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President's Message



Founding President and Trustee Emeritus, Dr. Frank DiPietro, has a story about sitting at his kitchen table in the early 1960s questioning the possibility of starting a four-year institution in New Hampshire. As I have listened to this story, and to

other stories about the launch of Franklin Pierce College that Dr. DiPietro has shared with me, I am struck by the vision, courage, and tenacity he had for realizing his dream. I think those characteristics are also reflective of the DNA of Franklin Pierce University.

It is no secret that the nation's economic recession has made things difficult for private higher education institutions to maintain a quality of education and provide access to that education. But, just as Dr. DiPietro overcame obstacles in the 1960s, so too have we begun to overcome the challenges of the early 21st century. This past fall we welcomed 607 new students to campus matching our record high enrollment at a time when many other institutions saw smaller incoming classes. How did we do it? New strategies for recruiting students, cooperative efforts between faculty and staff to put more information into the hands of prospective families, and new academic and athletics programs that responded to students' interests culminated in larger numbers of students interested in Franklin Pierce and an increase in the academic profile of these students.

At the same time, we know that one year of increased enrollment does not a trend make, and we have much work to do to emerge from years of lower enrollments and increased expenses. But this year proved that with the right outlook, the willingness to try new approaches, and extraordinary effort we can accomplish what we set out to do.

From my office in Peterson Hall I see examples of vision, courage, and tenacity almost every day. Whether it is the work of John Harris and his colleagues in the Monadnock Institute to advance sustainability efforts on campus, student government association President Kyle Mulcahy leading his peers through difficult decisions and dialogue, or Professor Lynn Chandler motivating students to present their academic work to students, faculty, and staff during last fall's Inquiry-Based Showcase, I have a privileged view to the character of Franklin Pierce University. It is humbling to see the great works of our students and my colleagues and to know that their efforts contribute to the mission and vision of this small but mighty university.

Many of you share the enthusiasm of our students and employees, and you express that through your participation in alumni events, visits to campus, and philanthropy. As we continue to celebrate our 50th Anniversary, let me thank you for your support of our work and encourage you to invite your classmates to share in our enthusiasm for Franklin Pierce. We have an ambitious goal to raise \$600,000 for the annual fund this year, and we need everyone's help to reach the goal so that we continue to offer students a high quality educational experience.

As always, please join us for the many gatherings, lectures, and athletic events planned around this year's 50th Anniversary celebration. Visit the Anniversary website at: www.franklinperce.edu/50

Vision, courage, and tenacity — they brought Franklin Pierce College to fruition in the 1960s... they are sustaining Franklin Pierce University today.

Ex Umbris Ad Lucem,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James F. Birge".

James F. Birge, Ph.D.
President



Photo courtesy of Citta.org

Site of current project in Nepal.

CREATING SOLUTIONS

Joe Gonzalez '94 knows what community service is all about. A theatre/lighting design major, Joe is a creative soul with a big heart. During his time at Franklin Pierce, Joe says, "There was little to no community connection or interaction." But he set out to change that!



Photo by Jeff Lazell

When Joe found out that the elementary and middle schools in town had no theatre program of any sort, he and his friends decided to develop a program: Drama Outreach. They created a weekly drama club at Rindge Memorial and Jaffrey-Rindge Middle School, which culminated in original productions in both schools. From there, they expanded their efforts to include workshops in other schools in New Hampshire and Vermont, introducing theatre to more than 1,500 students in the region.

The success of the program only fueled Joe's passion to contribute. He got involved in other aspects of community

service and was ultimately given an award through NH Partners in Education in recognition of his volunteer hours and initiative. Joe was intimately involved in the creation of the on-campus Community Relations Liaison position, initially held by Marabeth Farmer. His passion for service was infectious, and community members soon began to ask for student volunteers to help with their programs.

Joe graduated and embarked on a career that involved all aspects of theatre and TV production and management. He currently lives in New York, where he continues to do freelance work in those fields. The community service aspect of his life has also continued to thrive.

"I spent more and more time educating myself globally about the scope of issues everyone is facing around the world," Joe says. He would often discuss his ideas with his friend, Tara Bracco, over dinner. What emerged from those conversations is The Project Solution, a nonprofit that they co-founded to encourage philanthropy and create quantifiable change in distressed

areas of the world. The organization is based on a model that allows people with small gifts of \$25 or \$50 to see the impact of their contributions.

