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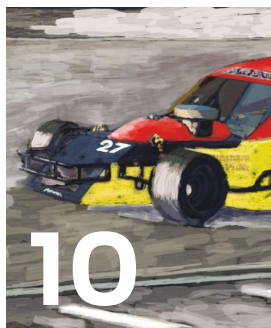
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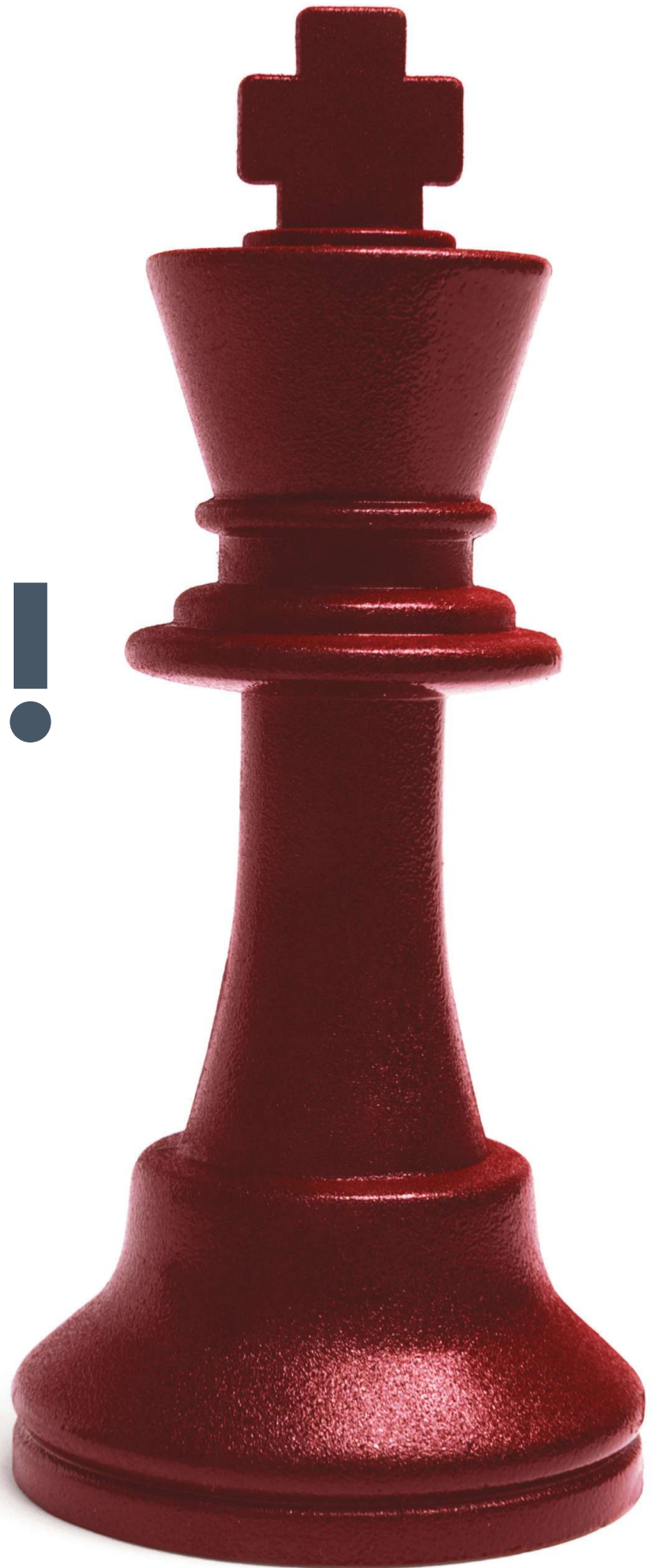
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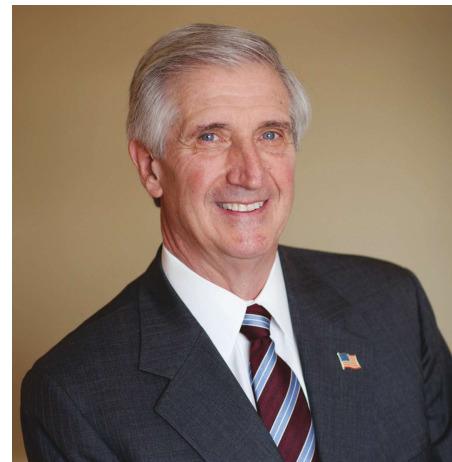
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What a Year!

As I write this, Franklin Pierce is just days away from Commencement—and what a year it's been. Our students continue to amaze with their hard work, energy, optimism, and can-do attitude. Our baseball team is the #1 team in the nation—for the second year in a row! Students continue to produce strong research and scholarship, with more than 150 students presenting their outstanding work at the Academic Showcase last month. Our faculty continues to earn national awards and recognition for their teaching and research.

Last year, as you may have heard, Franklin Pierce had a strong financial performance, finishing in the black by \$3.1 million, while also lowering its debt by several million, and putting more than \$1 million into the quasi-endowment. With the close of this fiscal year just weeks away, all signs point to another strong financial performance.

Better still, people are noticing. Franklin Pierce is currently wrapping up a historic recruitment season.

Student applications for this fall grew by a whopping 79 percent. We enjoyed record-setting crowds at every recruiting event this year, leading to a record number of deposits and early registrations. This fall, Franklin Pierce will enroll the largest freshman class in its 53-year history. As one parent said at our last Open House event, "Our son chose the hottest school in New England!"

In Dreams Begin Responsibilities

Success, of course, requires planning. So I have conducted a number of planning sessions to map out a strong future for

Pierce. We started work on a comprehensive strategic plan, which I have asked Provost Kim Mooney '83 to lead. I was tasked by the Board of Trustees to create the President's Vision Plan, which was shared with the board, the faculty, and the staff in mid-April, and I am privileged to share a few highlights here.

The Vision Plan, entitled 2020 Vision, focuses on the University's key opportunities over the next four years. For example, we see significant growth opportunities for our online programs, which will be a priority in the coming year. Because every dorm has a finite number of rooms, growth of the online programs is vital to the university's future.

Opportunity also exists through partnerships with regional and global businesses, as we need to grow our student internship program. Likewise, we need to strengthen our alumni mentoring, as you represent significant learning opportunities for our students.

We want to double the size of our Doctorate of Physical Therapy (DPT) and our Master of Physician Assistant programs (MPAS), two of our most popular and profitable programs. We intend to grow all of our online programs by 10 percent each year. And we've set aggressive growth goals for alumni engagement, which we intend to grow by 20 percent annually. As part of our alumni engagement efforts, we developed a \$1,000 tuition coupon for you to give away to any prospective freshman. If you haven't received one, contact our alumni office at (603) 899-4030 to get yours.

Our health science major has quickly become Franklin Pierce's largest academic program, which put strain on the university's science facilities. The University needs to upgrade its science labs, and we'll build a strong fund raising program to address that need, along with preparations for a possible capital campaign to kick off in 2018.

Franklin Pierce athletics, led by athletic director Bruce Kirsh '71, continues to be a source of great pride, as it continues to graduate outstanding scholar/athletes. We have several areas of need here that must be addressed. For instance, there's a real need to add a track to our athletic facilities.

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Franklin Pierce's track team is led by a terrific coach, Zach Emerson, who has built an incredible program with quite a few All-Americans. Yet, we have no track. It's time to remedy that.

The Care Quotient

These ambitious projects are designed to give Franklin Pierce a strong foundation from which to expand and enrich our core strength. I call it the Franklin Pierce "Care Quotient." Over the years Franklin Pierce has distinguished itself by providing a very personalized education. I've witnessed it many times. People here care deeply about the students. They care about the student's dreams and goals, their academics, their athletic success, their life success. They really care.

Or, as I have described it to our faculty many times, I've yet to meet an incoming freshman who came here because of our faculty. But when I talk to our graduates and alumni, I have yet to meet one

who didn't gush about a professor (sometimes two or three) who transformed their life forever. Some of you have stayed in touch with those professors your whole life. That speaks volumes about Franklin Pierce University and its Care Quotient.

It also reflects the core values of Franklin Pierce, as articulated by our students, who chose these six words to define our culture: Perseverance, Integrity, Engagement, Respect, Community, and Excellence. These students also know what makes Franklin Pierce so special.

Like our #1 baseball team, Franklin Pierce University has enjoyed two outstanding years in a row. But it takes three years to make a trend. So we plan to have another great year at Franklin Pierce—meaning now is a great time for you to reconnect with your alma mater, for great things are happening and we very much want you to be a part of it.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andy Card".

ANDREW H. CARD, JR.
PRESIDENT

RAVENINGS

Horror

Everyone is Afraid of Something

Kevin Flanders '10 of Monson, Mass., answers our questions about his recently released *Burn, Do Not Read*, the first of eight novels slated to launch online this year. He writes mainly in the horror genre because he feels it “connects” with everyone.

When he isn't writing, Flanders enjoys spending time with his family and two dogs, playing ice hockey, photographing trains, and traveling to a new baseball stadium with his father each summer. He also takes part in several writing functions and mentors student writers, while serving as a guest instructor at David Prouty High School in Spencer, Mass.

Flanders is a reporter for the *Spencer New Leader* and the *Auburn News*—both owned by Stonebridge Press, of Southbridge, Mass. He welcomes visits to his website: kmflanders.wordpress.com

Q. How did you get started as writer?

I started writing fiction seriously at Franklin Pierce. I remember receiving a creative writing assignment to begin a story, and I ended up spending several hours on what I was initially assuming to be an easy, half-hour assignment. The process of creating settings and characters and a plot was addictive.

With guidance from professors like Dr. Sarah D'Angelantonio and Dr. Donna Decker, I not only discovered how to write but the joys of writing. They have a tremendous ability to accentuate that, at its core, writing is meant to inform, inspire, and entertain. By the time I graduated from FPU in 2010, I had already written two novel manuscripts.

Q. Why did you decide on horror books?

As author Shirley Jackson famously said, “I delight in what I fear.”

I think horror has an unparalleled way of resonating with readers. With other genres, I think there can sometimes be a disconnect because people haven't necessarily had certain experiences that enable the story to be driven home for them in a direct and personal way. But fear is ubiquitous—everyone is afraid of something.

Everyone has experienced nightmares, or a moment on their own where the unknown gets their imaginations churning. A lot of us have the same fears, and I try to not only convey those fears through my writing, but present characters and settings that people can identify with.

Stephen King is obviously the master at doing this—from a lonely night road to the infamous Colorado Lounge, you feel like you've been to these places as a reader. And you always feel like King's characters are not fictional beings, but real-life people carefully defined with every word. I hope readers can get those same kinds of perceptions when they read my work.

Q. Why did you self-publish online? Is it easy?

I chose Kindle Direct to allow my friends and family to read my works in an easy format. For me, it's not about sales or fame, but just giving people a chance to connect with my books. Sharing the story is my biggest goal, and I feel like Kindle Direct allows me to reach a large number of people. I am also having print books created through CreateSpace.

I had previously queried hundreds of literary agents without success over five years. I had also had two books published through small presses with limited marketing, and neither of those routes seemed promising in terms of maximizing my audience. I like the Kindle format and the ease with which I am able to upload my books. The most challenging aspect is marketing my books and trying to let readers know about them.

Q. What are some highlights of your FPU experience?

I majored in mass communications. I wrote for both *The Exchange* and *Pierce Arrow* newspapers. Most of my time was spent in the Fitzwater Center, and I was also a Marlin Fitzwater scholar. I loved my time at FPU and the rural environment was perfect for writing. Unsurprisingly, I also helped put together a haunted house for a community service project freshman year. I believe there were a few reports of it being too scary, which we found hilarious.

—Barbara Hall

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With his numerous racing accomplishments, he takes pride in representing his university.

Speed Demon

A DRIVING FORCE FOR FPU

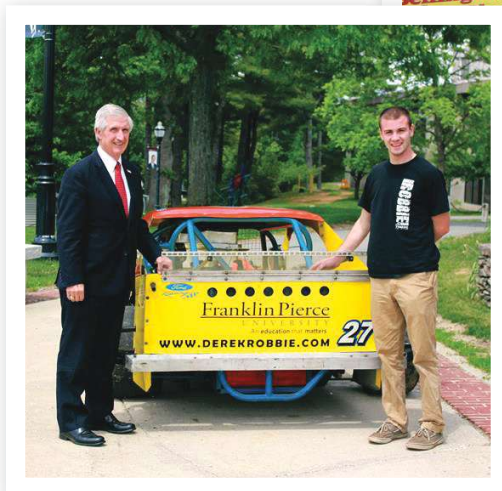
“**Y**ou truly belong at this school” was the quote that stuck in the back of Derek Robbie’s head when it came down to deciding what college to attend. “My mom loved the school when she visited and now

that I’m here, I never want to leave this place,” says Derek Robbie ‘18 of Bellingham, Mass.

Derek is studying Sports Management, with a concentration in Professional Sports, and is hoping to minor in Marketing. He runs Cross Country and Track & Field. However, those aren’t Derek’s only passions for speed.

Since he was 8 years old, Derek has been behind the wheel of a racecar, following in his family’s footsteps. “My great-grandfather raced all over the midwest and my mom got my dad involved with fixing other people’s racecars,” says Derek. In 2004, Derek’s father decided to take him and his sister racing and Derek never looked back.

“I raced the quarter midgets for six years, and raced with three different races in 2009 where I got three top-five finishes,” said Derek. In 2010, Derek won six times in the 270 class. In 2011, Derek started racing with his Pro 4 Modified car. “I raced that for five years. I collected two championships and tied for the championship this year. I collected a total of 11 wins between the two types of divisions I raced in this car,” he says.



“My Dad and I just bought the new car that we will be racing this year,” says Derek. And now, with his numerous racing accomplishments, he takes pride in representing his university. The Franklin Pierce University logo is on the right and left side rear quarter panels of the new number twenty-seven racecar.

The idea originated from a conversation between Derek and Sodexo General Manager Matthew Vaillette about the possibility of a partnership. “I brought the idea of a sponsorship to President [Andy] Card’s office, as well as to the Marketing and Communications Director James Wolken,” says Derek. “They both loved the idea. They said it helps to produce Pierce pride. I bring my car to different events the school holds. I brought the car to Move-In Day, as well as Open Houses.”

Derek hopes to start in the NASCAR Whelen Modified tour by 2017 or 2018. “From there, I hope to start and become a local short track racing hero all around New England,” says Derek. “If a NASCAR opportunity presents itself, I will try and take that path.”

Long Walk

A Time to Reflect and Connect

Pierce's Camino Walk Fosters Students' Life Skills

Pierce on the Camino is a centerpiece of Franklin Pierce University's study abroad experience. The semester-long walk through Europe is also a tradition almost as old as Pierce itself. Started nearly 40 years ago by retired English professor Taylor Morris, the walk began as a way to help students see the world around them and learn self-reliance. It's grown into one of the University's most beloved programs.

"On the older walks, the group would be asking if they could pitch a tent on someone's front lawn," explained Sociology professor Doug Challenger, who now leads the excursion. "We do things a little differently now."

Challenger took over leading the walk in 2006, after he'd participated in it the year before. The following couple of years saw other faculty lead the walk; but by 2011 it was clear it was time to revamp the excursion.

'...walking all day allows you to have something deeper than a superficial conversation with someone.'

Challenger came back to it, and gave the semester-long journey some more structure. Students spend a month in the summer preparing for it, and then head off in August, returning by early November. "Pierce on the Camino," follows the path that religious pilgrims took from France through Spain for hundreds of years. Walkers cover around 20 miles a day, and have to complete a paper upon their return to campus. Along the way, they learn about history, culture, and themselves.

"The walk is a time to help students get to know themselves," says Challenger.

"You have all day to walk alone with your thoughts. Students can also talk with each other; walking all day allows you to have something deeper than a superficial conversation with someone."

Emily Brisson '16 (social work and counseling) did the walk in 2013, when she was a sophomore. The life skills it gave her are invaluable, she says.

"I learned to really take into account that everyone has their own past; the way they treat you says more about their past than it does about you," she says. "But the most surprising thing I learned was probably that I am my best resource. Whether it was a hurt foot, or some emotional problem, or even just a broken backpack strap, I learned to handle things for myself by myself. I'm not saying that I didn't rely on my group for support, but I did realize that I am capable of so much more than I thought I was before the trip. It gave me a sense of confidence and capability that will benefit me for the rest of my life." — *Holly Beretto*

Fitzwater Medals

THE FITZWATER CENTER HONORS...

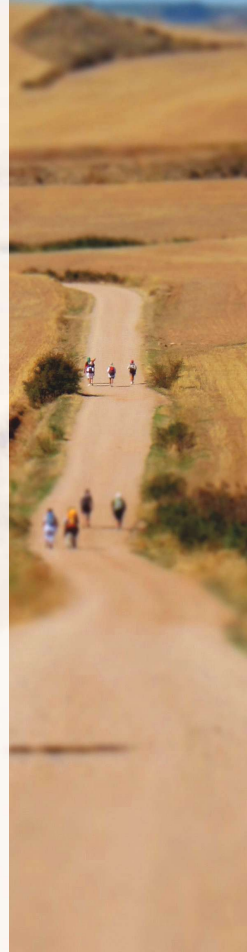
President Andy Card described him as a "disrupter" in the media industry as he presented Joe Sciacca, Editor-in-Chief of the Boston Herald, the 2016 Marlin Fitzwater Medallion for Leadership in Public Communication in ceremonies in Rindge. Sciacca, he said, is "reaching both new markets and providing alternatives to the existing print paper."

The ceremony also honored alumnus Rich Goode '96, Associate Manager of Production Operations at ESPN, where he oversees the control rooms and staff that create content for the network's Bristol-based studio shows, including television and digital platforms, both domestic and international. Goode earned his degree in Mass Communication and landed his ESPN job right out of college.

Fitzwater Medallions for Academic Excellence went to seniors Stephen Keimig '16 and Austin Christopher '16. Keimig also received the Fitzwater Medallion for Contributions to the Public Discourse for a Graduating Senior.

Lauren Caduto '16, Carlo Falitico '15, Professor Heather Tullio, and Greg King '07 were awarded a 2015 University Award for Excellence for their public service announcement, "Can Collaboration," which swept the Student Emmy category at the New England Chapter of The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences competition last May.

In addition, Pierce Media Group leadership cords were presented to Morgan Baker '16, Greg Cormier '16, Stephen Keimig '16, Dimitry Legagneur '16, Brian O'Neil '16, and John Viaes '15. — *Alyssa Borelli*





Maple Syrup

SWEET IDEA FOR BUSINESS STUDENTS

What better way for business students to put their knowledge to the ultimate test than with the launch of their own business—but, a high-pressure, seasonally-driven maple syrup business? Yet, the first-year maple syrup supply business has seen immediate success.

After teaming up with a local syrup producer through a business incubator partnership, about 20 students have undertaken all aspects of readying the products for sales. Most of them are business majors eager to translate what they have learned in the classroom into a functioning operation.

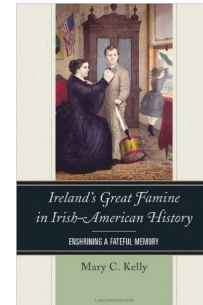
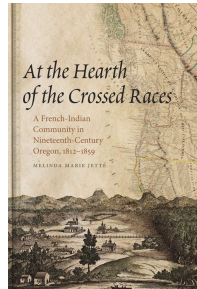
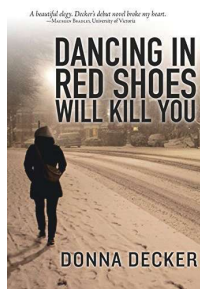
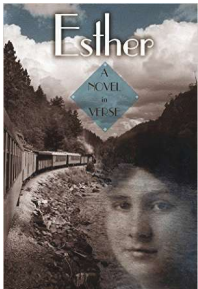
Their goal is to have the syrup bottled and available for purchase by the middle of May. It's an ambitious objective for a first-year program, but faculty advisor Mack Bean feels the students are up for the challenge.

"This is completely student-run, and I have enjoyed seeing them go through the process," said Bean, a business professor at FPU. "It's one thing to learn theories and concepts in the classroom, but it's entirely different to run your own business and go through all of the logistics."

