

University Roundup

Around the Rindge campus ...

NH Partners in Education Gold Circle Awards were bestowed on Boynton Middle School and Franklin Pierce University on October 30. **Bill Beardslee**, Associate Director of Student Involvement & Spiritual Life, accompanied **Cassie DeMontigny '13** to Concord for the ceremony; Cassie is the Community Service Student Manager for the volunteers of this program.



Franklin Pierce University Trustee, **Jean D'Meza Leuner**, dean of the University of Central Florida College of Nursing, was inducted into the American Academy of Nursing in October 2012. Leuner, a professor and the College's founding dean, was one of four nursing professionals selected from Florida for the 2012 inductions in Washington, D.C.

Franklin Pierce University's **Anthropology Department** was honored to host the New Hampshire Archeological Society's Annual Meeting on campus in October 2012.



Seated left to right: Rich Grogan, Jim McDerby, and Prof. Jason Little, with SBA group standing behind them.

The Small Business Advisory (SBA) group advised by **Prof. Jason Little** at Franklin Pierce University presented marketing initiatives to Jim McDerby, owner of a new local business, Sedona Pump Stations, LLC., at a

presentation in December 2012. The SBA partnered with the New Hampshire Small Business Development Center (NHSBDC), whose mission is to help organizations and start-up companies develop business initiatives at no cost. Rich Grogan, regional director for the NHSBDC, also attended the presentation.



The Empty Bowls event (part of an international grassroots effort to fight hunger: www.emptybowls.net) raised more than \$1,500

last November. The majority of the funds were donated to the Rindge Food Pantry. Students in **Prof. Susan Silverman's** FYI classes chose to use \$200 of the money raised to fund microfinance loans through www.kiva.org. When those loans are repaid, they will donate that money as well to the Rindge Food Pantry.



Franklin Pierce University's **Sodexo** dining services team won the Localvore Cooking Challenge, a competition in which higher education institutions competed to create the best entrée out of locally produced ingredients. They were also judged on marketing, culinary innovation, and guest interaction. Franklin Pierce came out in the lead, competing against 12 other New England colleges and universities.



Dr. Birge talks with Kyle McAnallen '16

An **Inquiry-Based Showcase & Awards Ceremony** was held last December. The Showcase highlighted 48 diverse research projects which were selected from

close to 600 projects done primarily by freshmen who participated in the First-Year Inquiry class, an integral part of the University's new General & Liberal Education curriculum. Five students were awarded "Follett Awards for Inquiry-Based Research," and each received a \$200 book award. Award winners were: **Maria Ganio, Danielle Turcotte, Max Fanwick, JoBeth Weinreich, and Kyle McAnallen.**

50th Anniversary news ...

FOUNDER'S DAY

Founder's Day, Nov. 14, 2012, was celebrated University-wide. The College of Graduate & Professional Studies and the College at Rindge celebrated with Anniversary cakes and more. The College at Rindge enjoyed a stimulating presentation about President Franklin Pierce by **Prof. Peter Wallner**.

You can read a transcript of Prof. Wallner's speech at: www.franklinpierce.edu/50/images/Founders_Day_Speech.pdf



Franklin Pierce at Manchester



Franklin Pierce at Lebanon



Franklin Pierce at Concord



Franklin Pierce at Portsmouth

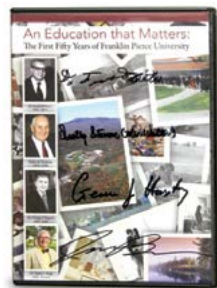


Prof. Peter Wallner signing copies of his book about President Franklin Pierce



Franklin Pierce at Rindge

AN EDUCATION THAT MATTERS: THE FIRST FIFTY YEARS OF FRANKLIN PIERCE UNIVERSITY



This documentary about Franklin Pierce was produced by **Prof. Doug Challenger** and Laurie Stamell and premiered at Alumni & Reunion Weekend in September 2012. You can purchase your own DVD of

this funny, poignant, and inspirational film at:

<http://beta.franklinpierce.edu/50/documentary.htm>

SPANNING THE YEARS

James Angelini is currently finishing his BSIS with concentrations in Management and Accounting/Finance (a custom concentration). James returned to Franklin Pierce after a 46-year absence! He began in Rindge in 1965 and is now retired and wants to complete his degree. James served in the military, had a successful career in sales, and has been a football official (youth league through semi-pro level for 40 years), and a ski instructor and patroller. Franklin Pierce welcomes James back!