In just over three years, the organization has funded seven infrastructure projects in Cameroon, Zambia, Uganda, India, Nicaragua, and Haiti, serving nearly 4,000 people. They are currently working on a new project in Nepal. All of the projects selected by The Project Solution are "shovel-ready" and 100 percent of the donations go directly to them; those with a heart to give no doubt find these projects very compelling. "We want our donors to feel part of the community project," Joe says. "And you deserve to know where your money is going."

The Project Solution website states that people without significant means are given the chance to "be the solution," embracing the idea that a little effort from a group of people can lead to social change. Franklin Pierce is proud of Joe; he sees needs in the world and he creates solutions. Visit the website and be inspired:

www.theprojectsolution.org





THE ENVIRONMENTAL MOVEMENT COMES OF AGE

By Dr. John Harris, Dr. Paul Kotila, and Ms. Jess Gerrior

The 1962 publication of Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring* is often cited as the beginning of the “environmental movement” in the United States.

Her documentation of the environmental effects of widespread pesticide use was quickly followed by many other environmental publications, including *The Population Bomb* and the *Limits to Growth* report. In 1970, the first Earth Day and passage of the National Environmental Policy Act (the regulatory source for environmental impact reports) marked the beginning of a new era in humanity’s response to these issues.

The early 1970s also saw a proliferation of undergraduate environmental programs, reflecting both the new

awareness of ecological relationships as well as the complexity of these problems. By the late 1980s, such programs were found across the United States in colleges and universities of all types. Unlike more traditional disciplinary majors (Biology, Sociology), these new programs sought, from the beginning, to address environmental issues from an interdisciplinary, problem-based perspective. This perspective recognized that solutions to environmental problems were not simply technical (science-based), but were also inherently about individual and societal ethics and behaviors.

UNIQUELY FRANKLIN PIERCE

The Franklin Pierce environmental science program began in 1989 with a major in Environmental Science designed by Dr. Paul Kotila, who had been hired as associate professor of biology in 1988. While Franklin Pierce was relatively late to the environmental curricular movement, Dr. Kotila saw the program as “ideally suited to the liberal arts college [as Franklin Pierce was then] and its traditions of interdisciplinary . . . education.” The major also sought to capitalize on Franklin Pierce’s rural location, easy access to diverse natural habitats on its 1,000-acre campus (forests, wetlands, lakes, and streams), and other distinctive campus characteristics, including its own water supply, sewage treatment facility, and forest management plan.

Based in the Natural Sciences Division, the curriculum was initially built largely from existing courses in other departments (Biology, Chemistry, Sociology, Economics), formulated into a set of courses for breadth (the Environmental Science core and electives), and depth (an area of emphasis; Biology/Ecology, Anthropology, Economics). While the particular course offerings have diversified considerably since its inception, the basic three-part format of the major remains to this day.

The program has evolved significantly since its creation with the addition of new faculty (Dr. Catherine Owen Koning, Dr. Rhine Singleton), the creation of new courses specifically designed for the Environmental Science major (Environmental Impact Assessment, Wetlands and Forest Ecology), and a University-wide commitment to sustainability as reflected by the President's Commitment to Climate Neutrality Statement and the hiring of a sustainability coordinator in 2010. The addition of the Monadnock Institute of Nature, Place & Culture in 1996 added interdisciplinary depth and community outreach opportunities to the environmental program.

SHIFTING GROUND

Since the 1970s, broader public awareness of environmental issues has led to significant improvements in air

and water quality and a reduction in certain environmental abuses. Problems that were relatively easy to identify and control (e.g., sewage outflows) have given way to more dispersed and difficult hazards (e.g., non-point pollutants such as fertilizers and toxins). In addition, the focus has expanded to global-scale problems, reflecting both progress in control of “local” challenges as well as recognition of the interconnectedness of environment, economy, and society. These shifts are evident in higher education as well. According to a 2012 Princeton Review study of nearly 7,500 college applicants, 7 out of 10 students use information about a school's environmental commitment in their decision to apply or attend.

When Franklin Pierce joined the list of now over 650 signatories to the American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC) in 2007, the University pledged to eliminate net greenhouse gas emissions and accepted responsibility to meet the global climate challenge. To this end, Franklin Pierce submitted its first Climate Action Plan in 2010 and will complete its third greenhouse gas inventory in 2013. The University's commitment is also reflected in the work of the Sustainability Council, which is responsible for the coordination of institution-wide initiatives and the incorporation of sustainability objectives into the latest Strategic Plan.