Bean has been impressed by the hard work the students have put into the business, in addition to balancing academic, athletic, and work demands. But the students' experiences haven't been limited to the operational side of the business—they have also learned about the structure of corporations and how to sustain a thriving franchise.

To that end, senior leaders of the program recently elected younger students to replace them next year and keep the business running smoothly.

"This has been a great experience for the students in running a business. They have learned a lot by taking on different roles, and they are all working hard," Bean added.



Authors

Pierce Authors Discuss Their Work

Last October, Franklin Pierce faculty authors shared their research and experience as authors. Held at the Marullii Welcome Center, the event recognized the publication of the following books by five Pierce faculty.

Pam Bernard is a lecturer in Humanities. *Esther*, her fourth book, tells the story of the title character's trek from Kansas to California in the early 1900s. Told entirely in verse, it's a novel about family, grief, loneliness

and the survival of the spirit.

Dancing in Red Shoes Will Kill You is Professor of English **Donna Decker's** novel that uses the 1989 "Montreal Massacre" as a backdrop. Fourteen female engineering students were killed in that event. Decker's novel explores what it means to be a woman in a male-dominated field and how events out of our control affect our lives.

Melinda Marie Jette's *At the Hearth of the Crossed Races* explores one of the earliest in-

stances of intercultural contact in the Pacific Northwest. The Associate Professor of History focuses on the French Prairie, named for the French-Indian families who resettled Oregon's original Ahantchuyuk Kalapuyans area, and how their doing so reshaped the region's culture.

Much has been written about Ireland's "potato famine," but Professor of History **Mary C. Kelly's** book, *Ireland's Great Famine in Irish-American History: Enshrining a Fateful Memory*

looks at the cataclysmic event through the lens of U.S. immigration and discusses the impact it had on Irish ethnic identity over 150 years.

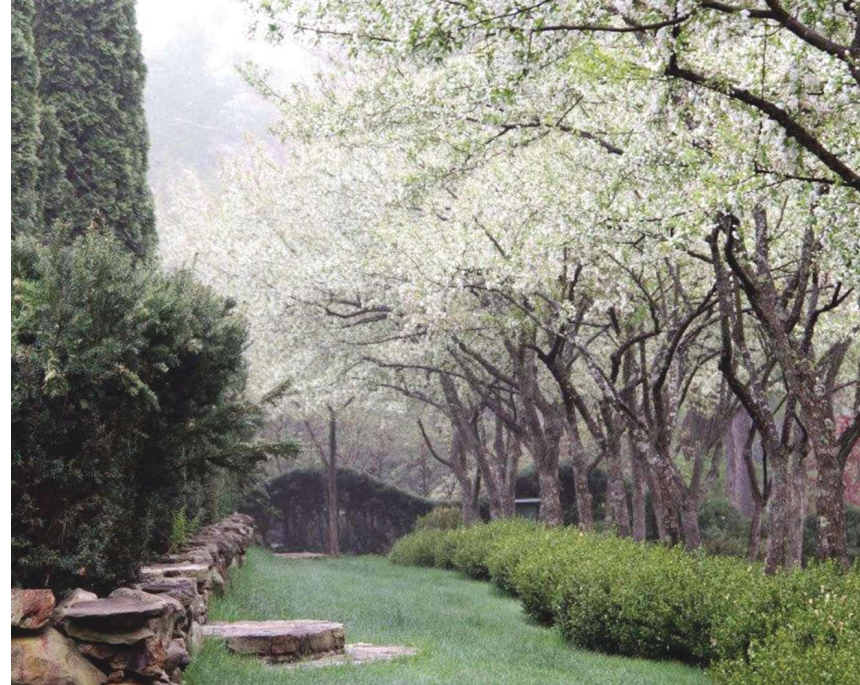
John Lund is a History lecturer, and his *U.S. History* e-textbook traces the story of our country through eyewitness accounts and lived experiences, providing a rich context for the politics, economics, and diversity that shaped the U.S.—before and after its founding.

—Holly Beretto

Quotable

“I didn’t want to go to the same school as everyone I knew in high school. I wanted to see what I could accomplish when I wasn’t surrounded by people who hadn’t already decided who I was.”

DANIELLE CLARKE '18



Trees

CRABAPPLES ADD COLOR TO CAMPUS

Stan Fry beautifies the students’ environment

Stan Fry is passionate about growing things. The gardens at his 12-acre property in Peterborough are so magnificent that they have been written up in numerous magazines and featured on HGTV’s *Gardener’s Diary*. Now, Fry is bringing some of that arboreal splendor to the Franklin Pierce campus.

Starting this spring, Fry will sponsor and oversee the planting of 46 flowering crabapple trees on the drive leading up to Peterson Hall, and hedges and 100 flowering hydrangeas around the common area behind it. “Crabapples blossom in the spring then get red berries in the fall. Hydrangeas have huge beautiful blossoms in late summer and into fall,” he explains. “We picked these particular plants to provide a lot of color when students are on campus.”

Trees aren’t Fry’s only area of expertise. As a computer scientist, he holds numerous technology patents and developed the first commercially available scanner. As an entrepreneur, he co-founded Flashpoint Technology, Inc., in 1996 and has been its CEO since 1999.

‘We picked these particular plants to provide a lot of color when students are on campus’

Fry has numerous Franklin Pierce connections. He was a member of the Board of Trustees from 2000 to 2002, and in 2003, he established the Fry Lecture Series at the Marlin Fitzwater Center for Communication. Speakers have included Ronald Kessler, Christopher Nixon Cox, and Rita Cosby.

Fry’s landscaping goal is simple. “Students are outside a lot and I want to create a pleasant environment for them to be in,” he says. Look for those spectacular blossoms next year. — *Hillel Bromberg*

PROFESSOR CARD?

Since taking over at Franklin Pierce, President Card has been squarely focused on students, earning him a reputation as being “student-centric.” In the last year, he has been invited to and lectured to at least half a dozen classes, usually speaking about his experiences working for three Presidents in Washington DC. However, his time in the classroom has not been limited to just lecturing as he regularly joins students in class solely as an observer. It’s no wonder that virtually every student on campus has a story about President Card.



Raven Round Up



Franklin Pierce's student athletes' success in the classroom is just as important as success on the field. Four Ravens earned spots on the Northeast-10 Academic All-Conference Team for the spring semester: field hockey's **Chelsey Burnell '16** and **Carly Canavan '18**, men's cross country's **Jon Holmes '17** and men's soccer's **David Magee '18**. In addition, Franklin Pierce put 250 student-athletes on the Northeast-10 Conference Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll (semester GPA of 3.0 or higher) and named 225 student-athletes to the Athletic Department Honor Roll (semester GPA of 3.3 or higher). As a Department, Franklin Pierce student-athletes posted a 2.98 GPA in the fall semester.

On Oct. 20, the Athletics Department announced it would add **women's swimming** as its 26th intercollegiate sport in 2017-18. A search will begin this summer to identify a coach for the team, which will utilize the Fitness & Wellness Center at Mount Wachusett Community College as its home facility.

The **cross-country** team hosted the 2015 NCAA Championship East Regional at Hopkinton State Fairgrounds in Hopkinton, N.H. The team finished fourth in the event, where **Colton Ham '16**

qualified for the NCAA National Championship race in Joplin, Mo., where he finished 53rd in the country (of 246).

Women's volleyball qualified for the NCAA Championship East Regional for the third time in four years, and also made their fourth straight appearance in the Northeast-10 Championship.

In **women's rowing**, the freshman four had a strong fall campaign finishing with a 21-3 overall record and claimed the teams first-ever gold medal at the Textile River Regatta in Lowell, Mass., winning the freshman four with coxswain.

Fall sports saw a total of 22 All-Conference selections across seven sports, led by sprint football's nine All-CSFL selections. In the Northeast-10, men's cross country (4), volleyball (3), field hockey (2), men's soccer (2), women's cross country (1) and women's soccer (1) each had honorees. Volleyball's **Katie Leidhold '19** was selected as Northeast-10 Rookie of the Year, while field hockey's **Natalia Bachelder '16** was selected to participate in the NFCA Senior All-Star Game. Men's cross country's **Colton Ham '16** and **Jon Holmes '17**, along with men's soccer's **David Magee '18**, all earned All-Region honors this fall.

Dynamic Duo

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SUPERLATIVES

Leedhams Add Hall of Fame Accolades to String of Accomplishments

Jennifer '09 and Johanna Leedham '10 are two of the latest inductees to the Franklin Pierce Hall of Fame. There's no mistaking the massive impact the sisters have had on the Franklin Pierce women's basketball team. Between the two, their stats are staggeringly superlative.

As head coach, Jennifer pulled in a 53-34 record, including a 39-25 W-L in Northeast-10 Conference play. She put the Ravens into NCAA Championship berths in both the 2013 and 2015 season—and Franklin Pierce has qualified for the Northeast-10 Championship in each of her coaching seasons. All that's on top of her undergraduate playing achievements: 1,386 career points, placing her eighth in the program's scoring history, and ranks second in both steals (255) and assists (522).

And then, there's kid sister Johanna, who's D2's all-time leading scorer. Her 3,050 points led Pierce to three consecutive regional titles in 2008, 2009, and 2010, and got her named national Player of the year three times by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association. She was drafted by the Connecticut Sun following graduation and represented her home country of Great Britain in the 2012 Olympic Games.

"Jennifer and Johanna Leedham transformed the FPU women's basketball program from mediocrity to excellence over the past decade" says Bruce Kirsh, athletic director. "

The Hall of Fame induction ceremony was held on May 1 as part of the athletics banquet. Joining the pair in induction was former men's soccer All-American and head coach Craig Stewart MBA '05, as well as three-time All-Northeast-10 volleyball setter Karissa (Hookstadt) Atwood '09. The Grimshaw-Gudewicz Foundation was also enshrined for their contributions to athletics.

— Holly Beretto '93

Between the two, their stats are staggeringly superlative.



Spring Hike

Following Spring from the Everglades to Mt. Washington

Dr. John Harris hikes a route from Edwin Way Teale's 1947 book

In 1947, naturalist Edwin Way Teale started in Florida and followed the spring season north to Maine. He wrote about what he saw in what became a best-selling book, *North with the Spring*. Sixty-five years later, Teale's spiritual descendent, John Harris, repeated the trip to see what those same landscapes revealed. His book, *Returning North with the Spring*, combines homage, reportage, and a deep consideration of the state of our planet in the light of climate change.

Dr. Harris, Projects Coordinator of Franklin Pierce's Monadnock Institute of Nature, Place and Culture, first read Teale's book in college and had always wanted to visit some of the places he mentioned. So he took four months to follow Teale's route, starting on February 21 in the Everglades and ending on June 21 atop Mt. Washington. "I tried at least once a week to be in the same spot as Teale on the

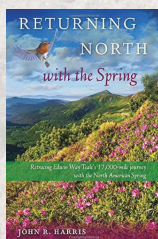
same date he was there," Harris explained. "He was a marvelous writer. It's nice to have such an eloquent text beside you when you travel."

Harris was not surprised to find terrain that had changed completely since 1947. "Teale visited Florida's Sanibel Island and saw wild pigs on the beach. Now that area is wall to wall hotels and condos," Harris points out.

But more frequently, he saw US Fish and Wildlife refuges that had been protected for decades and are untrampled and utterly gorgeous. "I hope readers will be inspired to visit these places for themselves and will also get involved in protecting them for the future," he says.

For now, Harris plans to stay at home. Like Teale, he keeps yearly records of the flora and fauna in his own area. Rather than travel afar, he plans to write about the beauty of his own New Hampshire back yard.

— Hillel Bromberg



'I tried at least once a week to be in the same spot as Teale on the same date he was there.'

Mr. FPU

8 MEN, 16 HEELS, 1 MR. FPU

Eight brave men confidently strode down the red carpet in platform heels, sporting business casual attire, in an all-male, beauty pageant-style competition, aimed at raising awareness about domestic violence and sexual assault on college campuses. At the end of the night, only one could take home the crown of Mr. FPU.

"I'm impressed on how confidently the guys pulled off walking in heels, even when some were a few shoe sizes too small for them," said SISTUH's member Lindsay Sweet '16.

Contestants were judged on three categories: Q&A, school spirit, and talent. They led Raven chants, recited an original poem in French and then translated to English, rapped, recited the alphabet backwards, performed a comedy skit, and much more.

But Ben Mead '17 swept the talent section with his beautiful guitar playing, soft words, and British accent, topping it all off with a dedication to his girlfriend.

Judges Gina Boulay, Rob Koch, Alex Marella '15, Derek Scalia '05, and Misty Start '11, MBA '17 were all impressed with each contestant's talent. Instead of objectifying participants, the judges scored contestants on how they would respond to real-life sexual or domestic violence questions.

"It's a fun way to get the word out about something serious that affects far too many people worldwide," said Mead '17.

The event was a combination of the White Ribbon Campaign and Walk a Mile in Her Shoes – both national efforts to take a stand against sexual assault.

In its second year, "the response to Mr. FPU has been incredible," said Sweet '16. "I hope this will become a fun tradition that SISTUHS will continue for many years to come."

As for the 2016 Mr. FPU, Mead '17 says he can't wait to tell the grandkids one day.

— Alyssa Borelli

'It's a fun way to get the word out about something serious that affects far too many people'



*Alumna
Maribeth Cote
Helps Guide
U.S. Tour of
Shakespeare's
First Folio*

Driving History

BY CLAYTON STROMBERGER

ENTER STAGE RIGHT, the First Folio, printed in London in 1623 as *Mr. William Shakespeares Comedies, Tragedies & Histories*. The Folio is now on its first nationwide tour from the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, D.C., resting on a custom-made cradle inside a glass case, opened up to the moment in *Hamlet* when the title character says, "To be, or not to be..."





Enter stage left, Maribeth Cote '11, whose midsummer-night's-dream job is to help ensure that encounters between this historic artifact and the curious public unfold as magically and memorably as possible. The Folio contains 18 of Shakespeare's plays, including *Macbeth*, *Twelfth Night*, and *Julius Caesar* — works that had not been seen in print until seven years after the playwright's April 1616 death.

Cote, who has a B.A. in History and minor in Public History, was hired in early 2015 by the Folger to be Public Engagement Coordinator for the tour, which is titled *First Folio! The Book that Gave Us Shakespeare*. Her two-year appointment is funded by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

"They (the Folger staff) were really looking for someone who had a passion for getting this history out in new and innovative ways," Cote says, "but also someone who knew British history, and loved Shakespeare, and had experience with public programs, with doing those out in the field — and so I ticked all those boxes."

Since January of last year, Cote has worked with the Folger team to create and facilitate the various educational events taking place at each of the tour's 52 venues — one in every state and also in Puerto Rico and the Folger's home base of Washington, D.C. *First Folio!* kicked off January 2016 at the Sam Noble Museum on the University of Oklahoma campus in Norman and wraps up in January 2017 at the historic Parthenon replica in Nashville, Tennessee.

What's Past is Prologue

The tour is the cornerstone of what the Folger dubs, "Wonder of Will: 400 Years of Shakespeare," a yearlong celebration of the playwright's work on the 400th anniversary of his death. It's one of many high-profile events being held worldwide from Chicago to New Zealand to honor and explore Shakespeare's legacy and impact on language, theater, and the arts.

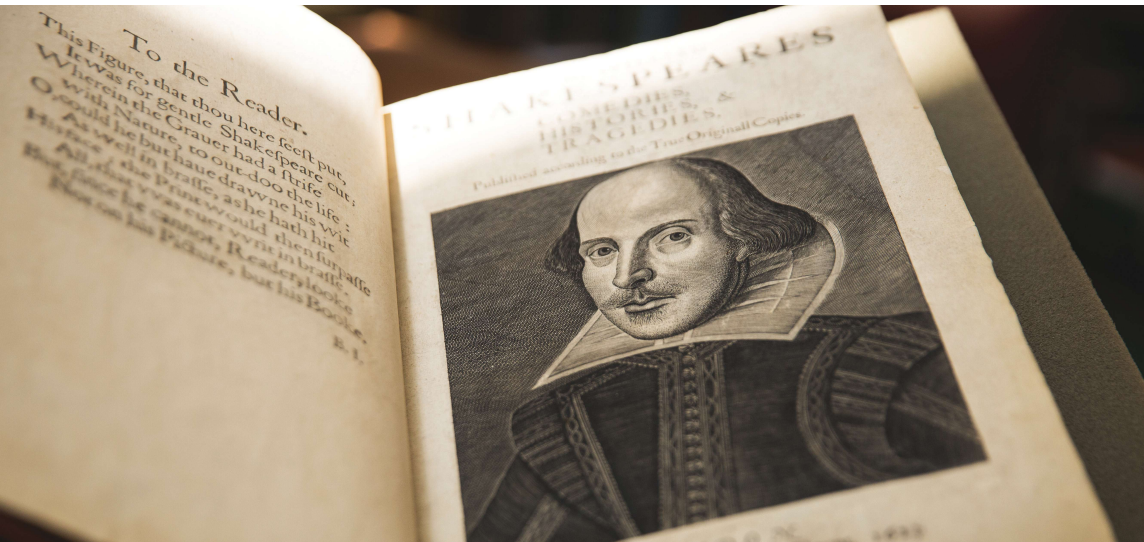
One of Cote's favorite words, as she talks eagerly about her work with the tour, is "connection." It's her mission to help each person who comes to see the Folio make some kind of personal connection to it.

Each tour site, along with displaying a Folio for 3-5 weeks, will host workshops aimed at families and teachers and offer other opportunities for engaging with the history and literature connected to this remarkable artifact — related exhibits of historical materials, lectures by area scholars, performances by local musicians or Shakespearean troupes, and even special site-specific tributes. In New Orleans, for example, the playwright will receive a jazz funeral procession, while another site is arranging a "Shakespeare in the Skies" show at the local planetarium.

Cote and Folger staffers spent an entire year laying the groundwork and creating materials, such as a guide for docents at each stop, before the first *First Folio* hit the road. Now they're enjoying an exuberant response from the folks who've seen the tour so far.

"It's very heartwarming," Cote says. "Everyone is having so much fun. We are all so grateful to see this idea we've been dreaming about for so long become all that we'd hoped for and more."





‘Knowing that 82 First Folios, Queen Elizabeth I’s Bishops Bible, King Henry VIII’s signature ... are all just meters below my feet is pretty incredible’

“First Folio” is a scholarly nickname for what was originally put on sale for about \$150 in London. “Folio” refers to the printing format. The project was led by two of Shakespeare’s acting buddies from the King’s Men Company. Readers, actors, theatergoers, and scholars owe them a huge debt of gratitude, as Shakespeare’s manuscripts have long ago disappeared.

About 750 of the editions were painstakingly printed in William Jagger’s London shop, and, thanks to the obsessive quest of Henry and Emily Folger in the late 1800s, the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington owns 82 of the surviving 233 copies. That makes it a special destination for Shakespeare scholars, and quite a landing spot for a young person just starting her career in Public History.

“Knowing that 82 First Folios, Queen Elizabeth I’s Bishops Bible, King Henry VIII’s signature, and Walt Whitman’s collection of Shakespeare are all just meters below my feet is pretty incredible,” admits Cote.

Such As We Are Made Of, Such We Be

Cote’s work thus far is winning her rave reviews from her Folger colleagues. “We really wanted the First Folio to be a catalyst for these larger community celebrations of Shakespeare in each community and state,” says Garland Scott, Head of External Relations at the Folger. “It was clear to us we needed someone who had a passion for and really understood the humanities and what the humanities can offer all of us in our everyday lives... and then of course someone who had extraordinary organization skills. Maribeth is clearly the total package.”

One example of Cote’s initiative, Scott says, was to suggest and then oversee a translation of the tour display panels into Spanish.

Cote credits her four years at Pierce as being critical to putting her in a position to compete for the Folger job. Focusing on European history, she worked very closely with her professors during her coursework and her internship at the Museum of Russian Icons in Clinton, Mass., and that mentorship has continued after graduation.

“They knew me really well,” she recalls, “and they pushed me, and pushed me in the right direction, and helped me to be a better professional.”

