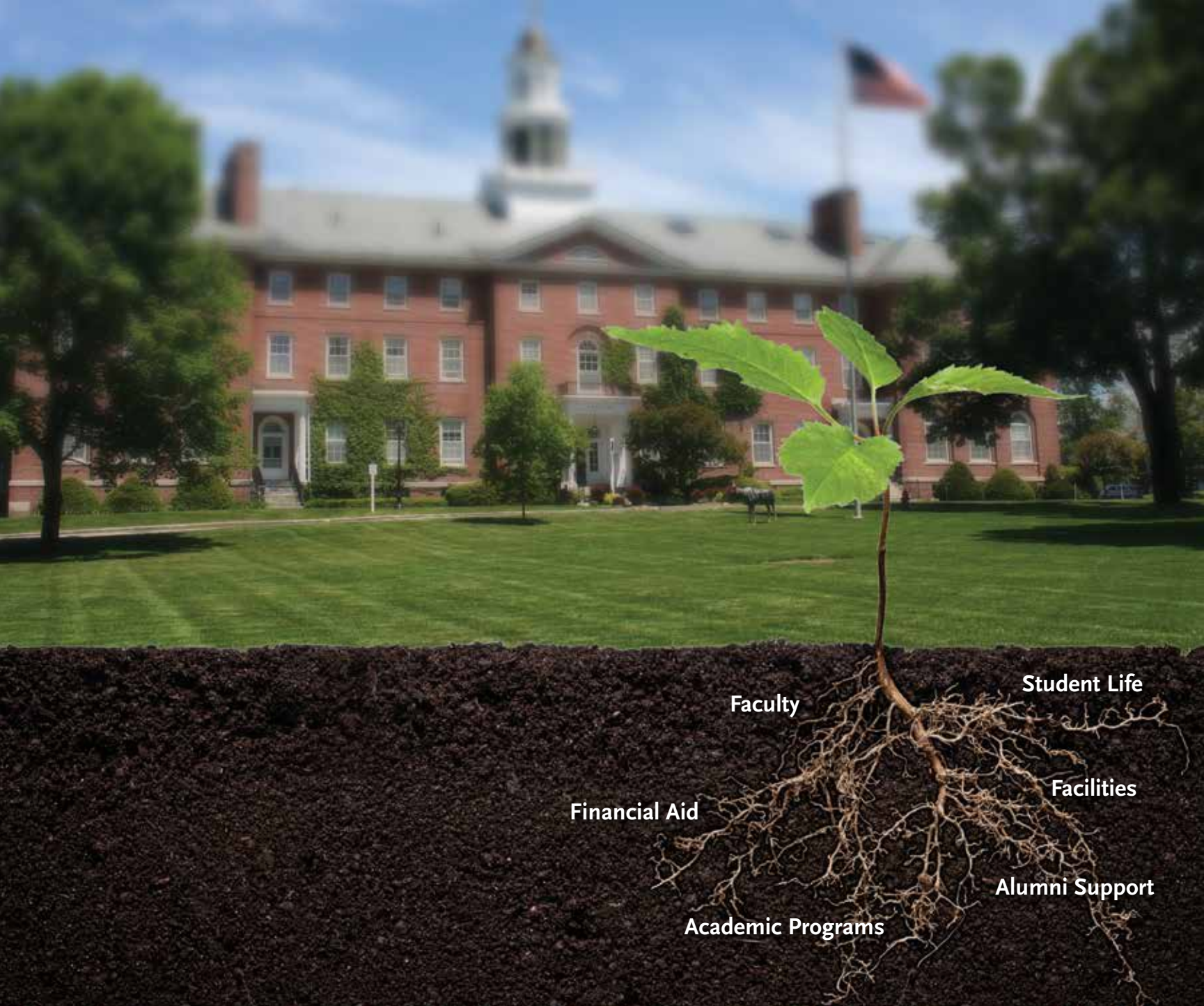
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*Posed for a family photograph in 1964 at the President's House, the Woodman family included (from left) daughters Deborah and Jane, mother Ruth (with dog, Billymoon), father and President Everett, and daughters Betsy and Lee.*

“Dad, is this it? Is this all?”

Where were the rickshaws, the bicycles loaded with entire families, the bullock carts, the camels? Where were the *people*? Coming



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