Results of the Council's work are evident throughout the campus: wood pellet boilers for freshman residences and Northfields Activity Center, the replacement of incandescent bulbs with fluorescent and LED lighting, new purchasing policies for energy efficient appliances, and the recent switch to single-stream recycling, which makes recycling easier and more cost-effective. Its commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions also means educating the University in the interrelated nature of local, regional, and global systems.

Franklin Pierce is also an institutional member of the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE), the leading organization for sustainability in higher education. Franklin Pierce's Sustainability Coordinator, Jess Gerrior, together with Sustainability Certificate student Corey Hogan '12, represented Franklin Pierce at the annual AASHE Conference in October 2012. Jess's presentation,

**What's Happening on the
Wild Side of Campus?
Science in FP's Outdoor Living Classroom**



**BI/ES 430 Forest Ecology, Fall 2012
Research Poster Session**

**Thursday, December 13th
3:00 – 4:30 pm in the Alumni Lounge,
Peterson Hall**

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come for a few minutes and browse, or,
stay the entire time and learn about our forests!
Light refreshments served!

"Weaving Green Threads," highlighted student projects in the Sustainability Certificate program, which have included alternatives to bottled water, reducing waste during move-out days, a documentary film about recycling on campus, and improving the Green Housing program. Corey's conference experience informed a successful project that has helped improve recycling on campus. (See "Sustainability Matters" on p. 11.)

Since 1998 Franklin Pierce has hosted a number of important environmental leaders to participate in symposia and conferences and to receive academic awards. Internationally recognized climate change expert Bill McKibben received an honorary doctorate in 2012, and environmental writer Sy Montgomery was recognized with the same award the previous year. In addition, David W. Orr, author of *Ecological Literacy*; John Elder and Robert Finch, editors of the *Norton Anthology of Nature Writing*; Arctic explorer and educator Will Steger; and MacArthur award winner David M. Carroll have all presented to Franklin Pierce undergraduates.

FUTURE VIEW

Already anchored by an enthusiastic and talented senior faculty and a sustainability coordinator, the environmental program at Franklin Pierce will further broaden undergraduate opportunities in 2013 by adding a new faculty member whose focus will be environmental policy. This addition will facilitate the introduction of a new Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies major to complement the existing Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science degree.

Entering freshmen in either program will enroll in a common core of required natural science, social science, and humanities courses in their first academic year, and will then choose between the Bachelor of Science Environmental Science track or the Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies track in their sophomore year. This decision will be based on student interest and aptitude, and on a careful review of their career goals and aspirations. The Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science degree will require additional field and laboratory coursework, whereas the Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies major will place greater emphasis on sustainability studies and environmental law, history, policy, and literature.

Both the Monadnock Institute and the Sustainability Center will play important roles in the expanded environmental program. In addition to sponsoring internships with a wide range of regional partners (land trusts, historical societies, farms), these academic centers are pursuing plans to offer undergraduate research fellowships focused on environmental topics. These proposed fellowships will provide opportunities for talented undergraduates to gain expertise in collecting seasonal data related to climate change, designing and maintaining campus trails, monitoring water quality, supporting local agriculture, leading community efforts in recycling, reducing individual and institutional ecological footprints, and contributing to national environmental conferences. Students interested in becoming research fellows will apply after they have declared a major in their freshman year, with the potential to continue being a fellow throughout their academic career, as long as they remain in good standing and continue the research and mentoring roles the fellowship is designed to foster.

POWERFUL PATHS

Another exciting component of the environmental program is a new affiliation agreement between Franklin Pierce and Antioch University New England Graduate School, a nationally recognized environmental education leader. Students who wish to accelerate their undergraduate education can apply to enter a 3-2 program in which they earn a master's degree in Environmental Studies from Antioch University New England in five years from date of admission to Franklin Pierce. This rigorous program includes two internships and a senior project before graduating with a master's degree. In addition, Franklin Pierce undergraduates who envision careers that help businesses become more sustainable may enroll in the Franklin Pierce M.B.A. program in Energy and Sustainability.

The environmental program and M.B.A. faculty are now designing pathways for Environmental Science and Environmental Studies undergraduates to transition to the Energy and Sustainability track of the M.B.A. and take graduate courses in their senior year. Place-based and community-based learning opportunities also distinguish the environmental program at Franklin Pierce; very few New England universities offer undergraduates such a diverse range of field courses, interdisciplinary experiential opportunities, community partnerships, and graduate school options.