Cote’s advisor in the department was Dr. Melinda Jetté, who was hired in 2006 to create and lead the Public History program. The pride in Jetté’s voice is palpable as she cites the qualities that helped Cote win the plum Folger appointment against stiff competition.

“Maribeth had that extra edge in that she had a complete portfolio of her work,” says Jetté. “She also worked up ideas about what to do for the exhibit programs, and that really made a difference, because nobody else who came for interviews did that, because they hadn’t been trained to do that — and that’s one of the things we focus on in our program, having the students think on their feet about how they are going to work in real-world situations... I teach the students they have to be able to compete at the highest level, and that they have to be sparkling when they do things. Maribeth was one of the ones able to do that.”

Cote, a native of Central Massachusetts, knew before she was in high school that she wanted to major in history. The tempestuous Tudor tales of Elizabeth I and Mary, Queen of Scots, came to vivid life for her as a fourth grader through historical fiction. A high school class trip to England, where she was able to stand before the tombs of those same queens in Westminster Abbey, sealed the deal.

Facing page:
Maribeth with Prof. Lupinin at Franklin Pierce (top).
Maribeth and Puerto Rico Team at Foliomania.

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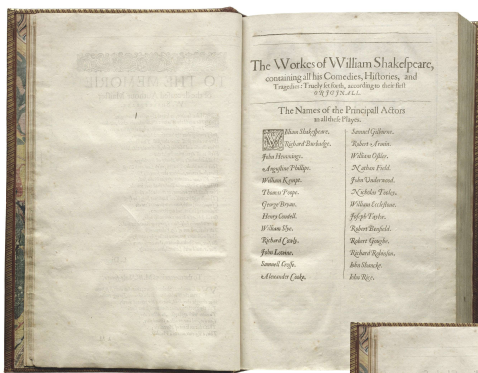


But Cote felt a hunger to engage with history not only through research, reading, and teaching, but also through hands-on, meaningful work out in the “real world” — in those places where history and the public meet in unique ways. So not just any program would do.

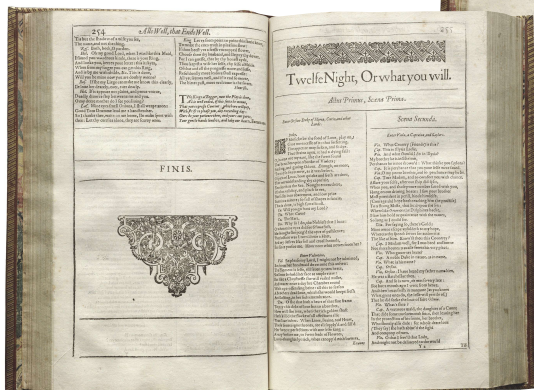
In the spring of 2007, as Cote was making her college decision, Franklin Pierce was one of a handful of universities that had begun offering an undergraduate minor in Public History, an emerging field that focuses on the many ways in which the past comes alive outside the traditional classroom through museums, touring exhibits, historical sites, oral histories, documentaries, and new forms of media. That opportunity, and the student-centered atmosphere of a small liberal arts college, won Cote over, and she enrolled in Pierce with plans to study European History and minor in Public History.

After graduating from Pierce, Cote attended the University of London Royal Holloway to earn her Master’s in Public History, and then worked as an education and public programs assistant at the Fruitlands Museum in Harvard, Mass.

Like many history majors (see accompanying article), Cote has taken her share of ribbing about her choice



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from friends and other students — even her boyfriend, who is an aerospace engineer.

“He designs helicopters, so he and I often have this conversation about science vs. history, about how he gets paid to go to school, and how I have to pay to go to school,” she says. “He says it’s because his work is going to drive the economy, and I say, ‘Well, it may drive the economy, but it’s not going to drive humanity.’ What good is a machine if we don’t have imagination and the inspiration for what to do with it?”

She has known since high school that income would not be her first consideration in choosing a career. “I knew from the get-go I wanted a career that I was going to love and that made me feel like I was doing something worthwhile in the world,” she says.

Cote’s success has made her something of a role model for the next generation of history students at Pierce. She has had Skype sessions with current Public History

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Old-Fashioned Success

The intense demands of history prepared Alexa Wallace for what's ahead

As a graduating senior majoring in history, Alexa Wallace '16 has taken some razzing from friends and roommates over the years: "History? You're never going to get a job.

What a waste of time, you're going to make, like, \$10 an hour." Everyone would have a good laugh.

But to paraphrase William Shakespeare, "the whirligig of time brings its revenge." These days, those same friends sidle up to Wallace, asking sheepishly, "Um, would you look over my paper?"

"I tell them, 'Yeah, sure, but I should be charging you after the stuff you said to me!'" laughs Wallace.

Turns out, you don't just delve into the past when you major in history at Pierce; you also learn how to think and read critically, how to view complex issues from many angles, how to organize and present major projects at a professional level, and how to write well—all qualities which are still in great demand in corporate America.

"I definitely think Pierce history majors are better prepared for the workforce" than some other students, Wallace says. "Working at a job, you're under pressure, and in the Pierce history department you are trained to work under pressure."

The rigor Wallace matter-of-factly describes is part of the plan, says Associate Professor Douglas Ley. "I know much of the content I teach will be forgotten after a few years. But the repetition of elemental skills doesn't go away. Research is research. The ability to formulate questions, and formulate ways to get at those questions, and then be able to communicate them, is very important."

History is viewed by some as an old-fashioned major, Ley admits, but in a good way: "We tend to demand more. We require lots of reading, papers, essay exams...the rigor we expect from our students has not diminished over the years.

Our history majors take pride in that."

These are not easiest of times for the humanities on college campuses. History has never have been a major for big bucks, but today's post-recession job market and student loan debt means even more pressure on students to think about their future career. A 2015 report by the Economic Policy Institute concluded bluntly that "young college graduates... face a tough labor market."

Ley has heard it all before. "Most people change careers multiple times. So the notion of getting a degree in a particular employment field can be short-sighted. It's only going to train you for your first career. It may not prepare for the other four or five careers that you're going to have."

Most graduates of the history department do not end up as working historians, Ley says, and instead they go into law, insurance, business, teaching, victims advocacy, non-profit work, counseling, research. "But they all have a great loyalty to history, and they'll tell us how the major prepared them well."

For Wallace, as with graduate Maribeth Cote, choosing history was merely a question of following her passion. Though she came to Pierce to run track, Wallace knew "right off the bat" that she wanted to major in history, thanks to two formative experiences. Growing up in Woodstock, Conn., her entire third grade class moved into a one-room schoolhouse for a week and recreated life in the early 1860's ("I loved it," she recalls), and then in high school she worked at Old Sturbridge Village in Massachusetts as a junior interpreter for visitors.

Wallace hasn't decided yet whether she wants to pursue an academic career or head towards Public History. But she says after her four years at Pierce, she feels ready for what's ahead.

"I know the jobs are out there, and I'm really confident now," she says.

—Clayton Stromberger

classes and Jetté invited Cote to return to campus to give a talk to students this April.


"What she's done," says senior history major Alexa Wallace, "is help me think, 'I can do it, too.'"

Cote is not sure where her career will take her after the Folger appointment ends in January 2017, but says she finds herself drawn towards the front lines of how museums and libraries find innovative ways to face the challenges of the 21st century.

"I know that wherever I end up I want to work at a place that is trying to change who they are, and who they serve as an institution," Cote says. "Change is inevitable but it's really hard, and for humanities-based institutions, it's vital that they start looking to the future and adapting"

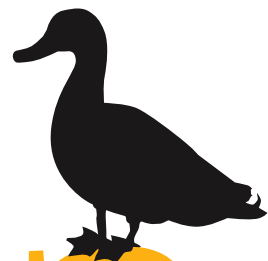
Cote's passion for experiencing and sharing a personal connection to history — and for digging into how the past can help us understand, navigate, and appreciate the world of today — is clearly something that has not dimmed for her since childhood.

"History does not only exist in an academic setting," she says, "It's everywhere, and we have the opportunity to teach it and let people experience it anywhere... We need to explore these opportunities and make sure history is recorded and kept alive for future generations."

O, brave new world, that has such graduates in it! 

For more information on the tour, go to: www.folger.edu/about-the-first-folio-tour





Colleen of All Trades

BY IAN ALDRICH

Colleen McKinnon '99 had come to Franklin Pierce University intent on studying theater. She'd done a number of plays in high school and packed dreams of making it as an actress. "Walking the red carpet at the Oscars, the whole thing," she says with a laugh.



McKinnon grew up Avon, Mass., a small town nestled on the state's south shore. Her high school graduating class had just 45 seniors, and instead of trying to run away from her roots, she wanted to replicate it. With its rural flavor and smaller student body, FPU evoked the kind of close-knit community she cherished.

"Many of the schools I looked at had beautiful campuses but I felt at home there," she says. "Things felt comfortable." So her journey began on a late August afternoon in 1995 in Rindge, N.H. Like so many before her, she'd come to Rindge with an understanding of her goals.

Then a funny thing happened on her way to laying the groundwork for her Hollywood career. She began studying American history with Associate Professor Douglas Ley. The "History of New England" was first. Then, others like "US History to 1812," one about Civil War-era America, and later more contemporary driven classes. "I'd always liked history, but he made me love it more," says McKinnon. "His classes were more like a conversation and less of a lecture. By my sophomore year he sat me down and said if I kept going I'd have enough to make it my major."

So she did. Along the way McKinnon continued to study theater under Robert Lawson who, like Ley, pushed her to come at things differently. "I learned to love abstract theater because of him," she says. "His whole theory is that theater should be experienced, not just watched. You know, less like *Damn Yankees* and more like *Rent*. What I got from that is the ability to look at approaching obstacles in life from different angles rather than straight on—the importance of seeing different perspectives."

For McKinnon, these two passions—history and theater—weren't separate entities. There was overlap and connections, and her pursuits at FPU, from her research on soldier letters she did for one of Lawson's plays to her junior year internship as a tour guide at the United States Supreme Court in Washington D.C., bore those out.

They also spoke to McKinnon's willingness to experiment, to try different paths. It

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continued after she graduated. Following FPU, McKinnon, who majored in history and minored in theater, seemed to almost relish the variety that life threw her way. She drove a Boston trolley, worked as a deckhand on a Tall Ship that shuttled between New England and Florida, then stayed south as a stewardess aboard a large yacht.

A Job Tailor Made for Her

In late 2000, McKinnon left Florida and returned to Boston. She'd been back a month when a curious job listing caught her eye. It was with Boston Duck Tours, whose well-known World War II style amphibious landing vehicles travel by land and water. The company was looking for new ConDUCKtors, drivers/tour guides to help lead the upcoming season.

The job seemed almost tailor made for her. She had experience on the water and a background in driving a big truck. More importantly, it tapped into her love of performance and history. ConDUCKtors aren't simply expected to recite the history, they are pushed to deliver it through the perspective of a character they develop. Following a "grueling" audition process of interviews and improvisational sessions, McKinnon

got the job and her character, PJ Keen, a narcoleptic tour guide who shows up to work in pajamas and slippers, was born.

"You have to be a little wacky to dress in a costume and say the same thing five times a day, but I loved it," she says.

Considering the schedule, she sort of had to. Five times a day, four days a week, McKinnon led Boston visitors on an 80-minute sightseeing tour of the city. She'd amble through the thick city traffic to show off Quincy Market, Bunker Hill, and other highlights, then, to the delight and sometimes nerves of her passengers, plunge her truck into the Charles River for an up-close look at the Boston and Cambridge skylines.

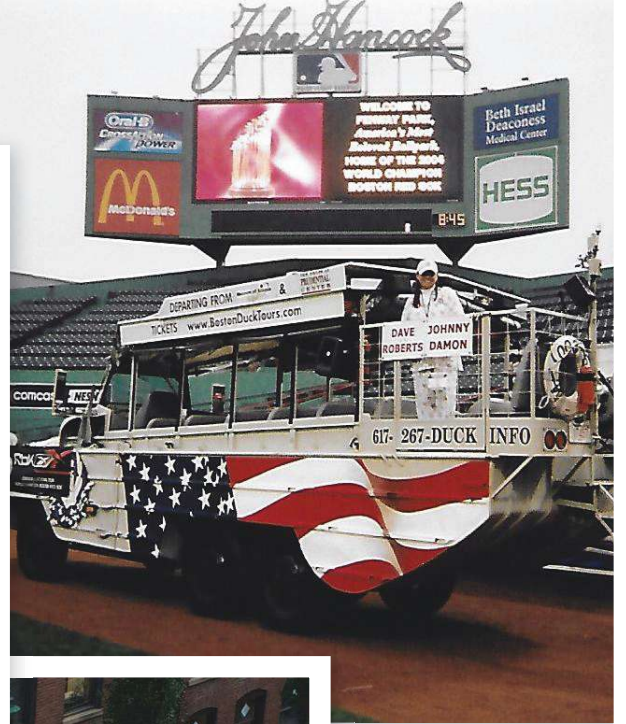
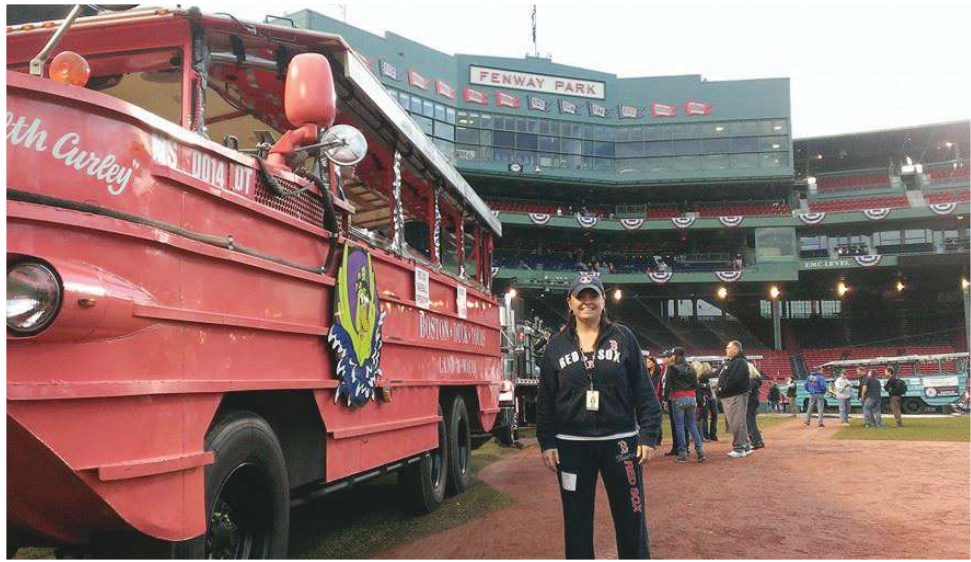
McKinnon ended up working for Duck Tours for 14 seasons, filling the winter months by returning to Florida to work on yachts. True, it didn't put her on the red carpet like she had once dreamed, but it placed her front-and-center of an attentive crowd, some of whom were even celebrities.

Driving Jimmy & Johnny

In late October 2004, McKinnon, a self-described "huge" Boston Red Sox fan, drove the first truckload of players along the team's championship parade, celebrating its first World Series title in 86 years. In the jump seat next to her sat the team's star center fielder, Johnny Damon, who kept wheeling around to take in the thousands who jammed the sidewalks of the seven-mile route.

"It was just amazing," McKinnon recalls. "I felt like I'd hit the jackpot. It was four hours straight of cheering and screaming. When we went into the water fans jumped in, too, and tried to swim to the Ducks. I know other people have said the championship parades for the Bruins and Celtics were just as exciting, but there wasn't a comparison for me."

That same year McKinnon was tapped to drive singer Jimmy Buffett around Fenway Park to wave to fans before he kicked off his concert inside the stadium. As Buffett got comfortable and took in the throngs of fans who stood on cars and fences to cheer him





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"He just let out this huge laugh," recalls McKinnon. "I was like, man, I just made Jimmy Buffett laugh. That's pretty cool!"

Beyond the celebrity experiences, the chance to share her knowledge of Boston history with grateful first-time visitors and the opportunity to wow young children who marveled at a truck being able to drive on land and water, made the job especially worthwhile.


"The times when a couple would come up and say they'd been on tours all over the world and say mine was the best, or having a young boy give me a big hug after it was over, those meant a lot," she says.

Finding It Hard to Navigate

But the work was also demanding. The weather and the Boston traffic ("the Big Dig wasn't fun," says McKinnon) can be tough to navigate. Sometimes groups aren't responsive to a tour leader's cues. And staying in character for so many days, over so many months, takes its toll. By late November, when the season concluded, McKinnon was often mentally fried.

Last year, McKinnon, who'd recently become engaged, made the difficult decision to leave Duck Tours. Her fiancé, Scott Johnson, is an elementary school principal and she wanted a job where her schedule could more closely align with her future husband's.

Today, McKinnon works for her best friend, who runs a successful company that does lettering for trucks, boats, and signs. She's doing some accounting, some product management, and some marketing. It's new ground for McKinnon, but not uncomfortable ground. She's grown accustomed to trying new experiences and pushing herself to learn new skills. A lot of that she chalks up to her experience at FPU.

"I went to Pierce with one thing on my mind and left with that, but also a completely separate set of skills, too," she says. "Having somebody like Doug Ley come to me and say, you can do both, you don't have to do one, that was big. To have a well-rounded group of skills where you can leave one kind of job and go to a completely different job and not drown, that's so important. With this new job, I'm treading water but I'm doing okay. I don't always know what I'm doing but I'm figuring it out." 



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**Celebrating the
50th Anniversary of
Franklin Pierce's
First Graduating Class**

BY JOHN SHAW

Ron Savarese '66 tells the story of how he and a few of his classmates used to spend some of their free time on campus. This was the mid-1960s, and the New Hampshire countryside surrounding Franklin Pierce was even more rural than today.

FIRST CLASS

“When we had time, we’d go deer shooting out behind the campus,” recalls Savarese, one of the charter members of the Class of 1966, who in June will be commemorating the 50th anniversary of the university’s first graduating class. “We’d keep our rifles in our dorm rooms. I’m not sure if you could get away with that today.”

Savarese arrived as a transfer from CW Post College in Long Island, New York. He had spent his freshman year going to school nights and working days at his father’s construction company, a schedule he didn’t particularly enjoy. So when he traveled with a friend to the now defunct Nathaniel Hawthorne College in Antrim, he took time to check out the fledgling college. “I was an outdoors kind of kid—still am, actually—so I loved being on a campus that was so gorgeous,” says Savarese, who now lives in St. Augustine, FL. “I knew it was where I needed to be.”

When Dr. Frank DiPietro, a businessman from Fitchburg, MA, and four partners

purchased a 216-acre estate overlooking Pearly Pond in 1962, he envisioned a liberal arts college not for the elite student, but for those from modest means with the drive and determination to succeed.

“The College seeks to take primarily students in the ‘normal range’ of high school graduates but who have not been able to shape up their own self-concepts as well as they would like,” reads a selection from the introduction of the 1964-1965 Catalog. It continues: “It is interesting, too, in the students whose orientation to life is highly practical and who have rebelled against the more traditional academic curriculum.”

Charlie Berry ’66 was one of those students. After graduating from Newtown High School in Queens, NY, in 1960, he spent a year at a midwest college but he dropped out. Returning to New York City, he worked for two years as a mailroom messenger for the *New York Times* while trying to decide what to do next with his life. Through word

of mouth, he learned about the new college that was starting in Rindge, where, coincidentally, his family had owned a vacation cottage on Lake Monomonac for several years.

The First Class Arrives

Berry and Savarese were among the 97 students who arrived in January 1963 for the start of the first term. They were welcomed by six faculty and three administrators. Tuition was \$980, while room and board was \$1,220, for a total of \$2,200—a little more than \$17,000 in today’s dollars. The operating budget was about \$300,000.

“Everyone was aware they were at a new school, but we all welcomed it,” recalls Diane (Copland) Albonizio ’66. She grew up in Upper Saddle River, NJ, which at that time was mostly farmland, so moving to another rural area proved to be easy. Not so much for a lot of her classmates, more than half of whom hailed from the metro New York area. “The city kids, they had a hard time adjusting to such a rural area, especially when you had to go 20 miles into Keene to get a decent pizza. But I loved it—it felt like home to me.”

