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# Graduate & Professional Studies Alumni & Student Newsletter

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## DID YOU KNOW THAT...

### April 9th –14th are Franklin Pierce ALUMNI National Community Service Days

This year Alumni Relations is excited to be able to offer a community service opportunity for alumni. In celebration of Dr. Birge's inaugural theme of "*Engaged in Learning and Service*," Pierce alumni in chapters and regions around the country will be participating in community service projects in their own communities during the week of April 9th thru April 14th. The various projects will be highlighted as part of the inaugural events on Saturday, April 17th.

**MA-Charles River Clean Up-Boston, MA-Saturday, April 10 REGISTER NOW [online](#)**

**CT-Save the Sound – East Lyme, CT- Saturday, April 10 REGISTER NOW [online](#)**

**NJ-The Bergen County Habitat for Humanity-Garfield, NJ- Saturday, April 10  
REGISTER NOW [online](#)**

**NH-NH Food Bank-Manchester, NH-Friday, April 9 or Saturday, April 10  
REGISTER NOW [online](#)**

**NYC-Bagging groceries at a food pantry – Trinity Lutheran Church, Staten Island-  
Sunday, April 11 REGISTER NOW [online](#)**

**RI -Blackstone Park Clean-up-Providence, RI-Saturday, April 10 REGISTER NOW  
[online](#)**

**NC-Maple Court Veterans Transitional Housing Program - Durham, NC - Saturday,  
April 10**

**CA-Rancho Cucamonga Library presents "The Big Read"-Rancho Cucamonga, CA-  
Saturday, April 10, 2010**

Many thanks to the dedicated alumni volunteers who planned and organized these projects.

# Center Highlights

## **Lebanon Networking Event is a Success!**

On November 15, 2009 the NH Chapter in collaboration with the Lebanon Center and Alumni Relation Office hosted a **very successful** networking event at the Salt Hill Pub in Lebanon, NH. Over 50 alumni, students, staff and faculty participated in this event and had the opportunity to talk about Pierce, the new job they acquired, meet with a favorite professor, or re-connect with an old classmate. Also in attendance was Dr. James Birge, the new President of Franklin Pierce University.

Pam Sanderson an alumna from the Concord Center was thrilled to have the opportunity to meet so many wonderful people. *"I meet a representative of Franklin Pierce's Career Planning & Placement Office who was happy to give me advice on my resume and ideas for my employment quest. I chatted with an Accounting graduate who mentioned a job opening at his business, and later that evening I met another Pierce Accounting graduate seeking a position; naturally I introduced the two of them. It was a great feeling."*

## **Master's of Physician Assistant Studies (M.P.A.S.) Program Launch**

After receiving provisional accreditation in September, the M.P.A.S. program launched on November 30, 2009 with a full class of 24. The majority of students are from Vermont, however, the program also drew students from all over the US and as far away as the west coast. There is great diversity of experience among the inaugural class.

Lisa Southwick, M.P.A.S. Program Director, joined the University in January 2009. Lisa demonstrated dedication and resolve by launching this program and bringing together an inaugural class within a year. Please join us in thanking and congratulating her on a truly remarkable accomplishment.

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## **Nursing Program Accreditation**

In October, the baccalaureate nursing program hosted three National League for Nursing accreditation site visitors. The three-day visit was preceded by submission and review of an extensive self-study document. The visit also included interviews with the President, Provost, Dean, staff and faculty in Rindge, Lebanon, Concord and Portsmouth. The visit was a success and resulted in a recommendation for initial accreditation.

Thanks and congratulations to Judy Evans and her faculty and staff who contributed to reaching this important milestone.

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## **Franklin Pierce New Hires**

**Amy Harr...**Amy is the new Administrative Assistant at the Goodyear, AZ Center.

**Kelly LaPrade...**Kelly has returned to Franklin Pierce as the CGPS Director of Financial Operations.

**Marge Bower, MPAS, PA-C...**Marge joined the Master of Physician Assistant Studies Program as a full-time faculty in October. She is a Family Practice P.A. with six years of experience working in a Vermont community health center.



## Upcoming Events



**NH Chapter  
Networking Event**  
*Wednesday, Feb. 17th*  
*6:00pm-8:00pm*  
*The Barley House, Concord*

**Portsmouth  
Student Social**  
*Tuesday, March 23rd*  
*4:30pm-5:15pm*  
*7:30pm-8:15pm*  
*Portsmouth Center*

**NH Chapter  
Networking Event**  
*Friday, March 26th*  
*6:00pm-8:00pm*  
*Margaritas, Keene*

**NH Chapter  
Networking Event**  
*Thursday, April 1st*  
*6:00pm-8:00pm*  
*Redhook Brewery, Portsmouth*

**For more information and  
to register for these events  
go to our website at:**

[http://  
www.franklinpierce.edu/  
alumni](http://www.franklinpierce.edu/alumni)



## Alumni Profile

**K Spirito '98**  
Nashua Campus

K Spirito holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Franklin Pierce College, Class of 1998, and an Associate in Arts for Interpreting for the Deaf from L. A. Pierce College in California, 1982.

K Spirito believes that her experience at Franklin Pierce College—now University—is one of the best things that ever happened to her. With Professor Gary Baker's encouragement, K embarked on a successful writing career. Her seventh novel, *Sumer and August*, a murder mystery set on Cape Cod, will be published by K and Sal's A Snowy Day Publishing & Distribution Company.

K and Sal, her husband of over 40 years, have raised four children and are now blessed with three granddaughters and five grandsons. K and Sal enjoy traveling, in-line skating, sailing, kayaking, Mexican Train dominoes, and most of all, volunteering for the Franklin Pierce Alumni Association.

**CGPS Graduation Celebration**  
*Saturday, May 1st*  
*(4:00pm-7:00pm)*  
*Pierce Hall, Campus Center*  
*College at Rindge*

CGPS faculty, staff and graduates will attend a reception and awards ceremony in honor of the 2010 CGPS graduates. Outstanding students from the CGPS graduate programs will be recognized, along with the valedictorian and students who have achieved the highest academic standing in each major in the undergraduate program. The reception is for graduates, faculty and staff, each of whom may bring one guest, also at no charge.

## Get Connected: Facebook and LinkedIn

- Join over 500 fellow alumni on the Official Franklin Pierce Alumni Association Group on [Facebook](#).
- Follow us on Twitter [@FPAlumni](#)
- Network with other alumni on [LinkedIn](#). Physical Therapy alumni will be able to join a subgroup just for them after they join the alumni LinkedIn network.

## Career Planning & Placement

Whether you are seeking to advance your career or start a new one, the Office of Career Planning & Placement at Franklin Pierce University can help you make the most of your education. Our focus on student-centered teaching extends to career planning services as well. We are committed to your professional and academic success and will work with you, as an individual, to ensure that you have the tools that you need to make informed career choices and conduct a successful job search. Career services and resources available to current students and CGPS alumni include:

- Assistance in creating or updating resumes and cover letters.
- Career counseling and advising.
- Information on job market trends and the occupational outlook for your field.
- Advice on networking and information on local networking resources.
- Job search support and interview preparation.

The next Issue of the CGPS Newsletter will be published in May 2010! Information for publication may be submitted to [alumni@franklinpierce.edu](mailto:alumni@franklinpierce.edu)