ENVIRONMENTAL OPPORTUNITIES

Franklin Pierce graduates majoring in Environmental Science have gone on to post-graduate study as well as full-time employment opportunities in the field. For example, Dan Weykman '01 is a soil conservationist with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, and Kelly Henry '03 is enrolled in a Ph.D. in Wetland Science program at the University of Louisiana, Baton Rouge. David Cameron '92 is a senior environmental scientist with AECOM environmental and engineering consultants in Westford, Mass.; and Kristen Bean '10 is an environmental scientist with VHB, environmental and engineering consultants in Bedford, N.H.



Those scheduled to graduate in the program have also earned distinction: Jennifer Bell '13 has been offered a graduate assistantship studying wetlands as part of a master's degree at Ball State University (see "Institutes" on p. 17); Ben DiLauro '13 completed an internship using Geographic Information Systems to map vernal pools in Peterborough; and Jennifer Jones '13 is being recruited to continue her research on threatened turtles with the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. As these successes demonstrate, the Franklin Pierce environmental program continues to prepare its students well.

The program's commitment to environmental education, responsibility, and activism is reflected in its continually evolving curriculum, additional faculty, and innovative opportunities for student engagement. Franklin Pierce University looks forward to graduating environmental leaders with the passion and expertise needed to address the challenges posed by a rapidly changing world. 

THE CHALLENGE OF CRITICAL THINKING FOR THESIS STUDENTS

Academic 2013 Showcase

Sunday, April 14 - Friday, April 19

Students have been asked to consider sharing their best academic work through a research paper, poster, performance piece, exhibition, demonstration, or experiential event with the campus and local community. The 2013 *Academic Showcase* promises to be a week filled with stimulating sessions.

At last year's Academic Showcase, Dr. Debra Picchi, professor of anthropology and coordinator of the Global Citizens Certificate Program, facilitated a presentation with one of her students, senior Kelsey Keegan, who presented on her thesis.

Dr. Picchi reflects on the process of critical thinking that informs academic excellence:

*A*s students progress through their undergraduate education, some struggle with learning that habit of mind we refer to as critical thinking. A faculty member's challenge is to support and help students as they develop the ability to go beyond description, where they feel comfortable and competent, and practice this analytic way of thinking about issues and ideas. Critical thinking is "characterized by the comprehensive exploration of issues, ideas, artifacts, and events before accepting or formulating an opinion or conclusion,"

as defined by the American Association of Colleges and Universities (AAC&U). When I began a two-semester thesis project with a bright senior (Kelsey Keegan), I thought about the important role that critical thinking was going to play in the work ahead of us. I wondered whether AAC&U's critical thinking definition and framing language might offer the student and me a new way of honing this crucial skill.

What I envisioned was a two-pronged effort running on parallel tracks that

would in the end complement each other. The first involved Kelsey and I developing a standard bibliography on the thesis question which was, "Why did the French government outlaw 'covering' (wearing hijab) by French-Muslim school girls?" This made up the descriptive part of the project, where we gathered the facts about the law, the religious/ethnic minority it affects, the roles of Muslim and French women, the history of the relationship between the North African colonies of France and the mother country, and the history of France's relationship with the

Roman Catholic Church (and secularism). Kelsey was able to easily identify three distinct ways of accounting for the law: ones that were anthropological, feminist, and constructivist (historical/political).

As we progressed with our readings and weekly meetings, I introduced Kelsey to the second aspect of our project which entailed our moving to a meta-level of thinking about the material. I gave Kelsey a two-page AAC&U handout, and over the months we worked and reworked the material applying the concepts to the descriptive materials we were assembling. We picked apart the definition of critical thinking, reviewed the glossary terms, and found examples of each in the material on France's new law.

An example of a particularly long and involved conversation concerned one of the glossary terms. "Ambiguity," which is defined by AAC&U as "information that may be interpreted in more than one way" had particular relevance to us. It certainly informed our discussion of the veil (hijab) which means radically different things to various groups and thinkers. With a close reading of the texts, Kelsey and I found that it is difficult to lump even all feminists together.