She was one of just a handful of women who were part of that first cohort. They lived during the first year in the Rice Building in downtown Rindge, a large white carriage house, overseen by housemistress Mrs. Dow (“We only knew her by her last name,” Albonizio laughs). The males lived in the Manor (renamed in 2004 as Peterson House), where as many as six students bunked in the same room above the school’s original dining area and classrooms.

Muriel (Finn) O’Neil ’66 transferred to Franklin Pierce in 1964 after earning her associate degree from Westchester Community

Ron Savarese





50th Anniversary Scholarship

There's usually a short list of reasons to receive a phone call from your alma mater—especially when you're coming up on your 50th reunion like Muriel Finn O'Neil was. Much to her surprise, on the other line was Franklin Pierce President Andrew Card calling to say the university was initiating a four-year, \$20,000 scholarship in the name of every surviving member of the Class of 1966.

"I think that it's a lovely idea, and I'm very honored by being a part of it," says O'Neil, a history graduate who spent a career teaching the subject. "It's a nice idea."

"Too few alumni get phone calls without getting asked to give something, so for me these were fun calls to make," says President Card, who personally called each one of the graduates. "There's only one first 50th reunion class, and we wanted to make a big deal out of celebrating our first graduates."

The scholarship works like this: each class member designates a high school, and a scholarship goes to a graduating senior who chooses to attend FPU. The student will receive \$5,000 each year he or she is at college.

"This can serve as a good opportunity to expand our reach into high schools whose students may not be thinking of Franklin Pierce," President Card notes. "We hope it can show students in these schools the advantages of coming here—the same reasons that our first students recognized."

For some alumni, like Ron Savarese, it was as simple as choosing his own school, Harbor Fields High School. "This scholarship is a phenomenal idea, really stepping outside the box and a real unique thing to do," he says. O'Neil didn't have that option because her school, Resurrection Academy in Rye, NY, had closed. So she chose Iona Prep, the high school her son attended.

"Franklin Pierce is a young school, and like the pioneers in the Class of 1966, we are continuing to establish traditions," President Card notes. "They've given us a legacy, and we wouldn't be here if it wasn't for them."



Diane (Copland) Albonizio

College. It was the small—sometimes very small—classes that are among her memories. "I had some electives with five people in it, and even in my major there were no more than 15, so you got a lot of personal attention," says the history major who was known in those days as "Mickey Finn," after the Chicago gangster of the early 1900s.

After classes, she often would head down a dirt road and study in the serenity of nature, which was part of the school's DNA. One day, her philosophy teacher announced that day's class would consist of hiking nearby Mount Monadnock. "The craziness of the 1960s was just starting, and for me this was a place to be away from all that," she says.

"The city kids, they had a hard time adjusting to such a rural area, especially when you had to go 20 miles into Keene to get a decent pizza. But I loved it—it felt like home to me."



Charlie Berry

They Built a Village

During those early years, the school rented space at the town hall and library, held intramural sports at the local elementary school, and used Winchendon (Mass.) High School for physical education classes. Buses regularly transported students back and forth to campus. Three other buildings comprised the original campus: the White House, the first women's dormitory on campus, and then became the first infirmary; Ravencroft Theatre, which was torn down in 2015; and Rindge Hall, which was renamed in 2013 in honor of the first dean of students, Dr. Clifford Coles.

With no past history to guide them, students developed the beginnings of a community. They created such things as the student council, glee club, and drama club, starting to build the foundation for the college's future.

That first year also saw the premiere edition of the *Pierce Arrow* newspaper, edited by Clyde Giordano '66 and 1967 graduate Mike Berman '67. The January 20, 1964, is-

sue included stories on a campus visit by the British consul written by Peter Savrides '67, a profile of history and philosophy teacher Salvatore DeSimone, news about the new basketball team's wins over Stevens Business College, and a feature called "What Is Going On?" by Larry Cheeseman '67 and Nick Byrne '66 that vigorously refuted a belief among some students that there was nothing to do on campus (It ends, "We are all too willing to ask what F.P.C. can do for us and not what we can do for F.P.C."). Then there was something called "Helpful Harry," a column which the anonymous male writer used to lampoon the campus's alleged lack of a social scene.

The school had grown to more than 500 students by the time the first 23 graduates listened to Boston University President Harold Case give the Commencement address, "A Firm Faith in the Future," during the first graduation ceremony on April 24, 1966. By then, the Crestview and Monadnock men's dorms had been built, the first student magazine, "Monad," was published, and the ski team, which practiced on a new

900-foot slope that was cut into a hill on the east side of campus, won their league's 1965 championship in just its second year.

Where are they now?

After graduation, the class dispersed: O'Neil had a 40-year career as a teacher. Savarese was drafted into the Army, served in Vietnam, and after returning became a successful car dealer in Vermont. Albonizio married her college sweetheart, 1967 graduate Nick Albonizio. Berry moved back to Rindge in the 1980s, where he still owns his family's cabin, and has caught the occasional FPU basketball game over the years.

Savarese says he and a "few of the guys," including 1967 graduate Harry McMahon, have visited class president Bill Wittenburg a few times after they learned a couple of years ago he became ill. "It's nice that some of these bonds have lasted after all these years," Savarese says, adding that he plans to return to campus in June—about 40 years since the last time he was last there. "It was such an important time for all of us—and the college." ■

Every Gift Matters

"The scholarship I received comes as a welcome relief to a very busy life.

I am founding member of the history club and a four-year volunteer at the Jaffrey Head Start Program.

My goal is to attend law school following graduation and work for an organization such as the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

The Apollon Valakis Scholarship has aided me so much this past year.

In the future, perhaps I can aid a student at Franklin Pierce University, as you have with your kindness and generosity."

Sincerely,
Cassandra Erler '16
Constantia, NY
American History



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DEPART


MOLLY BONDURANT, RN, CERN
CHIEF FLIGHT NURSE

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WHEN TRAUMA STRIKES

FACTOR IN A HELICOPTER,
REMOTE LOCATION,
AND MAKING EVERY
SECOND COUNT

BY MICHAEL MATROS

Crisis emerges from the deceptive banality of everyday life. A young man is teaching his 19-year-old girlfriend for the first time how to change her oil. It's a simple lesson in practicality, but in a fraction of a second, the tire jack slips and the world of this young woman slides into chaos. As she is slowly being asphyxiated under the crushing weight of her car, a life or death countdown commences.

At the same instant Molly Bondurant '14 is just beginning to learn the ropes at her first day on the job as head flight nurse on Dartmouth-Hitchcock Advanced Response Team (DHART). She plans to take plenty of time to learn the aircraft, how to buckle in tight, and how to communicate with her new team. She's never flown before, not even in an airplane, so the preparation seems a good idea.

But emergencies don't follow a script and only four minutes into her first shift, the alarm sounds. Time suddenly become her fiercest rival.

"Instantly, my heart rate went to about 200," Bondurant recalls. "So going out the door, I haven't mentally prepared. We quickly gather the equipment, load the

stretcher, check weather, and off we go." The goal is to be off the ground in less than 10 minutes. Faster is better. Every second critical.

It is only after lift-off that the response team learns any details of the emergency. That information is never released prior to the pilot confirming weather so that it does not influence the decision about accepting or declining a flight. The scene of the accident is remote, so the copter will land in a field where an ambulance is waiting to take them the rest of the way.

Each call is uniquely complex and extremely high stress, Bondurant soon learns. On this first call, the crew was required to "hot off-load," meaning they will need to exit the aircraft while the rotor blades are still



spinning. Looks easy in the movies, but “this is not a procedure that I have done before because it’s my first flight,” she explains. “While *on* the flight my stomach is in my throat, I feel nauseous, I can’t clear my ears, it’s overwhelming. But as a professional nurse, I’m forcing myself to calm down.”

Success and failure have uncertainty in common, and both are triggered by action, but for emergency responders inaction is not an option. “You know you can do this, it’ll be fine,” Bondurant has already told herself. But the pilot is not taking any chances with her, a newbie, and tells the crew “don’t let her outta your sight.” One of the crew grabs hold of Bondurant as they exit the aircraft. In minutes they are at the scene. “The woman had extensive chest injuries, clearly asphyxial, bloodshot eyes, all of the typical findings, very, very sick,” Bondurant remembers.

Preparing for Trauma at DHART

DHART is based out of Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in New Hampshire and provides both air and ground critical-care transportation services to the medical communities of Northern New England. It can transport accident and injury victims to the closest trauma center in any of the five New England states. Since it’s founding in 2001, it has transported more than 24,400 critically ill and injured adult, pediatric, and neonatal patients. It has covered nearly 2.6 million heart-pounding miles *really fast*.

A communications center in the hospital constantly monitors emergency assistance calls. After accounting for inclement weather and other potential hazards, it responds according to need. If there is no space for a helicopter to land at an emergency site, or no roads for access by ambulance, creativity comes into play. That could mean a team of hikers carrying an injured companion down a mountainside to meet the crew. “We will work with agencies to come up with the best solution possible,” Bondurant says.

DHART’s oldest ambulance, with more than half a million miles on its odometer, carries the same equipment as the helicopters, “but provides a little bit bigger space to work,” says Bondurant, “and you can pull over if you need to.”

Of course, the response team serves one and all regardless of age, but newborns require special equipment. At the edge of the enormous DHART

maintenance facility, Bondurant uncovers an isolette, a self-contained incubator that provides a controlled heat, humidity, and oxygen environment for newborns. “The main requirements are to keep them secure at low weights and thermoregulated – keep their body temperature normal,” she says. “If a mother goes into pre-term labor or has some complication, the team often flies in to anticipate that delivery and care for initial resuscitation and then either flies the infant home or comes back by ground ambulance.”

So far, she has not brought any children into the world while at DHART. “We try not to deliver any babies in the aircraft,” she smiles. “When you see the size and the limitations, it would be really difficult.”

To try to limit the element of surprise as much as possible, emergency response teams practice various scenarios and training extends well beyond the requirements of a typical ER – flying a helicopter, for instance. “In case the pilot becomes incapacitated or



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Facing page: Bondurant says, “I very much love caring for patients and flying and being on the ambulance and working with the crew.”

This page: The chief flight nurse spends more time in the office now, but intends to keep doing a shift a week with the crew.



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gets injured in flight,” Bondurant says, “they do pretty extensive training with us – mostly to go into a glide and go through all the emergency procedures if we need to find an open space and prevent a crash landing or a really hard landing.”

Bondurant's Roots

Bondurant grew up in rural Vermont, in the Corinth area. Her father is a retired financial analyst and her mother teaches fourth grade.

“Both parents were very interested in volunteering,” she says. “That was instilled in me from an early age.”

While she was in grade school, a friend died in a fire. “I had a very difficult time as a child trying to process that. Where I grew up is a very resource-depleted area in terms of getting emergency

services to your home. There are significant delays when you live in a rural area. I always knew I wanted to serve my community. Give back in some way.”

Bondurant wasted no time in her plans to serve her community. But first, she had to convince her parents that, instead of following a traditional academic track, she should attend high school at nearby River Bend Career and Technical Center, where she could spend junior and senior years in a program incorporating firefighting, emergency medical training, and law enforcement. They agreed, but only when she arranged to arrive at school at 7:15 a.m. to take a chemistry course and to meet the other requirements of both the academic and career-oriented tracks.

As a senior, she began working as a third provider on an ambulance service out of Fairlee, Vt. “I was doing observational time,” she says. “You could do some assessments, participate in some of the care, but you’re not fully licensed.” She was told she could not take her EMT firefighter level-one exam until she turned 18, but would not let that stop her from getting a jump on time. “I got permission to take both tests before turning 18, and they were scored on my birthday.”

College, too, was anything but traditional for Bondurant. She enrolled at Castleton State College, and by that time was also supporting a daughter, Sierra, by working part-time in a bank and an insurance agency. She earned her nursing associate’s degree by taking Castleton classes interactively at the closer Lyndon State. All the while, she was still volunteering with the ambulance service.

Even with her nursing degree, she continued her volunteer work, but was able to exchange the part time jobs for a position in the student-health center at Dartmouth College. She married, gave birth to a second daughter, Acadia, and continued to advance toward her EMT certification. In 2011, she began working for DHART at its Manchester base.

A year later, tuition assistance allowed her “to begin chipping away” at her degree in Franklin Pierce’s R.N. to B.S. program, which, according to the University, is designed for registered nurses who need a flexible and convenient program as they juggle work commitments, family life, and personal time. “Almost all of us were working nurses,” Bondurant says, “either here at Dartmouth-Hitchcock or with another institution, so navigating all those things -- working full-time, taking care of a family, being a student all at the same time – was pretty common.”

During her time working at the DHART base, Bondurant requested repeatedly to take part in a ride-along

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with the emergency responder crew, “to have that experience riding third on a helicopter so I would know if that was something that really interested me or not.”

From Observer to Chief

As it turns out, it suited her just fine. Despite her nerve-racking first day on the job with DHART, she now admits that her role as chief flight nurse, at only 32, requires her to spend more time in the office than she would prefer. “I do very much love caring for patients,” she says, “and flying and being on the ambulance and working with the crew.”

“My goal is to do a shift a week and then be able to keep up with my responsibilities here at the medical center.” And she wants to spread the news that a career in emergency medical response is not just for thrill seekers. She recently completed a chapter for the new edition of a textbook for emergency flight providers, and she has visited her old high school to give a presentation about DHART.

It is not just the medical and technical part of her job that Bondurant feels vital to communicate to anyone considering such a career. As for any nurse, the commitment lies deeper. “My career since an early age had shown me over and over the fragility of life,” she says, “so I didn’t anticipate being surprised about the emotional and spiritual impact it would have, but I was. Each individual case hits you differently based on your experiences. It’s hard to determine what’s going to affect you. The ones involving children are always difficult.”

Maybe the most rewarding thing of all is to learn what we all want to learn about ourselves: when the world slips into chaos, will we be able to respond? The 19-year-old woman pinned under the car faced some neurological deficits, but managed to recover because an alarm went out and someone responded. Quickly. **P**



in memory of

Mr. Stephen J. Atkinson '92

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Mr. Kevin P. Welch '05

*These names were reported between September 25, 2015,
and April 6, 2016.*





Douglas “Dougie” Usseglio

Douglas “Dougie” Usseglio of Waltham, Massachusetts was a dear friend of all those who attended Franklin Pierce University. Dougie passed away on March 6 at just 22 years old, a day before his 23rd birthday.

Dougie is the son of Gary Usseglio, of Watertown and Michelle (Zeoli) Usseglio, of Waltham. He graduated from Waltham High School in 2011 where he then took his hockey skills to The Winchendon School prior to attending FPU.

While Usseglio may have been known for playing on the hockey team, his smile and outgoing personality are what will be remembered by most.

“He contributed so much to the community during his time here,” said President Card. “Dougie was a very popular and supportive student, a friend to everyone and the type of young man who would help anyone without hesitation.”

Bracelets are being sold in honor of Dougie. “I came up with the idea. The profits are going into a fund in his name, but we hope the money can go to his little sister to help her afford college,” said Nichole Donovan ’16.

The bracelets say “Let’s have a Day!” on one side and “Dougie #3” on the other.

Dr. Arthur M. Pappas

Franklin Pierce University also lost a dear friend and benefactor in Dr. Arthur M. Pappas. Dr. Pappas passed away on March 24th at the age of 84.

Dr. Pappas received an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from the University in 2007 and was inducted into the Franklin Pierce University Athletic Hall of Fame in 2009. He was a Board of Trustees member from 1998-2006 and he also served on the Sports Management Advisory Board.

Dr. Pappas, a career orthopedic surgeon, was considered by many to be a pioneer in the field of sports medicine. He may be best known for his role as team doctor for the Boston Red Sox, where he served for more than 20 years.

Dr. Pappas and his wife, Martha, are also well-known philanthropists who donated largely to recreational efforts both in their hometown of Auburn, Massachusetts, and at Franklin Pierce University. The Pappas legacy will live on forever at the Rindge campus through the facilities that bear their names—the Dr. Arthur and Martha Pappas Health Science and Athletic Training Center and Dr. Arthur and Martha Pappas Field—as well as the Pappas Health Scholarship Fund that supports students in the Health Sciences.

EVENTS



HOMECOMING

Close to 100 alumni headed back up to Rindge for a day of reuniting and cheering on our Sprint Football Ravens. Alumni were invited to join in the Family Day celebration as well as the Annual Alumni Association Meeting. Everyone had a great time!

① (L to R) Jimmy Keegan, Allen Johnson '80, Gary Kroeber '81, John Coughlin '81, and Stephen MacCrea '81 ② Pam Sanderson '98, M.Ed. '08 and Merrill Vaughan '12 ③ Ray Schank '69 ④ Kevin Shirvell '01 ⑤ Reverend Kathleene Card and President Andrew Card ⑥ Larry Leach '82, Don Pyke '81, and Rob Hannings ⑦ Members of the Men's Soccer Team ⑧ Kim Riley '83 and Bob Riley '82



MOVE-IN

Thank you to the Alumni Association Board members who made it back to campus to say “Howdy” to our first-year students!

① Alumni Association President Bob Riley '82, Nikki Torday '98, Julie Zahn-Director of Alumni & Parent Relations, Art Fink '72, Rocky the Raven, Marcy Fink '73, Dan Becker '70, Kevin Shirvell '01 ② Current Pierce students cheering as the incoming Freshmen arrive on campus.



GOODMAN

In October, Dr. Mark Goodman '71 visited Pierce for a luncheon and discussion with psychology students, and then gave a lecture in Forbes Farmer's psychology class that afternoon.

① Mark Goodman '71





RED HOOK

In December, Director of Alumni & Parent Relations Julie Zahn, and Assistant Director of Advancement Services Susannah Batchelder '13, '14, headed out to The Redhook Brewery in Portsmouth to enjoy the holidays with local alumni and current students!

- ❶ Front l-r: Chris Holman '99, Julie Zahn-Director of Alumni & Parent Relations. Back l-r: Mike Sideris '13, Susannah Batchelder '13, MBA '14, with faculty, staff, and students from the Portsmouth campus.
- ❷ Julie Zahn-Director of Alumni & Parent Relations, Susannah Batchelder '13, MBA '14, Associate Director of Advancement Services



NYC WORKING LUNCHEON WITH ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF THE UNIVERSITY

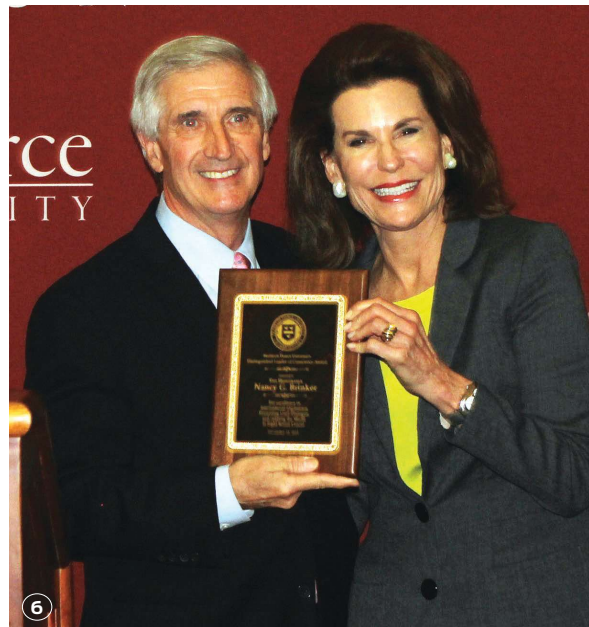
President Andrew Card enjoyed lunch with several alumni and Board members in New York City in September. Douglas Shankman '73, President Card, and Shaun Hoffman '02.



WILLOW SPRINGS

Alumni Association Board Members, Dan Becker '70 and Josh Sigsworth '07, DPT '10 hosted an alumni and friends wine tasting at Willow Springs Vineyard back in August. Guests enjoyed sampling some delicious wines and then toured the facility to learn how wine is processed and bottled.