PROFILES OF EXCELLENCE

As part of Franklin Pierce University's 50th Anniversary celebration this year, 50 "Profiles of Excellence" will be created of alumni, faculty, staff, trustees, or friends of the University who have distinguished themselves through academic excellence, career achievements, or community service, or who have otherwise contributed to Franklin Pierce in a remarkable way. By next fall's Alumni & Reunion Weekend, all 50 will have been announced. You can read the Profiles of Excellence that have been announced to date online at:

http://beta.franklinpierce.edu/50/profiles_of_excellence.htm



ATHLETIC GREATS

Franklin Pierce's Athletics Department has a five-part series detailing the 50 most important people in the history of all the sports programs within the University. Read all about our Athletic Greats here: <http://athletics.franklinpierce.edu/Top-50/Story>

ROCKY ON THE ROAD

Rocky has been traveling the world during our 50th Anniversary year! The photos below show some stops he made in Paris. Take a look at our photo album of Rocky around the world at: www.franklinpierce.edu/50/rocky_photos



Here's Rocky at the Paris Opera.



Heeere's Rocky . . . just outside le Musée du Louvre.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Be sure to visit www.franklinpierce.edu/50/comserv.htm to log in your community service hours. Be part of President Birge's 50-Hour Challenge!

ACOUSTIC GUITAR CONCERT



Scott Sanchez performed an "Evening of Guitar Music" in Spagnuolo Hall in November 2012 in celebration of Franklin Pierce's 50th Anniversary.

ART FOR DIALOGUE

Ex Umbris Ad Lucem

FROM DARKNESS INTO LIGHT

Franklin Pierce University's motto was used as the inspiration for this special project, spearheaded by the New England Center for Civic Life.

About 400 students from 20 courses participated in studio sessions, where they translated their essays about learning into boxes designed to visually express their experiences. The essays were then placed inside the boxes, becoming a physical manifestation of the journey from darkness into light.



Many of the students in the 20 courses who participated in the Art for Dialogue project created their own metaphors for learning.



A student works out the logistics about how to construct one of the largest boxes in the Art for Dialogue project.



TIMELINE

Take a look at the Franklin Pierce University timeline for an entertaining trip through the decades at: www.franklinpierce.edu/timeline

This is just a small portion of our interactive Timeline:



Alumni in the news...

Attorney **Peter McGrath '84** received the Capital Area People's Preference vote for "Best Lawyer" last fall. He works for the McGrath Law Firm in Concord, N.H.



Joe Obidiegwu '89 was profiled in a story in the *Naples Daily News* in Florida. Born in a village in southeastern Nigeria in Africa, Joe came to the United States on a tennis scholarship, and attended Franklin Pierce University and Virginia Tech

for undergraduate and post-graduate studies in economics and agricultural economics. The highlight of his tennis career was participating in the doubles qualifying rounds at Wimbledon. A few years ago, he was asked to play a minor role in the "Nutcracker" performed by the Naples Ballet, and Joe took on this new challenge! Go, Joe!

Dr. Ron Biron '89, a graduate of the DA program, has been named President of Lebanon College in Lebanon, N.H. Ron's career has included teaching and leadership positions at SNHU and Hesser College. His dissertation – which included both written and video/documentary components – was titled "From Mills to Millennium," and investigated social change of different generations of Franco-Americans in Manchester, N.H.

While attending college at Franklin Pierce University, **Aviva Lester Sieber '97** began quilting to relax. This continued as she earned a law degree at Western New England University. About five years ago, Aviva decided that she preferred quilting to pursuing a career in law and devoted her time and energy to a new business venture, SieberDesigns. Today Aviva designs one-of-a-kind quilts and gift items. She also participates in many craft shows. Aviva's work can be viewed online at:

www.sieberdesigns.com



Drew Daigle '97 sent us a poster for his company's new soda pop product, "Obamagranate." Can you spot the Franklin Pierce motto on the poster?



Patti Stilphen '04 coaches the field hockey team at Pelham High School in Pelham, N.H. For the past two years, they participated in a statewide field hockey

jamboree, Play for a Purpose, to raise money and awareness for rare cancers; her team took on Leiomyosarcoma.

Kyle Provost '05 started the nonprofit "Friends Against Violence." The idea first came to him as a way to keep friends together by doing something good: "Feeling good by doing good!" To find out more about his organization, go to: www.friendsagainstviolence.com



Talesha L. Caynon '06, a resident of Nashua, N.H., joined Bernstein Shur's Manchester, N.H., office. Her practice focuses on litigation for business and employment clients. Prior to joining Bernstein Shur, Talesha served as a judicial

clerk for Associate Justice Carol Ann Conboy of the New Hampshire Supreme Court. As a judicial clerk, she analyzed complex legal issues and observed appellate arguments for New Hampshire's highest court. Talesha received her J.D. from Northeastern University School of Law.

Stephen Lacey '06 is deputy editor of Climate Progress, a climate and energy blog run by the Center for American Progress. He blogs daily on clean energy policy, technologies, and finance. To visit his blog, go to: www.takepart.com

Faculty in the news...