Some see 'covering' in a negative light, as a custom associated with traditional, static cultures in comparison to modern, dynamic cultures, where women's rights are favored. Other more culturally relativistic feminists explain 'covering' in a cultural context as a way in which Muslim women express modesty and respect for those socially important to them. Yet a third group applies a historic perspective, introducing information about the bitter wars between the North African colonies and France, and the role veiled Muslim women played in espionage. One group sees hijab as oppressive and antithetical to what the modern French Republic stands for, another views it as a beautiful artifact and valued tradition that has a role to play in any modern society that allows for diversity. Still a third sees it as an expression of political resistance and anti-Western sentiment. And that was just those thinkers we grouped in the feminist camp!

The combined use of the materials from the AAC&U, the application of the concepts to the material at hand, and our weekly conversations about meta-level thinking bore fruit. Over time I saw Kelsey's growing awareness

of how knowledge is constructed and of what it means to be part of an academic community.

One of the important criteria of critical thinking involves logical reasoning. This ability, of course, lies at the heart of critical thinking, and yet many college students do not easily reason logically. Providing examples, developing exercises of logical reasoning, and then modeling for the student how to use this kind of reasoning in the thesis process may strengthen the student's ability when they are particularly receptive.

The dimension of self-reflection must also be added to the thesis process. Having the student write "before" and "after" essays addressing specific questions, such as how did their assumptions about the thesis question change over time, will help them to understand how they have intellectually grown through the year-long process of thesis research and production. 

The annual **Academic Showcase** is a venue where students can share their hard work with the larger community.

April 14-19, 2013
Rindge campus



Left to right: Kelsey Keegan '13 and Prof. Picchi



Ryan Tracy '12 and Prof. Brezovec



Senior Lecturer Cronin and Sheryal Delieto '13



The Dance Program is a challenging and

comprehensive curriculum in contemporary dance. Here, dance concentration student **Collette Fortin '13** reflects on what dance means to her.

Why do you enjoy dance?

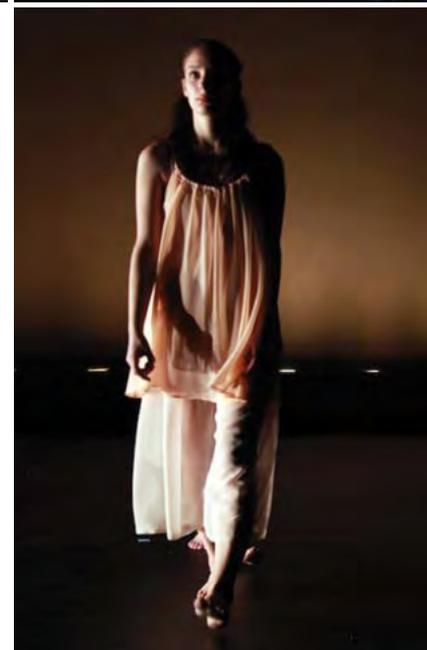
Dancing is a good escape for me. I can let out all the emotions I'm feeling through dance, whether I'm upset or happy. I love letting go of everything and letting loose. Dance is just fun for me!

What has been the best part of dancing at Franklin Pierce?

What I love about dancing at Franklin Pierce are all the opportunities I've had. I've gotten to be a part of some wonderful dance pieces that have challenged me physically and mentally. Before coming to Franklin Pierce I was only in dance recitals that didn't have a lot of meaning. Then I came here, and I got to be a part of something that meant so much to people, both choreographers and dancers alike. I was also given the opportunity to do the Dance in France program. That was a fantastic experience!

How does dancing make you feel?

Dance makes me feel free! If I ever need to just let out emotions, I go into the studio and dance. Dance has always been there for me no matter what was going on in my life, and it's something I know I can depend on.



All photos by Brad Lowery, taken at the 2012 Winter Dance Concert.

Top photos: Collette Fortin '13
Lower photo: Marisa Guy '13

Sustainability

Sustainability initiatives at Franklin Pierce received new visibility in the fall of 2012 when Sustainability Certificate student Corey Hogan '12, along with Sustainability Coordinator Jess Gerrior, represented Franklin Pierce at the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) 2012 Annual Conference & Expo in Los Angeles. The conference brought together thousands of students, higher education professionals, and partners from throughout the United States and abroad. Topics ranged from green revolving funds and carbon tracking software to service learning and social justice. Corey used the conference experience to shape his semester-long Sustainability Project, which focused on enhancing recycling on the Rindge campus.