- ❶ Josh Sigsworth '07 DPT '10 with non alumnus.
- ❷ Julie Zahn
- ❸ Gina-Marie Mazerolle '14, Katie Bernier '13, MBA '15, Nikki Torday '98, Josh Sigsworth '07, DPT '10, Anna Sigsworth, Julie Zahn, friend of Nikki Torday (not alumna), Danny Becker '70



BRINKER VISIT

Nancy Brinker, former Ambassador to Hungary and founder of the Susan G. Komen Foundation, spoke at Franklin Pierce University's Rindge campus in November on "Global Care Brings Global Cures: An International Response to the Breast Cancer Epidemic."

- ❶ Nancy Brinker and President Card with students.
- ❷ Ann Gagnon-Exec Asst. to the President, Laura Gingras Vice President of Philanthropy and Community Relations, Heather McKernan, Publisher at Monadnock Ledger Transcript, Annie Card Photographer
- ❸ Reverend Kathleene Card, Al Zucaro, Yvonne Boice
- ❹ Nancy Brinker with Wendy Elsing
- ❺ Rev. Kathleene Card, Pres Andrew Card and Nancy Brinker
- ❻ President Andrew Card and Nancy Brinker

EVENTS



ESPN

In December, ESPN staff members Chris Vicente '96, Rich Goode '96, Jason Potterton '07, and Jason McCormack '95, '13 headed back to Rindge for an alumni discussion as well as a talk with current students.

- 1 Jason Potterton '07, James Wolken, Amanda (Amaro) Kaufmann '12, MBA '14, and MassComm Professor, Phyllis Zrzavy
- 2 Rich Goode '96
- 3 Chris Vicente '96
- 4 Jay McCormack '95, MBA '13, Chris Vicente '96, Rich Goode '96, and Jason Potterton '07 speaking with students about their experiences working in ESPN.



SLAVIN '91 TALKS BUSINESS

In September, Jon Slavin '92 made a visit to the Rindge campus with his family. Jon, who works for Morgan Stanley in New York, gave a wonderful talk to current business students and faculty.

- 1 John Slavin '92 speaking with a student.
- 2 L-R: John and Lori Slavin '92 with family



MARCH ALUMNI BOARD MEETING

In March, the Alumni Association took their annual meetings on the road to ... New Jersey! Thank you to current Trustees, Caryl Felicetta and Kerry Stein '80 for joining us during our Annual Meeting on Saturday.

L-R: John Washington '83, Steve Sabatino '69, Kerry Stein '80, Art Fink '72, Henry Ellis '69, Caryl Felicetta, Dan Becker '70, David Masse '83, Nikki Torday '98, Kim Riley '83, Kevin Shirvell '01, Charlene Hulten '69, Marcy Fink '73, Jenn (Scott) Forry '04, Scott Babitts '73, P'09, Katie Babitts P'09, John Borino '69, Sarah Probst '98, Ray Schank '69, and Bob Riley '82.



CARD RECEPTION

In October, President and Reverend Card welcomed local Alumni to a reception at their home in Jaffrey.

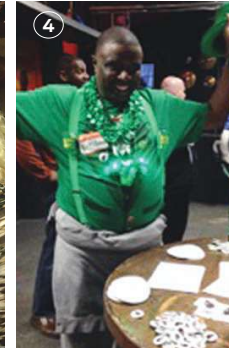
1 Gail Groder, Janice Wilson '84, Dave Groder '66 2 President Andrew Card 3 Marc Tieger '69, Sharon Tieger, Rev. Kathleene Card, President Andrew Card 4 Jill Hagstrom '80 and Ronald Hagstrom '81

EVENTS

BOSTON PUB CRAWL

Ravens from the late 80's to early 90's gathered in Boston in March for a mini reunion. Special thank you to Amy (Fales) Walsh '90, Kim (Morris) Derby '90, and Kim (Cook) Neher '89 for organizing.

- 1 Back Row: Chris Beaudry '89, Front Row: Stephanie Harrington '90, Amy (Fales) Walsh '90, Kimberly (Morris) Derby '90.
- 2 Ravens gather in the morning before heading out to breakfast.
- 3 Ravens Reuniting
- 4 Philip Anderson '90
- 5 Ravens Reminiscing
- 6 Ravens Rejoicing
- 7 Alumni from the late 80s and early 90s showing their Pierce Pride during the March 2016 Boston Pub Crawl!



PAINTING NIGHT

Alumni and friends enjoyed an evening of wine and painting in Saratoga Springs, NY, in February 2016. Photos include: Michael Bushman '88, Julie Zahn (Director of Alumni & Parent Relations), Kimberly (Morris) Derby '90, Kimberly (Cook) Neher '89, Judy (Schlosser) Meghnagi '90, Deanna (DiJohn) Francis '89, Lisa (Plante) Bushman '90, and Nicole (Bilyak) Seguljic '91. Thank you to Kim (Cook) Neher '89 for organizing.



ALUMNI HOCKEY GAME

In February, Franklin Pierce welcomed back Alumni to the Jason Ritchie Ice Arena in Winchendon, MA.

- ❶ Men's Ice Hockey Alumni
- ❷ Ravens hanging out after the game!
- ❸ Family of the late Jim Hayden '73
- ❹ Bruce Kirsh '71 with Alex (Eckhardt) Wilson '10
- ❺ A quick photo before they head to the ice!
- ❻ Jacquelyn Goodell P'10 and Steven Goodell P'10



Return of Reunion Gift Chairs!

Eight reasons why volunteers reach out to classmates

Sometimes a tradition is too good to let go, so Franklin Pierce has brought one back—Reunion Gift Chairs. These volunteers—one or two from each of this year’s special Rindge Reunion classes (classes ending in 1s and 6s)—are rallying their respective class members to attend the upcoming Reunion, and to give back to Franklin Pierce by making a monetary donation to the University.

Think about it. Did you benefit from your time at Franklin Pierce? Did Franklin Pierce launch you into a productive life and career? Did you make lifelong friends? Do you want to ensure that Franklin Pierce thrives and educates generations for decades to come?

The Reunion Gift Chairs have been reaching out since the start of the 2016-16 Academic Year and will continue to do so until Alumni Reunion 2016 on the Rindge campus, June 24-26. Meet these generous alumni, who are giving their time and treasure to help make your alma mater and your Class strong!

Michelle Barbeau '11, MBA '13
(5th Reunion)

Vivacious. Enthusiastic. Creative. Smart. These are some of the words that come to mind when describing the Reunion Gift Chair for 2011. Michelle is Associate Director of Enrollment and Retention for Franklin Pierce’s CGPS programs, where she advises undergraduate students, and recruits for the CGPS graduate and undergraduate programs. She enjoys working for her alma mater because, “It’s a place I’m so passionate about. It’s easy to promote it because I love it so much, and it’s fun to share my story. Education can really change your life. To be on the front lines and follow students all the way to graduation, to share in their successes and know I helped a little bit is awesome!”

Michelle already knows many people in her class and is eager to connect with more. She understands how important donor participation is to demonstrate to outside funding sources that Franklin



Kirt Sampson II '06, MBA '14

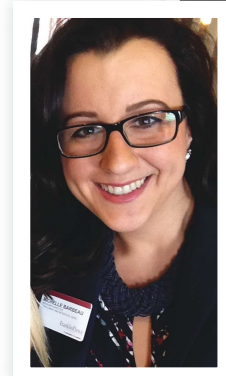
Pierce alumni support the institution, so she readily accepted the challenge of Reunion Gift Chair. “I want to be able to help Franklin Pierce succeed,” she says. “My hope is to get half of my class to participate, no matter the amount. It’s all about participation.” So far, this young class has charged out of the gate under Michelle’s leadership. Keep it up!

Kirt Sampson II '06, MBA '14 (10th Reunion)

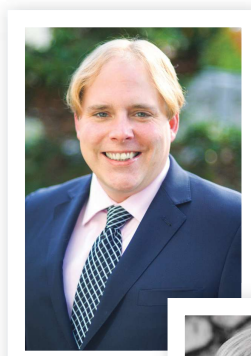
Kirt is a second-generation alumnus, whose father, also named Kirt, graduated from Franklin Pierce’s Concord campus in 1984. Kirt fell in love with the Rindge campus and loved his experience as an undergraduate. He still keeps in touch with some of his professors, who encouraged him to go on for a graduate degree when he started working as an accountant for the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Once again, Kirt chose Franklin Pierce, where he got his MBA in Leadership. He appreciates all of the networking opportunities and being able to fashion a hybrid program of both online and on-campus classes. Now Acting Chief of Accounting at the VA Medical Center, Kirt handles internal audits and construction accounting, and has taken on supervisory responsibilities.

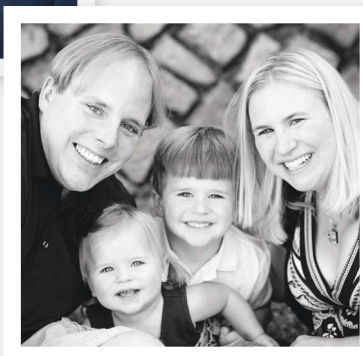
As Reunion Gift Chair, he is enjoying the chance to reconnect with fellow '06 alumni and welcomes “the opportunity to volunteer and give back. I received a Presidential Scholarship, which helped out with my college expenses, and am happy to be able to help current students receive that same help. I’m hoping to at least double class participation this year from last year.” Kirt emphasizes that giving something, no matter the size, is better than giving nothing, since participation is key. He says, “I consider Franklin Pierce to be a lifelong connection.”



Michelle Barbeau '11, MBA '13



ABOVE AND RIGHT: Mike Gasper '01



Mike Gasper '01 (15th Reunion)

Co-Founder and Executive Director of Extra Special Parents, headquartered in Richmond, Va., Mike epitomizes the

Franklin Pierce spirit of caring and community. For years he worked with young children caught in the foster care system through no fault of their own. Then he decided to “do something different” by empowering children to be part of the decision regarding their ideal family, so that they could be stabilized more readily and, ultimately, become productive members of society. “If I change one life in my lifetime, then I’ve done something,” says Mike. “I have a strong belief that every child deserves the love and support of family and community.”

Mike took on the challenge of Reunion Gift Chair with the realization that “Franklin Pierce has had such a significant impact on my life. I’ll do whatever is needed when called upon. People can become detached from a place we all called home for four years; we need to reconnect, reflect, and think of our time at Franklin Pierce. It’s a University of chances and hope. Franklin Pierce meant so much to me, and I know it meant that to others. It’s a very special place.”

Abby Gordon-Tolan '91 (25th Reunion)

Make no mistake about it; Franklin Pierce prepares its students to take on just about anything. “Franklin Pierce had a lot to do with helping me take risks and building my confidence as an intellectual,” says Abby, who was a teacher in the School of the Future in New York City, and then went on to become a writer and stand-up comic. “I didn’t have a strong academic identity as a high school student,” says Abby, “but Franklin Pierce teachers pointed out strengths I didn’t know were there, which had a huge impact on me personally and academically. One particular professor said, ‘You’re better than this!’ He pushed me and didn’t let me fail.”

Abby has twin 8-year-old sons and keeps very busy as an involved parent and community member. She took on the role of Reunion Gift Chair because, “Franklin Pierce was so important in shaping me as a person and a successful adult. I love my class! They’re such great people, and I am so proud to be their peer. I want to help make a difference.”

Tony Savageau '86 (30th Reunion)

Staying power is what Tony is all about; he’s had only two jobs in 30 years, and landed his first before he even graduated. A computer science management major, Tony credits his liberal

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arts education and learning to work with people in different groups for getting a leg up in working for global companies. Back in high school, Tony was living in Germany and is happy that a friend found out about Pierce through a postcard! He met his wife, Karen '85, at Pierce during RA training in his junior year. They have three children and live in Massachusetts.

Tony enjoys reconnecting with his classmates as Reunion Gift Chair. “I’ve spoken with a half dozen people I hadn’t spoken with in 25 years. Ideally, I’d love to see 20-25 percent of our class participate in giving and in Reunion,” says Tony. “Andy Card is reinvigorating the whole campus. His mission is a good one. The last Pierce magazine was a great comprehensive publication. It made me go down and look in the basement, where I found several old photo albums from Franklin Pierce days...I found a treasure trove of memories!”

Cindy (Murray) Schutzman '81 (35th Reunion)

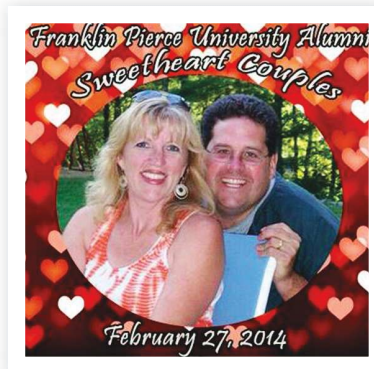
Cindy is not only thankful for a great education that has served her well career-wise, but she also credits Franklin Pierce with having “a major impact on my life because I met my husband, David '83, here and have been happily married for 30 years!” Cindy and David have two sons and live in Connecticut. Cindy worked in sales for 28 years for a major consumer package goods company in Stamford, Conn., and then worked as a consultant for four additional years before retiring in August. “Franklin Pierce wasn’t the center of my life during those years,” says Cindy, “but it was the foundation of many friendships that I still have. Franklin Pierce was the perfect place for me to become my own person; it really did a lot for me.”

Cindy appreciates President Card’s vision for the school and cites it as one of the reasons she took on the role of Reunion Gift Chair. “I don’t think many people realize that even if they give \$25, it’s a big help. Foundations ask what the alumni participation rate is; why would other people invest in the University if the alumni don’t? It’s not what you give, it’s that you give; that’s my main message as Reunion Chair.”



ABOVE:
Cindy (Murray) Schutzman '81

LEFT AND BELOW:
Tony Savageau '86

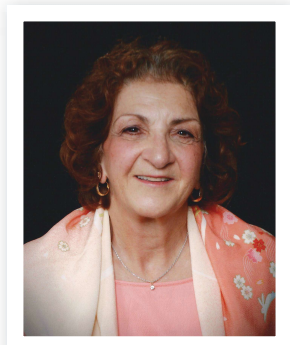


DEVELOPMENT

Carleen (Albonizio) Farrell '71 (45th Reunion)

"Life hasn't been anything but exciting from the moment of thinking about graduation and my future!" says Carleen, who has been on the University's Board of Trustees since 2010, having also served 1981-1994. "I couldn't leave Franklin Pierce behind; I'm still wedded to how well it does. I went away and took it with me. Friends are the gift you give yourself, and I gave myself the gift of my Franklin Pierce friends." Carleen, who has had a long and successful career in higher education, "learned a lot in the classroom, but my out-of-the-classroom experiences were lifelong, like working in residential life and admissions as a student."

As Reunion Gift Chair, Carleen quickly gathered a team of dedicated '71 classmates, including Bruce Crockett, Bruce Kirsh, and Phil Curry, who are helping to reach out to classmates to boost donor and Reunion participation. "I've always felt like fundraising was part of my responsibility," says Carleen. "I love Franklin Pierce and want to be sure it's here for many generations to come! It's important to have something to reach for beyond day-to-day ups and downs."



ABOVE: Carleen (Albonizio) Farrell '71
RIGHT: Dave Groder '66 and John Burke '66

John Burke '66, Dave Groder '66 (50th Reunion)

John and Dave have been lifelong friends and are now working together to reach out to their 50th Reunion class. Dave reminisces on the "tremendous influence Franklin Pierce has had on my life. Those of us who came in the first year were pioneers. It was a total lesson in life. It also taught us respect and gave us a sense of pride." Dave met his wife, Gail, while at Franklin Pierce and had a long career in the printing business; John went on to work for the FBI for three decades before opening his own investigative company. For a while, Dave and John went their

separate ways, but within the past 15 years or so, they began getting together regularly, and now, "It's like we're brothers again!" says Dave.

Dave and John share a passion for the University—a place they helped get off the ground in a team effort with faculty, staff, and students.

"We'd like to help more. We

still have pride. Maybe the older you get, the more pride you get," says Dave. "Can you imagine if all alumni gave even \$5 apiece? It's our 50th Reunion and John and I would certainly love to see all of you. If you haven't been to Pierce in a while, please re-engage. Come and meet some new friends and visit with your old classmates!"



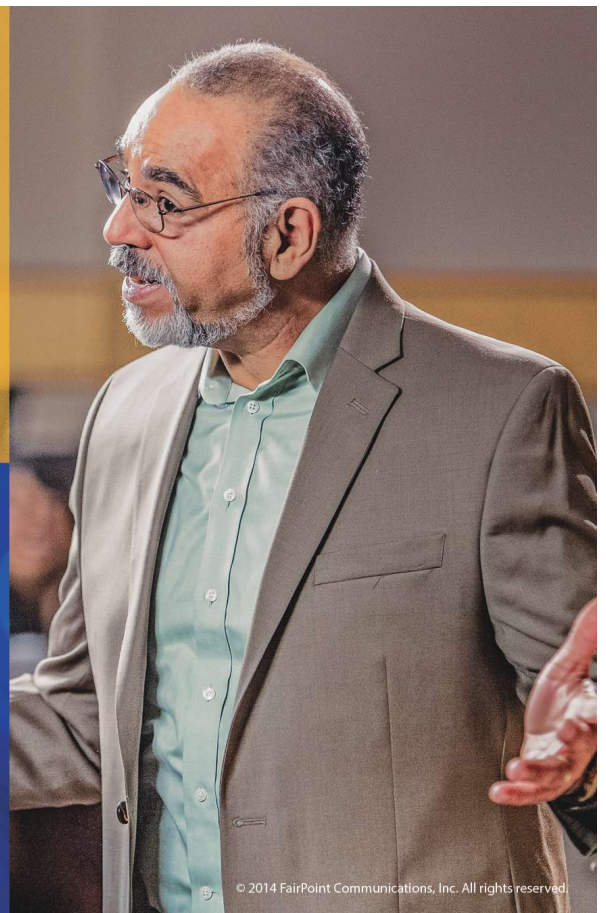
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60s

Ronald Savarese '66 retired from the automobile business in 2004. He and Gail relocated to St. Augustine, Fla., and Ron is now working as a Realtor with Davidson Realty at World Golf Village. Ron has been in contact with some of his classmates over the last few years and is looking forward to Alumni Reunion Weekend in June to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first graduating class of Franklin Pierce. Ron's daughters live in Charlotte, N.C., and his oldest granddaughter started her freshman year at Mt. Holyoke.

John S. Flood '68 has moved to Murrells Inlet, S.C., and is playing golf and enjoying retirement.

Barry Johnson '68 is living in North Carolina and received his Ph.D. in Psychology from Walden University.

Anthony "Tony" Abatino '69 writes, "Retired. Enjoying my four grandchildren and family. Spending time in warm climates and playing golf. Watching soccer on the big screen!"

Kenneth (Kenn) Brown '69 "Oft-times I have wondered what my life would have been like if Franklin Pierce University (nee Franklin Pierce College) was not the basis for my higher educational pursuit upon graduating from high school in 1965. Although Franklin Pierce University was not the academic institution of higher learning that presented me with a sheepskin, it was the foundation that set the tone for future growth and development.

Over the years I have found the Pierce Class Notes as a vehicle to see how former fellow students have wended their way to significant accomplishments as well as where their present station in life has taken

them. As a non-graduate of Pierce, I found myself caught between a rock and a hard place, if you will, in submitting updates to Class Notes since I am not a Pierce graduate; but to be perfectly honest it has become more pronounced at this time when one recognizes 50 years have gone by the wayside! So the time has come to share with other classmates that have or would have graduated in the Class of 1969 for various reasons, from the general to the specific, but none more salient, then the opportunity that Pierce was the laboratory that allowed me to develop an enhanced sense of value, an avenue to foster awareness about social and practical pursuits, and a pathway for me to develop a persona that to this day has held sway.

I also write with a sense of thanks to the educators I encountered over my two years at Pierce, including, but not limited to, my philosophy professor, Mr. DeSimone, who opened my eyes to a broader world perspective, and to Coach Matson who instilled in me, as an athlete, intestinal fortitude, drive, and motivation.