Josh Sigsworth '07 and **'10 DPT** was featured in *Healthcare Travelers* magazine as one of the "2012 Travelers of the Year." The magazine noted that Josh recently returned from a humanitarian trip to Peru, where he used physical therapy to help many children. Josh is starting a nonprofit called United Without Borders, and he is also applying to medical school.

Beata Umugwangwali '11, CGPS nursing student, was touted in the New Hampshire Nurses Association October 2012 newsletter as an extraordinary role model. From the newsletter: "Formerly a midwife in Rwanda, she came to New Hampshire in 1994 with her three children after escaping the genocide that claimed the lives of her husband and two brothers and has rebuilt her educational credentials. In 2007, she returned to her hometown of Butare, Rwanda, alongside her sister and a group of volunteers to begin to rebuild the school she attended. She continues her work through the nonprofit organization she leads, Friends of Butare."

Dr. Jeff Czarnec '12, a graduate of the DA Program, has been named associate dean at Kaplan University, College of Public Service. Jeff will oversee the Master of Science in Criminal Justice program and the Fire Science/ Emergency Management program.

Congratulations to DA student **Brandon Whipple** who was elected to the Kansas House of Representatives!

DPT student **Jeff Hensley** and his family made history as the largest family of multiple generations to complete the same marathon on the same day, (Jan. 13, 2013, at the Walt Disney World Marathon).

Dr. Joshua Cleland, professor in the doctor of physical therapy program in Concord, was invited to be a visiting research fellow in Australia in November 2012, where he consulted and collaborated with faculty there on a research project. Dr. Cleland was recently honored by receiving the Rose Excellence in Research Award for the Best Research Article of 2013 published in the field of Orthopaedic Physical Therapy, and the John Medeiros Award Winning Paper of 2012 from *The Journal of Manual and Manipulative Therapy*.



Rob Diercks, professor of graphic communications, had a new exhibition at the Thoreau Art Gallery in Peterson Hall this past winter. Paintings and drawings produced during his 2012 sabbatical leave were on display.

Dr. Robert Goodby, professor of anthropology, spoke at the New Hampshire Historical Society's History Week celebration; the theme was "Building Community through Your History and Heritage."

Dr. Melinda Marie Jetté, associate professor of history and public history program coordinator, blogs on history. Read her blog entries here: <http://publichistorycommons.org>

Dr. Michael Mooiman, assistant professor in M.B.A. in Energy and Sustainability Studies, has a new blog on energy. Read it here: www.nhenergy.blogspot.com

Olga LM McSorley, MSPT, DPT, director of clinical education and assistant professor in the physical therapy program, had two platform presentations at the APTA Education Leadership Conference in Old Greenwich, Conn., in October 2012. She and her research partner were awarded the Jane Walter Venzke Research Grant for 2012.



A photograph by **Elsa Voelcker**, senior lecturer in fine arts, was published in the book, *Howard Zinn: A Life on the Left*, by Martin Duberman. The photo was taken by Voelcker when she was Zinn's student at Boston University.

College of Graduate & Professional Studies news ...



An American Red Cross Blood Drive was held on Sept. 9, 2012, in West Lebanon, N.H., hosted by Shaw's. **Mackenzie Monahan**, PA student, organized the event. Approximately 20 pints of blood were donated.



Franklin Pierce at Concord created a giant 30-foot timeline on the wall to display important dates in the history of Franklin Pierce University.

Franklin Pierce at Concord, Manchester, and Portsmouth collected “50 Bags for 50 Families” for



Families in Transition (FIT), a nonprofit organization located in Manchester and Concord, N.H., founded in 1995 in response to the growing number of

homeless individuals and families throughout New Hampshire. The bags were delivered to FIT in November 2012.

Franklin Pierce at Lebanon supported the Upper Valley Haven with donated items for Thanksgiving Giving meals last November. The Upper Valley Haven provides temporary shelter and educational programming for homeless families and adults as well as food and clothing to anyone in need.

Franklin Pierce at Goodyear was acknowledged by the city of Goodyear, Ariz., for bringing 30 volunteers to



“Make a Difference Day” on Oct. 27, 2012. Student contributions included power washing, painting, and general fix-ups of local parks, fire stations, and

police stations. **Prof. Teri Roberts** organized the activity and accepted the Certificate of Appreciation at the City Council meeting.

Dr. Marilyn Moffett coordinated a health screening for community participants in October 2012 at the Goodyear



campus. DPT students enrolled in the geriatrics course provided general health and posture assessments, as well as tests for balance and falls.

Dr. Moffett also coordinated the DPT student participation in October for the Alzheimer's Walk in Sun City, Ariz., to raise awareness and research funds for Alzheimer's Disease.

Goodyear class reps also met with the volunteer coordinator for the Greater Phoenix Boys and Girls Clubs to discuss their needs. They committed to provide ongoing service to the seven clubs in the Greater Phoenix area throughout the year.

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