During his three years as an Environmental Services (EVS) student worker, Corey observed that there was room for improvement with regard to collection and disposal of materials in classrooms and offices. A high percentage of recyclable materials such as paper, cardboard, aluminum, plastic, and glass were being tossed into trash containers instead of being recycled, while non-recyclable trash frequently contaminated the recycling containers. Franklin Pierce then switched to single-stream recycling in early 2012. The single-stream system makes recycling easier and more efficient by eliminating the step of sorting different materials – trash in one container, commingled recyclables in another. However, Corey found that not everyone understood the new system, so he decided to research ways to improve awareness and outreach across campus.

The Sustainability Certificate program gave Corey a platform on which to pursue that goal. Corey's interest in sociology and community building led him to think about the human side of recycling, and in his Sustainability Seminar, he developed a proposal for a project that would address not only the



environmental and economic aspects of recycling, but the social issues as well. Working with members of the Sustainability Council and EVS staff, Corey became a strong and informed advocate for better communication about recycling among all campus stakeholders. He learned about community-based approaches to environmental problem solving and used his EVS experience to collect data, conduct interviews, and make a pitch for sustainability. Corey feels that people listened and attributed more weight to his suggestions regarding the recycling program once he became a Sustainability Certificate student.

At the AASHE conference, Corey attended the Student Summit, which included student presentations, facilitated networking, and workshops. He learned from the pitfalls and successes of programs on other campuses and returned to campus with focused and evidence-backed strategies for Franklin Pierce. Many of the recommendations in his Sustainability Project are now being applied, such as new signs above recycling containers that communicate the single-stream recycling process graphically. Printing for the signs was a joint effort between the offices of Jess Gerrior (Sustainability Center), Bob St. Jean (Purchasing), and Barbara Peloquin (Environmental Services).

Corey says the recognition for his work with the recycling program was a rewarding aspect of the program, in addition to traveling to the conference and networking with other students and professionals. He believes earning the Sustainability Certificate shows his seriousness about sustainability, and he is proud of serving the Franklin Pierce community with the knowledge and skills he gained.



THE MAGIC OF THE CLASSROOM . . .

This article is dedicated to and in honor of all the teachers of Sandy Hook Elementary School.

Kirsti came to Franklin Pierce because of the intimacy of the campus, community-oriented feeling, and the ability to get one-on-one attention from professors. She applied for student teaching during her senior year, handing in her application, resume, and cover letter to the Education Department. “From there,” Kirsti explained, “Pat Kirsh considers what she knows about you and what she sees on the information sheet handed in to her and places you where she feels you will be well matched. She was amazing — always very friendly and very helpful whenever I had any questions or needed help with anything!”

Kirsti finished her first student teaching placement in October 2012, followed by a second student teaching placement in December 2012. The first placement was in a second grade room with Cheryl Jordan at Winchendon Memorial School, and the second in a sixth grade room with Nicole Pease at South Meadow School in Peterborough. Kirsti said that a favorite part of her placement “was getting to know the students and really making a connection with them, and especially seeing how much you, as a teacher (even just a student teacher), can truly impact their lives. Also, getting the chance to see how your students grow.”

Lessons Learned

Just like the students in her classroom, Kirsti has grown since arriving at Franklin Pierce. She describes herself as “fun loving,

TEACHER IN TRAINING

Kirsti Joanna Bogaard '13 is double majoring in Elementary Education and Mathematics at Franklin Pierce University.



organized, caring, and detail oriented – but always trying my best to put others first.” She loves to spend time with family and friends, and being outside and active, including playing rugby. Kirsti prides herself on working with and helping kids, which is what she does at the Rindge Recreation Department After School Program. “Since being at Franklin Pierce, one thing I have noticed that has changed about me as a person,” Kirsti reflected, “is that I am much more outgoing than I used to be. When I came to Franklin Pierce, I was very shy and pretty held back, but now I feel I have broken out of my shell somewhat, and am not afraid to get out there and get involved.”

After graduation Kirsti is hoping to move to the Groton/New London area of Connecticut and obtain a teaching position at one of the at-risk schools in

the area. She also plans to take either night or online classes to continue her own education as she works toward a master’s degree. There is no doubt that Kirsti has found her passion.