Finally, it's a chance to reflect back on the past 50 years when, as a 17-year-old, I stepped onto a college setting for the first time to accept the challenges, adventures, and the unknown. In leaving Pierce, I headed to the University of Miami where using the tools afforded me at Pierce, I graduated with a Bachelor of Science, majoring in Psychology. While at the U of M, I played baseball and basketball. I enjoyed the travels and situations that playing for a major university gives an athlete, including spending time playing baseball in South and Central America. My passion for baseball also led to a number of major league tryouts, though I never made it to the big show.

Subsequently, I entered, but never completed, a doctoral

program in Public Administration/ Health Care at NYU. This, however, in and of itself led to a 45-year career in health care, starting at Mount Sinai in Miami Beach to Long Island Jewish in Lake Success, N.Y., to the Margaret Tietz Center, a not-for-profit nursing home in Jamaica, N.Y., where the mission was to care for survivors of the Holocaust. I spent 31 years as its President and CEO."

David Fernandez '69 writes, "Hello class of '69. I've remained happily married after 32 years to Cathie and have two children. I'm working as CEO of OEM America in Hartford and always looking for successful FPU graduates. Still avidly sailing and golfing. Emailed Bob Ackerman '68 and LinkedIn with Tim Sherry. Heard Bob Baldanza is well. My son, Tyler, just retired from the Pittsburgh Penguins organization and the ECHL and started his own staffing company in Springfield, Mass. My daughter, Brooke, is teaching history and is also the girls head hockey coach at Brewster Academy in N.H."

Jane Lisa (Kramer) Johnson '69 "Happy New Year! I have developed a private practice specializing in individual therapies to include whole health nutritional models and specialized wellness. This has been a focus since leaving a major medical center on the central coast of beautiful California!"

Timothy Sherry '69 writes, "I retired to the West Coast of Florida after owning and running four businesses in Vermont for 15 years. My wife, Laura (Falzone) Sherry '68, and I are living in paradise. Laura is still teaching languages at a A-1 high school and loves it. I thought I was retired, but then I was offered a corporate position with an \$8 billion RPM company, which lasted the last 16 years. I was the Northeast Regional

Manager for Increte Systems, a division of Euclid Chemical. Even though I finally retired, I'm doing a little real estate as an International Referral Agent to keep me busy along with fishing and riding my fun Honda 750 Shadow Trike Motorcycle. I'm loving the Florida lifestyle. Hello to my fantastic pioneer Class of '69."

70s

After 36 years as the Founder and President of MRI-Sales Consultants of Rhode Island, **Peter Cotton '70** moved to Franklin, Mass., and rebranded his executive search firm. He is now the President and Founder of Best Sales Talent, LLC, (www.bestsalestalent.com) where he continues his work in search and recruitment of sales, sales management, and marketing talent with his client companies. While running MRI-Sales Consultants of Rhode Island, Peter was also the Founder and President of the all-volunteer Make-A-Wish Foundation of Rhode Island, a non-profit charity that grants wishes to children with life-threatening illnesses. Peter and his wife, Leslie, have two daughters and three grandchildren.

Ken Akroyd '71 reports, "Still enjoying retirement on Cape Cod. I traveled a bit this year (Barcelona-Rome-Orlando) and liked each place in that order. If it wasn't for Franklin Pierce, I doubt that I would be here."

Bruce Barrett, '71, recently renewed his Massachusetts license as a Mental Health Counselor and continues to work at South Bay Mental Health in Plymouth, Mass., with specialties in psychotherapy with Partial Hospital Groups, adults and children on the autism spectrum, and military families and veterans.

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Philip “Kip” Charbonneau '71

writes, “Looking to find Mike Gold '70 and David Lederman '71. Any information would be appreciated. GO RAVENS!!”

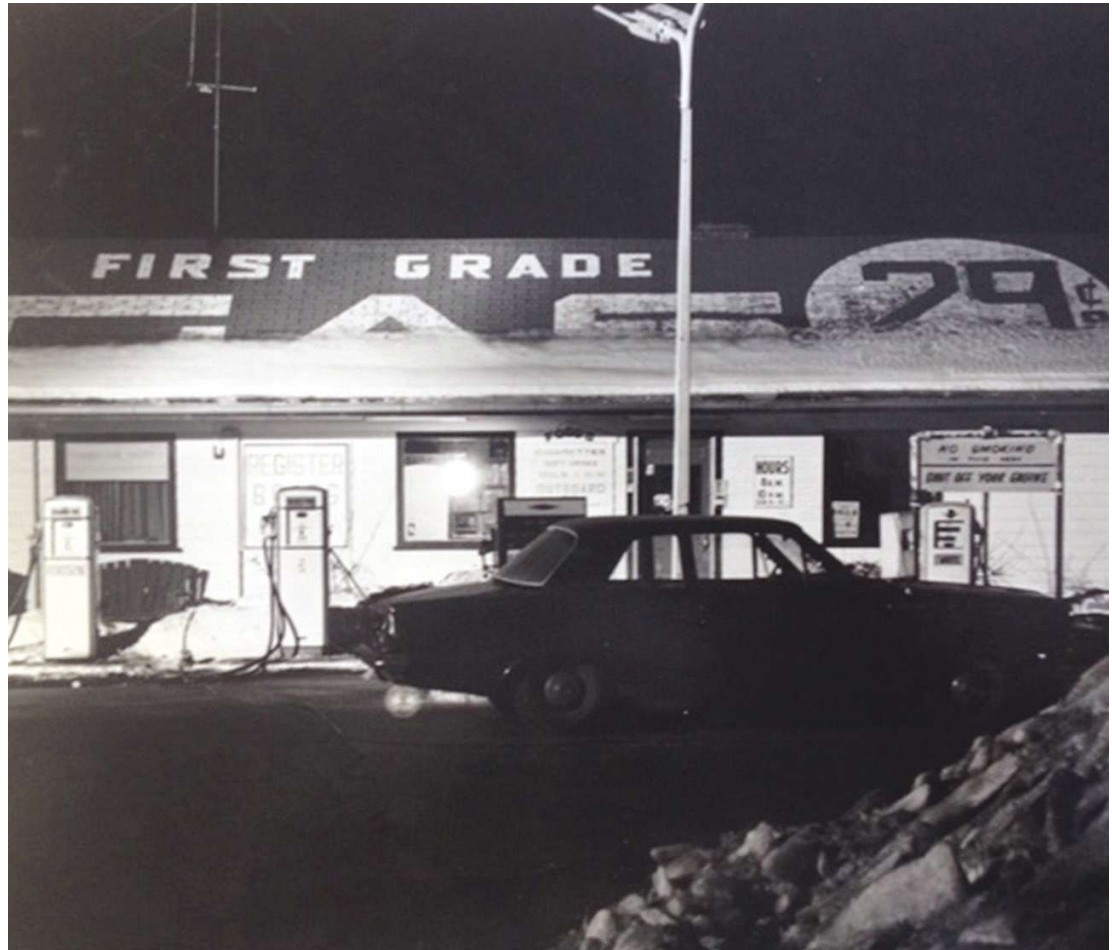
Brant “Bud” Elkind '71 has been elected Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Brain Injury Association of America. He stepped down in December after serving two terms as Board Chair for the Academy of Certified Brain Injury Specialists, an International certifying body. Both are volunteer positions. Bud and his wife, Lynda, are planning to retire professionally in June of this year and will move from Keene, N.H., to their home in Port Pierce, Florida. Their daughter, Sharon, anticipates completion of her Doctorate at the University of Sydney (Australia) during the Summer of 2016. A trip to Australia is planned for her graduation in October.

Madelaine Fratello reports, “I retired from the NYC Department of Education. I was a high school teacher. I moved to Texas in 2015 and purchased five houses in order to get ready for the influx of many Eastern businesses. If you are in Dallas, come and see me. My email is MFratello@aol.com.”

Gloria (Rauch) Granat '71 writes, “I’m currently semi-retired and living in Las Vegas, Nev., although I still have my house in South Florida. I love to travel. I work part-time as a photographer and also for Expedia Cruise Ship Centers.

I also volunteer for the Las Vegas Valley Humane Society and take lifelong learning classes. I keep active and never stop learning. My hobby is playing Bingo, which I do almost every day. I have one son who lives in California. I would love to hear from anyone from my graduating class living in or visiting my area.”

Vincent Lucrezi '71 writes, “Very pleased to say hello to all my friends and especially the KUBABA’S. A big shout out to my buddy, Paul Cavazzoni. I’m still retired in Manahawkin, N.J. I got some bad news recently—I’ve been diagnosed



Allen Kamke '71, writes, “This photograph recently turned up on my desk. The gas station is in Peterborough, and at the time, I lived upstairs from Bill Jenish who taught art. Can you figure out what year this is?!”

with stomach cancer, but we are all optimistic that I will beat this thing. I ask all my FPU family to send their positive vibes to me, and I am sure I will survive. Go FPU!!”

Richard Schwartz '71 writes, “I graduated from FPC in the 70s. I have been married to Randee, a fifth grade teacher for the Yonkers Public Schools for 43 years. I have a 14-year-old American Bull Terrier named Malo. My eldest daughter is a N.Y. Stock Exchange Broker. Our youngest is a Fashion Designer in N.Y.C. I retired after 33 years as an X-Ray Technologist at Maimonides Medical Center in Brooklyn, N.Y. I also drove a school bus, off and on. We are living in White Plains, N.Y. If anyone wants to write: Richard E. Schwartz, 6 Francine Court, White Plains, N.Y. 10607”

Joseph (Joe) Shupper '71 writes, “Hi Alums...I retired about 1 1/2 years ago and love it. I worked most of my career in the computer industry and mostly with Hewlett Packard. I continue to live in Metuchen, N.J., for a total of 49 years. I like to go into NYC often so the nearby train station into NYC Penn Station is convenient. With a lot of retirement time on my hands, I have spent significant time on various books and at online sites looking closely at various USA ‘conspiracy theories.’ Many are remarkable and quite stunning. This year’s travel plans include vacation time visiting Florida, California, and Hawaii. I often think back to the wonderful time I had at FPC from 1966-1970. I’m one of the very few students who actually lived in an

off-campus dormitory, known as the COOP, because it was once an active chicken coop. It’s actual name was Knight’s Hall. Not once did anyone from the school’s administration ever visit us. I often miss my close buddies from those HIPPIE days, like Ron Synmoie, Matt Henning, Hank Kieler, Robbie O’Rourke, David Agnosnous, Eileen Berman, and Barbara O’Rourke. There was a large group of us. There were also other circles of friends, too. In 1968, I participated in the FPC Vietnam Protest March from FPC to downtown Keene, N.H. It was my political awakening. One of my heroes at the time was Ralph Nader, and he still is. The main motivation for my update is to win the FPU hat—so cool looking. Best to all FPU Alumni—Joe Shupper.”

Frank Longo '72 writes, "I am living in Cocoa Beach, Fla., and work part-time in the local library. I have a three-year-old grandson named Dylan."

Charlie Mann '72 writes, "I retired from teaching in Prince George's County Public Schools in 2013. I continue to be the Executive Director of Celestial Manna, Inc., which I founded in 1986. I have served as a cantor at Kehilat Ben David in Wheaton, Md., and another congregation for two decades. My wife and I reared four children and now have four grandchildren. I would love to open communication with former friends by Facebook or cmann731@yahoo.com."

Bradford (Brad) Sellew '73 writes, "After a 30-year career with Salomon Sports as a sales rep in Eastern New England, I followed the melting snow down the Connecticut River and into Long Island Sound. I am currently sailing in Tahiti."

Stephen Eddy '75 is retired and currently living in Marathon, Fla.

Helene (Greenewald) Just '76 writes, "Hello and Happy New Year! Helene '76, Steve '75, and Jesse are off to a good start. We added two beautiful Burmese kittens to our family: Louis and Fiona. We celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary on a cruise to Western Caribbean on Royal Caribbean. We are snuggling in for the winter in front of our fireplace which always reminds me of happy times in New Hampshire at Franklin Pierce."

John Tepe '76 reports, "I am married to Concetta Tepe and have two children. Melissa graduated with a BA in English from Stonehill College in 2010 and is the Events Manager for the Jacob Burns Film Center in Pleasantville, N.Y. Justin graduated with a BA in Biochemistry and Microbiology from Boston University in 2015 and will complete his master's in Public Health in Epidemiology from Boston University in 2016. We currently reside in Cortlandt Manor, N.Y."

Bruce Brenner '77 is married with two daughters. His wife, both daughters, and parents attended his graduation. Bruce had a career in the printing business in the U.S., Europe, and Japan. He retired from Adobe Systems as the international type business manager. In his earlier days of type (late 70s, early 80s), Bruce met with Steve Jobs and Bill Gates. This was working on contracts to license typeface designs from Linotype, a German company. "Our class was a special night class, and Walter Peterson was the president during my time at Pierce."

E. Jonathan Holmes '78 writes, "After graduating from Franklin Pierce with a B.A. in Cultural Anthropology in 1978, I've had a very satisfying career in Personnel Management and Human Resource Management. I'm now retired at age 59, living a most enjoyable life in a modest house, on a wooded piece of property in rural Kentucky with Kathy, my wife of almost 35 years."

Phuong Nguyen '78 and **Thu Thuy Nguyen '78** report, "Since leaving FPU, Thuy Phuong still keeps in touch with a number of alumni of Franklin Pierce. Thuy Phuong loves to hear from classmates at Franklin Pierce. In 2015, brother Tuu and his wife came down to see us, and we met for the whole Saturday morning reminiscing on past events. He is a local artist living in San Jose, Calif., who has created many beautiful paintings. In '78 while in school, I wrote an article about his achievements at FPU. I am deeply moved that after many years he still keeps the article on his cell phone."

Another good friend, Debbie, also Thuy's roommate, contacts us. Debbie sent us a note every year from New Jersey to let us know how the kids are doing, as well as business activities. This year she waited until all the Christmas activities have slowed down before being able to write to us in a long letter. We love to read the Christmas letters. Thuy wrote to her from time to time and exchange greetings, phone number and pictures. Thanks to her, we feel a sweet relation of people in our family from generation to generation.

Another is Thuy's roommate who lives in San Jose, Calif., with husband and children. She used to attend the annual spiritual seminar here in Houston. After the session was over, all of us went to a vegetarian restaurant nearby to eat lunch and share what happening during the year. We talk about family, friends and religion. 2015 was a successful year. Thuy found a long missing friend who belongs to a prayer group while she was in school. Rob now resides in Colorado and does a lot of traveling. Lately, he traveled to Ha Long Bay in Viet Nam and found it the most remarkable trip that he has ever taken.

Last but not least, Mr. Tuu Ngo, our classmate, also lives in San Jose with wife and kids. One year, he drove with a group of friends to visit people here. Most of his friends were in the Navy before 1975, therefore the meetings were loud and plenty of food and drinks. He also stops by to see us and share the video he has taken with friends in Dallas, Texas. We are glad to know these alumni and walk with them in the walk of life. We are also glad because the school is small and students know each other well"

Gregg Woolston '78 writes, "Pam and I travelled to Italy last year which included visiting the cities of Milan, Rome, Florence, Verona, and Asti, plus seeing fabulous wineries in Puglia, Abruzzo, Le Marche, Tuscany, Piedmont, Liguria, and the Tre Venezie regions. We finished the trip staying a week in Cinque Terre and hiking through the hills and visiting the villages and enjoying the local fresh seafood. The food and wine combinations we encountered on this trip were amazing. Each region has their own unique cuisine. We are getting married this May and traveling to France for our honeymoon."

80s

Chris Derkas '80 updates, "I've lived in South Jersey for the last 20-plus years. Tracy, my wife of those 20 years, and I have a son, Tim (18), and a daughter, Samantha (16), both of whom are in high school. Tim has just completed his Eagle rank in Boy Scouts. Tim and Samantha both do winter track and are sprinters and hurdlers. Tracy is an elementary



Arthur "Fritz" Dehn '72 writes, "Onto my 4th year post-retired from GE Healthcare! Enjoying my four grandkids that live very nearby. I was in the Caribbean for the month of February, then back home in Scituate, Mass., for a summer of golf and boating! Hi to all my old classmates and FPC professors and staff. Does anyone know where Jake Weiss '73 is and how to contact him?"

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teacher and enjoys running. I have worked for the county park system as a ranger for the past 10 years and have become a fly fishing instructor. I just finished being a Boy Scout leader and troop chaplain. I'm looking forward to retirement soon and lots of trout fishing."

Amy Gardner Hadachek '80 writes, "Hello! Ever since I moved to Kansas five years ago and heard my husband and his friends deliberate weather forecasts that don't always 'win the game,' I—as a meteorologist and writer—thought 'somebody should do something about that.' Well, inspirational speaker Joyce Meyer always talks about that—when you're thinking 'somebody should,' why not you! So, for the past several months, a meteorologist colleague jumped to team up with me, and we interviewed 24 people, including my husband, Larry, who was actually the impetus for the entire story. The article was published in the January/February 2016 issue of the national meteorology publication, *Weatherwise Magazine*. The topic: 'The Need For More Micro-scale Forecasts for the People Who Grow Our Food; Farmers and Ranchers.' We co-hosted a webinar about this trending topic, which attracted increasing intrigue and awareness on the YouTube link of our meteorology organization (NWA) website."

Russell C. Carlson, Jr. '81 reports, "My name is Russell C. Carlson, Jr. and graduated from FPC in the class of 1981 with a degree in Management and Administration. I

have worked for the local government in Syracuse, N.Y., in many different capacities in the last 26 years. I am currently the NYS liaison for Onondagas County AFIS unit. Specifically, my unit hands out Benefit cards to public assistant recipients. I have a number of technicians who actually do the front job, and my job is to manage and monitor the units and my workers, along with completing daily, weekly, and monthly requirements of the state of N.Y. I have been married for 29 years to my beautiful wife, Bridget, and have two wonderful children, Russell III (25) and Christopher (21). Recently, I took my 93-year-old mother back to her homeland in St. John's, Newfoundland, for her great-grand-niece's wedding. The landscape and lifestyle were a refreshing remembrance of how people should act amongst one another. It was truly an epic moment for my mother's and my life. Franklin Pierce College, as it was named in 1981, was an extremely important part of my life. Those experiences I have shared with my children and prepared them for the hurdles of life. THANK YOU, Franklin Pierce University!!!"

Charlotte (Schatzi) Hall '81, writes "I traveled to Japan for two weeks last year. I walk daily with thoughts of the 1979 walk through Europe, and I'll be retiring shortly from teaching in state prisons. Walk on, walkers..."

Karen "Aruba" Harms '81 writes, "Hi Class of 1981, I hope to see many of

you at our 35th Reunion in June 2016. Please save the dates of June 24–26. My last visit to Rindge was in 1991, so I am quite excited and looking forward to my trip. Life in Aruba is great, although I do miss the U.S."

Suzanne (Cevey) Jones '81 writes, "After too many years in financial systems project management and primary education, I have opened a stained glass and craft learning centre in the village of Herstmonceux in East Sussex, England. Cold Fusion Glass Arts & Gifts @TheMalthouse Ltd offers flexible learning options to suit the individual and helps them learn in a peaceful atmosphere, a bit of calm in an all too hectic world. I also teach Stained Glass and Mosaic to adult learners for the Adult College of Rural East Sussex. I'm celebrating my 25th wedding anniversary this year with my husband, Gareth, and our 16-year-old son."

David (Dave) Pitruzzello '81 has moved to Naples, Fla., where he works at Brookside Barber Shop.

Ali Bagheri '82 writes, "Greetings to all my friends. I live in Atlanta with my lovely wife, Dr. Arezou Fatemi, and twin daughters, Donna and Tara. I run my own hospitality consulting business."

Tanya Brooks '82 reports, "A lot has happened since leaving FPC, now known as FPU. I received a Master's degree in Rehabilitation and Counseling from Assumption College. For several years, I worked at the Massachusetts Trial Court, Suffolk Superior Probation, as an Assistant Chief Probation Officer, but left due to a foot injury. After leaving the trial court, my friend and I opened a business, and we are doing well. My family and I went to the Amalfi Coast in Italy in 2014 and in February 2016 will travel to South Africa for several weeks. We travel to different countries every other year. Our next trip is Dubai in 2017. Life is great, and I have no complaints."

Rob Aronson '83 writes, "Hello fellow Piercers, It's been a long time since college. I still keep in touch

with some of you and others I'd like to reconnect with. I live in Cazenovia, N.Y., a small, quaint village in upstate, with my wife, Elizabeth, and our two sons, Jack (14) and Charlie (12). Since graduating from college, I've been in the Out of Home (OOH) Advertising business having sold billboards and other advertising products for 17 years. In 2005, I started my own OOH buying service company, called Aronson Media Group. GEICO is one of my biggest clients. Any GEICO billboards that you see across the country were brokered by my company. So, whenever you see a GEICO billboard, think of me. Oh, and also...buy GEICO Insurance."

Kyle (Doc) Jacque '84 and his 15-year-old son finished their 10-week "Learn to play Hockey" session in Rochester, N.Y. After completing the class, they were linemates in the "Cup" game. Taking a verse from the song, "Cat's in the Cradle," Kyle said his boy is just like him! They both signed up for another 10-week session. Kyle is still at Gannett—28 years and counting.

Justine D. "JD" Caudill '85, Ph.D., splits her time between her farm, Poesy Place, in Coleman, Prince Edward Island, Canada (where Panda visits), and Riverhorse Ranch, in San Antonio, Texas. She travels back and forth with horses and dogs. She has a small, private practice in counseling, with a speciality in Equine Facilitated Psychotherapy. She is an originator in the approach, has written quite a bit on the theory's application, and is in the process of completing two books about EFP. The rest of time she gets to garden, farm, ride, and enjoy the beach. "Living the dream." Folks are welcome to contact her at Riverhorse.justine@gmail.com, and she sends her well wishes to all.

Gordon Frohloff '85 and his wife, Dr. Patricia Frohloff, Ph.D., (nee Tetreault) are the proud parents of three daughters—Naomi (19), Pearl (16), and Anna (12). Together, the family has founded an essential oil education business.



Deirdre (Malley) Milewski '86 writes, "After being home with my children, Becca (13) and Kevin (11), for 12 years, I have gone back to the world of recruiting as a Sales Recruiter for the #1 solar energy company in the U.S.—SolarCity! I hire for our residential sales team here in Connecticut, but can talk to anyone in the U.S. who may be interesting in joining our company! I would love to help any alumni or graduating students find their first jobs or new careers with our amazing company!! I work from home so I am very lucky to still be involved in my kid' day-to-day activities! Becca is an avid dancer and Kevin a talented baseball player—who knows, maybe he will play for Pierce someday! Looking forward to our 30th Reunion this summer!"



Shari (Needle) Matarazzo '87 writes, "It's going to be an exciting summer for us! My younger son is preparing for his Bar Mitzvah and hip hop Show, while my older son turns 18 and is graduating high school! Maybe he will become a Pierce alum, too??"

Kevin A. Hamel '85 writes, "Hello. A quick note—I graduated 1985 and now live with my wife, Lisa, and son, Jack, in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. I manage a wholesale building supply company in Newburgh, N.Y., called ABC Supply Co. Inc. Jack is a senior in high school and has been accepted at Franklin Pierce and is considering attending fall of 2016."

Tony Jones '85 reports, "I am teaching biology and chemistry at Montclair Kimberley Academy where I have been since 2000. I am also the 12th Grade Dean and varsity boys basketball coach. I have been married for 27 years. I have a son (Brandon) and two daughters (Breanna and Brittany)."

Edward "Ted" McDonnell '85 writes, "Hello to all of the class of 1985! After 25 years living overseas, we've returned to live in San Francisco's beautiful Bay Area. Terry, my wife, started up a RAD Ballet and Dance studio in Corte Madera, for the local children. And I continue marketing and selling premium spirits to international markets. I have not been back to FPU since 1986 when I left the USA for Asia Pacific region. Planning to come back for a reunion some time soon. Special hello to Phil Unger, Jim Timoney, Randy Kennedy, and all former Hoover hall gang!"

Deborah J. Godeski '87 continues to care for abandoned cats. She has been the Practice Administrator for

Tina C. Gage, DMD, for 10 years. She enjoys using her extensive power tool collection and her spare time is spent helping friends with home improvement projects. She keeps in touch with her lifelong friends, Rita and Kimberly, from Pierce.

Sven Selander '87 writes, "Some Pierce alumni were at my wedding in 1991. It is with sadness that I tell you my wife, Sandy, passed away Thanksgiving 2014. I have not been able to contact Rob Taylor '87, Greg Knapp '87, or Carmen Anderson '88 to let them know."

Anthony "Tony" White '87 writes, "Susan (Dansereau) White '88 and Anthony (Tony) White '87 recently celebrated their 26th wedding anniversary. It's been 32 years since they met and fell in love at Pierce. They have raised three wonderful women and now have a soon-to-be three-year-old grandson. They are also very proud to announce the impending graduation of their youngest daughter (Haley J. White) from Franklin Pierce University this May. Way to go Haley! They send their best wishes to all FPU friends and family."

Judith Haines-Carter '88 writes, "I am living in Maine with Christine Haines-Carter. We will celebrate 25 years together in 2016. We have two children—Jonah is a sophomore at Colby, and Thia is a senior at Mid-Coast School of Technology."

Rev. Bruce D. Harrington '88 reports, "I am in my 13th year teaching Language Arts and Social Studies in the 6th grade HiCap Program at Islander Middle School on Mercer Island, Wash. My husband, Johan Lysne, and I are opening an AirBnB in our 1910 'Foursquare' Craftsman this spring, hopefully expanding to include a 2nd apartment unit in the coming year if things go well. As an amateur genealogist, I was inducted into the Sons of the American Revolution as a descendant of my 5th great-grandfather, Lt. Nathaniel Harrington of Worcester, Mass., who marched to the alarm at Lexington and Concord under the command of Col. Artemis Ward. I was also inducted into the General Society of the Mayflower Descendants having shown proof of my lineage to my 10th great-grandfather, William White, a passenger and a signer of the Mayflower Compact. I will be celebrating my 50th birthday this year in Ogunquit, Maine, hopefully getting an opportunity to catch up with some of my FPC friends and visit some old NE haunts."

Janice Klain-Dempsey '88 writes, "Over the last few years (after working through some medical things), I have managed to delve fully back in to the arts. I am board president of (as well as sing in) a local chorale; finally jumped back into recorder playing with a national recorder society branch; and work at a Latin dance studio (in the office) enjoying the perk of free dance classes! Have also had the chance to participate in a few juried and non-juried art shows. As always, a big howdy to the ol' gang!"

Nan McCarthy '88 reports, "In February 2015, I was able to sneak out between the snowstorms to attend a painting workshop in Hopetown, Elbow Cay, Bahamas. On the day of departure, I was told that all flights to Logan were cancelled due to snow. Since I was moved to a flight for the following day, I took a detour to South Beach with one of the other ladies from the workshop. In August, my sister and I took a wonderful day trip to Celia Thaxter's garden on Appledore in the Isles of

Shoals, which included a tour of the island and a visit to the marine labs. In September, we spent a week at Lake George in upstate N.Y., with side trips to Fort Ticonderoga and Isle la Motte in Vt., where there are fossils. In October, I attended my 50th high school reunion in Garden City, N.Y. I continue to ply my paintbrushes. My painting 'Morning Mist' took an Honorable Mention at a show in Arizona."

Jack Morrison '88 writes, "I passed the NYPD Captains exam, and my son was born October 7—Jaxson Damian Morrison."

Ron Biron '89, '12 reports, "My wife and I relocated to West Palm Beach, Fla., in October and are enjoying a mild and snowless winter."

Leo Coppeta '89 writes, "Hello FPC 'Ghetto Hall' Mates!! Did I mention I have the same cell phone number since 1989? I bought my first phone a week after graduation—it was a 'bag' phone and weighed 2.3 lbs!! Hope to see some old faces on FB soon."

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Dominick Miciotta '91 reports, "After two years at home with our newborn son, and with him starting a pre-nursery program, the timing felt right for me to go back to work. I am grateful for the opportunity to fully immerse myself in my lifelong passion—all things real estate! I am happy to announce that earlier this year I joined Daniel Gale Sotheby's International Realty as a Real Estate Salesperson. My office is located in the township of Huntington, N.Y., on the gorgeous North Shore of Long Island. I am able to assist with real estate needs from Manhattan to the Hamptons, and anywhere in the great state of New York, and through an international referral network, nearly anywhere in the world. My focus areas include Real Estate, Personal Shopper Services, Real Estate Investment Properties, Real Estate Development, and Residential Real Estate. Whether it is 10 minutes or 10 years from now, please do not hesitate to send me

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your referrals, or contact me with your real estate needs. As always, I am happy to help in any way possible."

Rev. Fr. Michael S.P. Trainor '91 writes, "There have been a number of changes in my life. In 2007, I was ordained a Roman Catholic priest and earned a master's degree in Divinity (this is actual news I reported in the past). However, in 2015 I earned a second master's degree, this one in Theology. I also have been made pastor of my own parish as of February 1."

Brian Belanger '92 writes, "It's been a busy year. My brother and I formed our own publishing company, Belanger Books LLC, and we've just released the third novel in our MacDougall Twins with Sherlock Holmes series, "Curse of the Deadly Dinosaur"! Some of our earlier books (through MX Publishing) hit #1 on Amazon.com UK! It was great to meet my readers at book signings in Denver, Colo., and Manchester, N.H. I love being able to edit manuscripts and illustrate novels for a living. Thanks for all of those English classes, Franklin Pierce!"

Gregg Doody '92 writes, "Hello Raven Nation! I have recently re-joined the Board of Trustees here at the University. Heading into my 8th year at John Hancock, working out of the South Boston office. As I write this note, we have received minimal snow as compared to the 8.5 feet last year. I encourage everyone to take a look at the University website as there are some great things going on and never hesitate to stop by our campus for a visit. GO RAVENS!!!"

Kim (Brouillette) Kendle '92 began working for Williams College for the Williams-Mystic Maritime studies program in Mystic, Conn. as the Administration and Finance Coordinator in January 2015. She loves being back at work in higher education and is enjoying her life with her husband, Dave, and daughter, Ashley.

Rachel Levy '92 is living in Saint Paul, Minn. She has two kids with



Valerie Lynn (Kennedy) Hesketh '91, '05 is currently attending USM for the M.S. Counselor in Education program. It is a Clinical Mental Health track with a focus on Family Systems. She is expected to complete the program in January 2017. Valerie writes, "We started 2016 off right with our first family vacation in 10 years! Now that our three boys are grown (ages 28, 25, and 22), they come with significant others so we were eight total. We journeyed up to Newcastle, Maine, to Oxbow Brewery where we stayed in their beautiful rustic farmhouse that comfortably sleeps nine. It was also a combination birthday celebration for me and our youngest's girlfriend, so that made it even better. We had so much fun that we're thinking of making this family getaway an annual tradition. Happy New Year to all and may 2016 bring you health, love, and joy."

her husband, Christopher: Griffin (11) and Tabitha (8). She does mixed media art and has a job working with young men who have traumatic brain injuries.

John F. Scott '92 writes, "In November of 2014, I was elected a Connecticut State Representative and was sworn in as a member of the Connecticut General Assembly in January of 2015. I am serving a two-year term and represent the 40th General Assembly District, which covers the towns of Groton and Ledyard. I am doing this in addition to running my insurance agency and find the experience to be very rewarding. Last but not least, I married my partner of 20 years, Rafael, in a private Christmas Day ceremony."

John Jay Albertson '93 received a certificate from Franklin Pierce in

1993. He is living in Pennsylvania as a retired professor of Mathematics and Statistics from Savannah State University.

Julie (Cohen) and Stephen Casavant '93 write, "Hello Pierce friends. This is Julie (Cohen) Casavant. Our son Darren is 16 years old and in the 11th grade and on his high school basketball team. I'm really busy with his schedule. Both Stephen Casavant and I are kept on our toes with all our son's activities. Darren is also a gold, silver, and bronze medalist in the Special Olympics in swimming and an orange belt in karate. We all live in New Jersey and hope all our friends and the class of '92 are well. PEACE!!!"

Ronald Halasz '93 reports, "I've been a systems engineer with the Adjmi Apparel Group in NYC for the last 12 years. I'm living in Milford, Pa."

Scot Weisman '93 reports, "In December 2015, I began a new position working in The Mortgage Center at Enterprise Bank in Lowell. This is a big change for me. For some years now, I have been working in higher education in enrollment. My wife, Tara Kirby '98, and I just got back from a trip to Hawaii. While on the Big Island, we were walking along the beach, and I was wearing my FPU t-shirt. Someone called out to me. We didn't know him, but he was an FPU grad. His name was Mike, and we talked for hours about all the great times we had at Pierce. He was working and living in Hawaii."

Joanne (Gulliford) Hoban '94 was recently honored as one of the Top Women of Law by Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly. Joanne is a partner at Morrison Mahoney, LLP, where she specializes in the defense of medical professionals and institutions.

Joanne lives in Millbury, Mass., with her husband and three kids.

Jim “Skip” Rocheleau '94 reports that “Nothing is really new, but I do miss my Pierce days.”

Barry Roos '94 is the owner of RooSites Web Development, which designs, develops and manages websites for clients throughout the U.S. His company, based in Boston, is opening offices in the Tampa, Fla., and Lexington, Ky., areas in 2016.

Robert Bourgeois '95 reports, “I was recently accepted as a member of the 2015-16 Kenan Fellows Program. The Program aims to improve K-12 STEM instruction by providing relevant, professional learning and leadership development for teachers through associations with industry, higher education, and government offices. I interned at the NC State University ASSIST Center to learn how wearable devices can monitor health/environmental factors in association with the One Health Initiative and worked with a small team of educators to build our own wearable device.”

Jennifer Ervast '95 is currently living in Bend, Ore.

William Currier '96, '97 writes, “On February 1, 2016, I started a new position. After being out of the industry, working for a not-for-profit for the last nine years, I am returning to my mortgage-banking roots and will be working for the Winchester, Mass. Cooperative Bank. In September of 2015, I was elected to become a 33rd Degree Mason and will have that honor conferred upon me in September of 2017 in Rochester, N.Y. My wife, Lynne '99, and I have been married almost 33 years.”

William Dobson '96 writes, “I moved to Hawaii in September 2015 for a job. I work at a private practice where I complete neuropsychological evaluations. I have also completed a postdoctoral master's degree in clinical psychopharmacology in 2011. This year, I hope to complete a

postdoctoral certificate program in neuropsychology.”

Carl Gamberdella '96 reports, “I recently joined the team at MassAV, a creative and events production company, as their Business Development Manager. On the personal side, Lisa and I just launched our new health and fitness website!”

Thomas Horan '96 reports, “Hello FPU. I am presently in my 19th year of teaching thanks to the wonderful Sec. Ed program. I'm married to my wife, Angela, and have two amazing children. TJ is soon to be six, and my daughter, Reghan, is four.”

Jamie Dunst '97 writes, “I am living in West Orange, N.J., with my wife, Jennifer, and our daughter, Adina. I am currently working as a Freelance Production Manager for *Family Fun Magazine*.”

Amy (McDonnell) Gardner '97 reports, “I've been doing some traveling. I skied in Waterville, N.H., at the end of March. There was so much snow for April. My spouse and I took a helicopter tour of the Grand Canyon in June. It was breathtaking. That was the highlight of 2015 for me. We even flew over Hoover dam and had a champagne boxed lunch inside the canyon. We took many pictures. It was so quiet, and though it was my second time seeing it, it was still beautiful.”

Jack Ferns '98 writes, “After a 40-year career in N.H. aviation, I moved from N.H. to Florida, retiring two years ago. Well, I thought I retired! As a pilot examiner, I've done more flying the last two years than I expected and having fun meeting pilots from around the world. I graduated from FPC and am proud to see and read about the changes taking place. All the best to Andy Card and the faculty at FPU.”

Andrew “Andy” Fox '99 writes, “Below is an article on my son's hockey team which I coach that I wanted to share. The article includes a mention of Franklin Pierce where I played hockey and

lacrosse under Coach Jay McCormick. I currently live in Beverly, Mass., with my wife Maryann and two sons: Quinn and Drew. I am a National Account Director at Yahoo! http://www.salemnews.com/sports/crossing-patterns-cross-ice-program-growing-in-beverly-youth-hockey/article_02503942-19af-5f9a-9c76-f0ac49e03bf2.html”

Marisa Giannone '99 is living in Houston, Texas, working for Selene Finance as an Outbound Correspondence Specialist.

Christopher J. Holman '99 is a local alumnus and member of the Alumni Board, also known as CJ the DJ. Chris has recently been honored with the WeddingWire Couples' Choice Awards® again for 2016, as determined by reviews from his clients. This is his third year receiving this award. The Couples' Choice Awards recognizes his business as being among the top 5 percent of wedding professionals nationwide within the WeddingWire Network who demonstrate excellence in quality, service, responsiveness and professionalism. Chris was later given a scholarship based upon an essay he wrote to attend their WeddingWire World conference in Washington, D.C.

Chris won the first Best DJ Category for *The Keene Sentinel's* Reader's Choice Awards for 2015, too, and was the DJ at the award ceremony.

As a Fitzwilliam Selectman who is involved in many community organizations, he has been very busy analyzing the effects of the proposed Kinder Morgan Northeast Direct natural gas pipeline and encourages the FPU community to become informed and to get involved.

Anybody who enjoys philanthropy and lives locally is also encouraged to join the Gap Mountain Lions Club; they meet regularly at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Pond Community Center in Troy on the first Monday monthly.

T. Paulina Miettinen '99 reports, “I have bought a beautiful house! I am forever grateful to FPU (FPC then)



Holly Beretto '93 (Mass Communication) is a professional writer living in Houston. When not handling marketing and social media for the Rice University George R. Brown School of Engineering, she freelances for a number of local and regional websites and magazines. Her first book, *Christ as the Cornerstone: Fifty Years of Worship at St Michael the Archangel Catholic Church*, was recently published by Bright Sky Press. It traces the history of this Houston parish and commemorates the golden anniversary of its church. The pictorial coffee-table book includes notes on the architecture and symbolism within the church building, as well as interviews and stories from those involved in its creation. Holly writes for a number of local Houston and regional publications, including Eater.com's Houston imprint, *65ThingsinHouston.com*, Arts + Culture Texas, Downtown (Houston magazine), *Sotheby's/Martha Turner PROPERTIES* magazine, the *Arizona State University alumni magazine*, and the *Houston Press*. She is currently working toward a Certificate of Catholic Theology in Church History from the University of Notre Dame Satellite Theological Education Program. Holly is married to Mark Love.

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for helping my dreams come true. Go Ravens!"

Ian Schiff '99 writes, "I was recently promoted to Sr. Regional Manager for San Diego/Orange County territory for Proofpoint Inc., (NSDQ-PFPT) selling IT Security solutions into enterprise accounts in the area. Enjoying the weather and coastal lifestyle in San Diego (moved here in 2001) with my wife, Beth, and kids, Claire (7 going on 17) and Thomas (5). I also have room in my kids' playhouse in the backyard for visiting alumni."

Karen "Theresa" Zachary '99 is employed at Easter Seals in Manchester, N.H.

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Michelle (Overin) Barbour '00 writes, "Hey there! I'm living in Connecticut with my husband, Chris, and our two kids, Abbie (14) and Noah (12). I've been an RN for almost seven years and recently began in the NICU at the UConn Health Center after three years with Connecticut Children's Medical Center. Although I've done a 180 from my theater arts focus while at Pierce, I'm looking forward to getting back on stage at some point in the near future. I love catching up with old friends on Facebook!!!"

Patrick Dolan '00 received his MBA in Leadership in 2000. He is



Fong Ha '99 reports, "Well, this summer we took a family vacation to Iceland. Instead of joining the tour or staying in the hotel, we rented a car and camped all nine days. It was amazing—beautiful country and safe. My daughter, Lesley (25), bought a house seven miles from me. It is nice house and the part best is we can see each other often—just a phone call and we will be there in five minutes. My son, Brandon (18), attends Boston University and is majoring Computer Sciences. He doing well. My younger son, Justin, turned 16 in January. He is in tenth grade. He is doing well both academically and athletically. I am still working at the same company that I have been at since November 1987."



currently a Lean Operations Manager for 3M in Methuen, Mass. He is living in Newton, N.H., with wife Abby and three children, Molly (20), Anna (18), and Liam (17).

Ellore (Crowe) Jennings '00 writes, "I'm married with a 3.5-year-old daughter, Holland. I work as a dance teacher and bartender. I'm still involved in theater arts! I'm performing in 'Cabaret' at Marblehead Little Theater in early April."

Kara Lippe '00 married Kathryn McKeon in Boston, Mass., on October 21, 2015. Alumni in attendance were Gregory Austin '99, Erika (Goguen) Paradis '99, Bill Paradis '01, Erin (Kelly) Richards '00, Chris Fleming '99, Benjamin Morin '99, Randall Campos '96, Gwen (Wheaton) Campos '96,

Andrew Rosenthal '99, Elizabeth Bardasz '99, and Christopher Fernandes '96.

Charles Lyle '00 reports, "Since graduating from FPU with the class of 2000 and a degree in CIS, I have left my Information Technology job with 3M after 30 years and purchased the Benjamin Prescott Inn in Jaffrey. The Inn incidentally was founded by another Pierce alumnus, Richard Rettig. My wife, Sue, and I ran the Inn successfully for nine years. Franklin Pierce University was, by far, our number one customer. We hosted parents of students and their families, visiting speakers, alumni, the parents of prospective students, Raven team members, and had the honor of hosting Dr. DiPietro and his lovely wife for a whole week as he worked on his memoirs. One morning, Governor Peterson came to have breakfast with Dr. DiPietro, and they talked and talked about the history of the school and both their terms as president while I served them coffee until 2:30 in the afternoon.

After 30 years at 3M and the next decade dedicated to the Inn and my guests, I have now entered Act III as an account executive in sales at the *Monadnock Ledger-Transcript* newspaper. My sales territory at the paper just happens to include Rindge, N.H., so now I find myself again in the hallowed halls of FPU helping the school to get its message out to the local readers and beyond. More than just a local paper, the parent company, Newspapers of New

England owns papers throughout New England and NNEdigital can target ads on the web to whomever the marketing director wishes to reach. So thank you, Franklin Pierce University, for being there for me through every phase of my professional career, and for the many friendships I have made and continue to make along the way."

Mariarose Pawlyk '00 writes, "Just saying hi to all FPC Grads; Hello to FPU Grads. I am still around. Just saying hi."

Jennifer (Masnik) Bergstrom writes '01, "I married my husband, Shawn Bergstrom, on 9/4/10. Alumna Andrea Beaudette '01 was one of my maids of honor, and alumnus Reid Jeffrey, and his wife Lauren, were also in attendance. My husband and I welcomed our first child, Luke Allen Bergstrom, on 3/27/14. We bought our second home on 11/3/15 in Spencer, Mass. I have been working for the Seven Hills Foundation for 14 years in December. I'm also certified to teach Group Blast and Silver Sneakers."

Kevin Shirvell '01 is living in Huntington, N.Y., and working as a special education teacher and special needs advancement counselor.

John Casamassima '02 writes, "I was recently promoted to Vice President at Eaton Vance Management where I've worked for nine years."



Trent Spiner '07 got engaged to his best friend, Kate Giaquinto, of Hudson, N.H., at a surprise party in a secret speakeasy bar in Manchester, N.H., surrounded by their friends and family. The couple is set to be wed in 2016.

Rosheen M. (McGrail) Kosko '03 writes, "Hi there FP Alumni. My husband is also a Franklin Pierce alum, Michael S. Kosko III '04. We welcomed our 2nd child, a son named Michael Samuel Kosko IV, on April 10, 2015. Big Sister, Margaret Kosko (5), was excited and has been adjusting very well. She is an amazing big sister. She will be starting Kindergarten this coming fall!! We can't believe it. It goes by too fast! We are truly blessed. I started a new job in August of 2015 working for COWI North American, Inc. in Trumbull, Conn., as a Project Administrator. COWI NA, Inc. is a worldwide civil engineering firm that specializes in marine, tunnel, and bridge engineering. My husband celebrates his 10th year at Guildford Family Services as the Youth Prevention Specialist. He is proud to be Co-Directing and Producing in his 9th annual Musical for Guildford Family Services. This year will be Shrek 'Junior' the Musical. The children are true stars in these productions! Happy New Year! Hope to get up to Rindge soon for a visit! It's been way too long."



Richard "Rich" McClane '02 writes, "On January 2, I placed 3rd in a Ralph Macchio look-alike contest that was held in Anaheim, California."

Gary Gaudette '03, MBA '06 writes, "I earned my BS (2003) and MBA (2006) from Franklin Pierce College/University (the official dates may be 2004 and 2007 as I participated in the graduation ceremonies, and they were after I had completed each program). I have received a couple of very humbling honors from the National Association of Credit Management. In 2014, I received their O.D. Glaus Credit Executive of Distinction Award, and was also elected to the Chair position for NACM (Chair elect in 2015, Chair in 2016). My term began at the start of the year and just returned from (New Orleans) our first in-person meeting of the Board this year."

Keith Brugnani AA '04, '09, MS '14 is currently living in Randolph, Mass., and works as a Webmaster for the MBTA. Keith received his third degree from Franklin Pierce in May 2014, a Master of Science in Information Technology. Previous to this degree, Keith received both an Associate and a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science from Franklin Pierce in 2004 and 2009.

Heather (Gaj) Fagan '04 reports, "We just had our second child on 12/4/15. His name is Colton Kenneth Fagan. His proud big sister (16 months old) is Raelynn Grace Fagan. My husband (Jason Fagan) and I will be celebrating our 5-year wedding anniversary this year as well. I am currently instructing dance at Dance Solutions located in Western Mass. We currently reside in our Connecticut home."

Jessica Murante '04 recently moved from Vermont back to her home state of Pennsylvania after accepting an amazing job opportunity to become an Insurance Advisor for Brown & Brown's new high-net-worth insurance division, Ascentin. She recently received her CISR designation and is happily living her life back in the civilized world near her family and friends. She writes and blogs in her free time.

Jennifer (Melnyk) Partyka '04 updates, "I graduated with the class of 2004. I got married in 2014 and recently had a baby boy in August. Other exciting news, besides my full-time job in pharmaceuticals, is that my husband and I started a new local business. Looking forward to Alumni Weekend in June!"



Cassandra "Cassie" (DuClau) duCharme '04 writes, "Celebrating 2nd year of employment at Operation Stand Down Rhode Island, the state's leading organization assisting homeless and at-risk veterans find housing and employment. Russell and I are also celebrating the 1st Birthday of our son, Xander Jonnathon Robert duCharme, born November 17, 2014."



Tara (Pietraszuk) Shollenberger '04 has written her third novel, *The Ten Year Reunion*, which came out May 10. Synopsis: Ten years ago, Danielle "Dani" Jackson graduated from Coastal State University in Wilmington, N.C., and left her heartache behind—for what she thought was forever. Now a promising

pediatric surgeon at Boston Children's Hospital, she is invited back for her college reunion. With the encouragement from her best friend, Dani begrudgingly goes back and faces her past—the death of her friend and her broken heart from Jake Dillon, her first love.

Tara's second novel, *On the Edge*, was released June 9, 2015. Synopsis: Andy Parker is a war widow raising her 15-year-old daughter on her own. Hayden Grace dreams of becoming a professional snowboarder, and Andy is doing everything she can to make that happen. When Hayden Grace's passion begins to falter, Andy is at a loss for how to re-inspire her daughter. Andy does her best balancing Hayden Grace's competition schedule, practice, and school with her own work schedule at home, in the city, and on the mountain. But work starts to demand more from Andy.

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Jotham Spreeman '04 eagerly awaits seeing his name in print in this magazine.

Andrew and Lynette (Wood) Kelleher '05 welcomed their first son, Parker Francis Kelleher, born on September 25, 2015.

Jessica Norton '05 is currently living in Chicago and has been working for Chiltern International since December 2012 as a Clinical Research Associate monitoring pharmaceutical clinical trials, primarily in Ophthalmology. On June 4, 2015, she competed in the U.S. PharmaTimes Clinical Researcher of the Year competition in the New CRA category and placed Silver. She is the first employee from her company to place in this national competition.

Keith Richmond '05 writes, "I was promoted from being the Marketing Analyst for the company to being the Senior Manager of Client Reporting and Quality Assurance for the company, Affinion Group."

Jennifer (Hornby) Wilkosz '05 is celebrating her 7th wedding anniversary with her husband,

Gregory, on July 11, 2016. She is a proud stay-at-home mother of three: Cecilia (6), Theodore (4), and Henry John (2). Jen is looking forward to getting back to teaching art one day, but is gratefully enjoying every minute she can with her babies. She currently resides in the beautiful and historic town of Lebanon, Conn.

Allen Baird '06 received his Masters in Fine Arts from Pratt University in 2010 and moved to Honokaa, Hawaii, in 2015.

Monique (Beauregard) Baxter '06 writes, "I received the Deliver the Difference award at my work, the Hartford Insurance and was promoted to Senior Billing Specialist."

Abigail (Nichols) May '06 reports, "Daniel May '07 and Abigail (Nichols) May '06 moved from Bennington, Vt., to Roanoke, Va. Daniel is now a Video Production Associate for Star City Games based in Roanoke, Va.

Jeffrey Mish '06 published a novel, *Before I'm Thirty*, which is available in paperback and Kindle e-Book on Amazon.

Andrew Van Ness '06 is currently living in Meredith, N.H., and working at Great Eastern Radio in Bow, N.H., as a Production Assistant.

Greer (Silverstein) Ward '06 and her husband, Austin, welcomed a healthy baby boy, Isaiah Winter, this past August. The Ward family reside in Alstead, N.H.

On September 12, 2015, **Jennifer DePaul '07** married Jonathan Hemmerdinger in New Hampshire at the Jaffrey Meeting House. Rev. Bill Beardslee, Associate Director of Student Involvement and Spiritual Life at Franklin Pierce, married Jennifer and Jonathan. Several FPU alumni and a current FPU professor attended the wedding. Jennifer and Jonathan are both senior reporters living in the Washington, D.C. area.

Victoria (Havey) Milano '07 reports, "In June, my husband and I purchased our first house outside of Cleveland, Ohio, complete with 2 acres!"

Zachary "Zach" Cary M.Ed. '08 writes, "I graduated from the Franklin Pierce M.Ed. program in 2008. I have been working as a 3rd grade teacher in the Concord School District now for 8 years! I have the dream career. I've made it!"

Ryan Hagan '08 is currently living in Waltham, Mass., and is an Executive Partner at Fitzpatrick, Inc.

Katelyn (Belschner) Nahabedian '08 reports, "I currently work for Latitude Beverage Company as a merchandiser. I have been married for eight years, have two German shepherds, and my husband and I have a beautiful three-month-old daughter named Taya."

Molly (Joseph) Tinker '08 reports, "Craig Tinker '08 and I welcomed our second son, Cole William Tinker, on December 29, 2015. We bought our first house in Bath, Maine, last fall and live there with Cole and big brother Miles. Craig is a Special Ed teacher at the local high school, and I am lucky enough to get to stay home with the boys for now."



Céline (Rainville) Thouin '09 married Jean-Charles Thouin of Gatineau, Québec, on August 29, 2015, at the Church of the Nativity in Swanton, Vt. In attendance at the wedding were Franklin Pierce alumni, Kirt Sampson '06 and Maribeth Cote '11, as well as Franklin Pierce professor, Dr. Robert Goodby, and his wife, Tracy. Céline and Jean-Charles are currently expecting their first child in May 2016.

Anthony "Tony" Catinella '09 was hired as a senior account executive in the public relations practice of Gregory FCA in Ardmore, Pa. In this capacity, he delivers media relations and content development to financial services clients nationwide. Before joining Gregory FCA, Tony worked for a fast-paced communications agency, O'Neill and Associates in Boston, where he secured coverage for clients in some of the nation's most prominent media outlets, including the *Wall Street Journal*, *Forbes*, *The Washington Post*, and *The Boston Globe*. He previously served as a news editor for five different Patch.com sites across Greater Boston, a news reporter for *The Patriot Ledger* in Quincy, Mass., and a sports reporter for the *Boston Herald*. His radio experience includes working as a promotions assistant for 98.5 The Sports Hub on CBS Radio in Boston and maintaining the website for Clear Channel's Jam'n 94.5 FM Boston. Mr. Catinella graduated from Franklin Pierce



Megan Wakely '07, special education teacher at the Norwich Free Academy in Norwich, Conn., recently became a registered therapy team with her Golden Retriever, Scout. As a therapy team, they visit a nursing home regularly to provide pet therapy to residents, who light up when Scout enters the room. Scout also visits the special education classroom one afternoon weekly; research shows students exposed to pet therapy have reduced anxiety and increased work productivity.

summa cum laude with a BA in mass communication, a concentration in journalism, and a minor in advertising. While there, he served as editor-in-chief of the University's Pierce Arrow newspaper and also wrote content for the Boston Bruins website.

Shannon Force '09 is living in Maryland and working for Red Hawk Fire and Security as a Service Sales Rep.

Courtney Menswar '09 gave birth to a healthy baby girl on August 12, 2015. Evelyn is looking forward to making her first visit to Franklin Pierce in the future!

Diana Rudha '09 is currently living in Chicago, Ill., working as an Automation Team Lead for Coyote Logistics.



Michelle Barbeau '11, '13 writes, "I was promoted to Associate Director of Enrollment and Retention at the Manchester campus at Franklin Pierce University. I had an awesome vacation to Nashville, Tenn., with fellow FPU alumni: Elizabeth Squire '12, Brianna Geagan '11, and Nicole Heavey '11. Photo taken in Coyote Ugly Bar in Nashville."

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Abbie Tumbleson '10 was hired as the new Content Director and Managing Editor for Brass Media, Inc. in Corvallis, Ore., in Spring 2015.

Christopher M. Ahearn, M.Ed '11 writes, "Earned a M.Ed in 2011. I now live in New York City with my wife and dog. Still rooting for the Red Sox in the heart of Yankee Nation. I am now Director of Partnerships for Reach the World, a NYC-based nonprofit that helps create students who have the skills and values needed to be successful in an increasingly globalized world. I work with teachers here in NYC and nationwide to incorporate our program into their classrooms."

Anthony Chighisola '12, '14 has started a new job in Braintree, Mass., at Archbishop Williams High School this past year. He works in Admissions and is also the Young Alumni Relations manager at the school. He also moved to Braintree recently.

Angeline (Laflamme) Knights-Pelletier '12 writes, "Franklin Pierce was a family thing for me—my father worked there for

five years in Campus Safety, my older sister graduated from there, and my younger brother also graduated from there. I wanted to share an update on myself and my husband, Michael Knights-Pelletier '12, a member of the men's soccer team. We met senior year in the bubble and have been together ever since. We just had our wedding on June 13 and many other Pierce alumni were there. We are currently living in Germany, where my

husband is stationed for the U.S. Army, and I teach. It has been a wonderful journey, and we both still have our Pierce Pride! "

Chelsea (Martin) Mason '12 writes, "I married my best friend, Tyler, on August 22, 2015, and we bought our first home together in November!"

Tracy Mendham '12 writes, "One Franklin Pierce diploma isn't

enough for some of us. When I heard we had a new bachelor's degree in Social Media and Emergent Technology, I wanted to be part of this cool new venture at the University. I'm now in my second semester of courses in the program and enjoy being an undergraduate again!"

Dan Champigny '13 is in his last year of physician assistant school at Pennsylvania State University. He graduates in May with his master's degree and plans to work in emergency medicine or cardiology.



Scott Marshall '07 reports, "Scott and Paola are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Amara Lorelai, on February 27, 2015. In addition, Scott is completing his MBA at Bentley University in May 2016."

Colleen Ward '13 reports, "Since graduating I worked for two years in a physical therapy clinic preparing for PT school and recently began the DPT program at The University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences in Austin, Texas. I am very thankful that FPU added the health science curriculum during my senior year so that I was able to be exposed to classes such as kinesiology and

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exercise physiology, which were key parts in my getting accepted to PT school. This summer I will start my first internship. I hope to be placed in the New England area, but it could be anywhere! I will graduate with my DPT in August of 2017! Also, I am currently living in Austin with a fellow alumna, Carly Boerrigter! We lived together from 2011-2013 and enjoyed it so much we became roommates again here this past fall. We hope to be able to make it to an Alumni Weekend at some point in the near future together! I would love to represent FPU in Texas with a Ravens hat! Go Ravens!"

Carly Boerrigter '14 writes, "HI RAVENS!!!! I miss good ole' Frankie P so much since I've left. After graduation, I got an internship at the Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles, Calif. I used the internship as credit for my public history minor at FPU. In the museum, I worked in the education department, wrote short biographies for Holocaust survivors, catalogued artifacts from WWII and the Holocaust in the museum archives, and also gave short tours to the public who were visiting the museum. It was such an eye-opening and rewarding experience, and I learned something new every day. That experience cemented my desire to work in a history museum someday. After six months at the Museum of Tolerance, I moved to Dublin, Ireland, for a year where I worked at a café in the heart of the city. That was another life-changing experience, but in an entirely different way. I returned from Dublin this past August and followed my FPU roomie, Colleen Ward '13, to Austin, Texas. We are now living together here. She is in PT school, and I am planning on going back to school in 2017 to get my Master's in Museum Studies/Public History. And we both lived happily ever after!"

Tristan Pagliari '14 reports, "Following my student job working at Frankie P's Admissions, I have become one of the Senior Admission Counselors for Pace University. I have been here for more



Kaleigh (Barbuzzi) Sabourin '12 writes, "Hi! Kyle Sabourin '12 and I got married on 6/20/15. We both are alumni of Franklin Pierce University! We both are teachers in Lynn, Mass. I'm a 2nd grade teacher, and Kyle is a 7th/8th grade history teacher. We also just bought a house together with our puppy in Swampscott, Mass. :) Here's a picture of the house and puppy, and a picture of the wedding!"



than a year and a half. I plan to apply to Pace's Graduate program in Education."

Kenneth Brown '15 writes, "Since graduating from FPU in 2015 with my Doctorate of Physical Therapy, I initially worked for a company in Gilbert, Ariz., called OSR. For OSR, I had the opportunity to work with a wide variety of injuries, but gained some experience working with collegiate athletes from a small college in Mesa, Ariz. From that experience, a company in Utah reached out and asked me to come direct one of their clinics and, more specifically, organize and implement programs to focus on sports rehabilitation and injury prevention in the county. I have only been in my new position for two weeks, but I am excited about the possibilities and opportunities that I will have in my future."

Kendra Lajoie '15 reports, "I am on an exciting journey in the Doctor of Physical Therapy program at the CGPS in Manchester, N.H., and it's amazing! Fulfilling a lifelong dream while continuing my education

with Franklin Pierce has been the most rewarding decision I have ever made. I have a lot of people to thank, including past and current professors, my family, and my friends for providing me with the guidance and support that has allowed me to follow my dreams! If you have the passion and determination, you can do anything you set your mind to! Keep smiling and be the best that you can be. :)"

Erin Lang '15 reports, "I am currently living in Washington, D.C., and attending Georgetown University for my master's degree in Sports Industry Management. I am hopeful to graduate in December 2016 with much more experience and knowledge in the Sports Industry."

Leslie Rodgers '15 writes, "Since graduation I have moved to Dallas,

Texas, with my boyfriend Joshua Eager '13. I am originally from Westminster, Md., and Joshua is from Ridgewood, N.J. We met in 2011 when I was in a freshman at Franklin Pierce. We moved to Dallas, Texas, because Josh's job was relocated. Since we have moved, I have been doing an internship with the City of Plano. We also rescued a dog from Dallas Animal Services and named her Nova. We miss New Hampshire and will hopefully be back soon!"

Morgan Sprague '15 writes, "Bradley Head '14 and I just got engaged at the start of the new year!! We met at Franklin Pierce in 2013!"

Donald Van Nostrand '15 is superintendent of Orleans Central Supervisory Union in Barton, Vt. He lives in St. Johnsbury with his wife and three daughters.

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