“A teacher needs to be someone who really has that passion in them to want to work with students,” Kirsti said. “But not only that, they need the right people to help them nurture it and help them grow. I know a few people that helped me become who I am when it comes to teaching, even though my experience so far is only student teaching; it is all the professors and people that work in the Education Department at Franklin Pierce, my amazing host teachers that I learned incredible amounts from, and Pat Kirsh, who helped me to get those great placements.”

COMING FULL CIRCLE

By Christina Young, Director of Alumni Relations

Model of Excellence Patricia Brown Kirsh '70 offers a lifetime of inspiration.

Pat was an Anthropology major and Education minor at Franklin Pierce. Growing up, Pat had a dream of working on an archaeological site, but once she began her field observations in Education, Pat knew that teaching was her future.

During Pat's student teaching days, she taught at a small, private kindergarten in Troy, N.H., operated by Franklin Pierce Education Professor Marion Austin. Pat remembers her days as a student, staying up late in her dorm with her roommate and scrambling to create lesson plans in her junior year. Senior year, Pat was hired one day a week to teach a preschool class in Troy, and her career grew from there. Directly after graduation, Pat secured a second grade teaching position in Winchendon, Mass., where she taught for 34 years. Good friend and long-time colleague, Cheryle Delbove, said that the administration recognized Pat's talents, kind demeanor, and personable nature, and after a short time Pat, was promoted to principal.

Finding the Magic

The Education Department at Franklin Pierce also recognized Pat's talents and reached out to her early in her career to ask if she would take field observation students and student teachers into her classroom. Franklin Pierce worked with Pat to place students as early as their first semester

sophomore year. One of Pat's favorite memories was meeting each student and watching the "potential teacher find the magic of the classroom," she said. Pat felt it was similar to working with her own students in the classroom. "Every child has special gifts," Pat said. "Helping those reluctant learners to be ready learners and find their special interests is one of the joys I will never forget from my teaching days."

Cheryle, who describes Pat as a quiet and supportive leader, took over placing field observation students for Pat when she retired in 2005. Cheryle credits Pat for making the Memorial School an integral part of the field observation/student teacher placement process at Franklin Pierce University. "There is no better cheerleader for Franklin Pierce," Cheryle said.

After Pat's "retirement," she was asked to take a position at the University coordinating all of the students' placements and observations. Pat embraced the position and worked with the education program at Franklin Pierce to place students in Elementary Education (K-8), Art Education (K-12), and Secondary (5-12) Teacher Certification.

Rave Reviews

Education students at Franklin Pierce University have gained a reputation for professional competence and

effectiveness in the classroom. **Nancy Gagnon**, administrative assistant in the Education Department, raved about her colleague's placement work: "Pat performs her magic with ease, and makes everything run smoothly. She is simply a delight to work with."

Biggest fan, husband, and fellow alum, **Bruce Kirsh '71** shared that he is proud of Pat's commitment to the Franklin Pierce Education Department by volunteering her time to place Franklin Pierce student teachers during her 34-year career in the Winchendon school system. "And Pat provided me with the drive and ambition to become a better and more focused student when we were in school together," he added.

Pat's natural ability to inspire education has heavily influenced the success of the placement program at Franklin Pierce. "I started out being a student, but have come full circle now, working for the education department at Franklin Pierce," she said. Pat is pleased to witness that the magic of the classroom is still alive today.

We thank Pat for all that she has done for the education program and especially for the magic she has created by working with so many students over the years. And we look forward to seeing budding teacher Kirsti Joanna Bogaard embark on her professional teaching career!



Being Abroad



Senior Ahmos Diaz shares how studying abroad in Franklin Pierce's programs in Athens and Lyon have expanded his worldview:

"Studying abroad has changed my perspective on life completely. I have learned so much from being in Greece and France. I was able to experience those cultures in everyday life, and

I got to actually be a part of those communities by integrating myself into their cultures. Ever since I've been abroad, I feel like the world is a bigger place. I began to feel this sense of a global community; that's when I realized that I am now a global citizen of the world!

When I first went abroad in 2010, I studied at Hellenic American University with a concentration in Global Communications, which worked well with my Mass Communications major. Then I went abroad for the Lyon, Dance in France program, and that complemented my minor in performance. I also did an independent study on French Cinema New Wave, and that added a new dimension to my major that semester. So each study abroad experience has fortified my education at Rindge in different ways.

After I graduate, whether I report from a desk or shoot a film, I will now have a much broader perspective, and I will be more knowledgeable about different countries and cultures around the world. I have also acquired the ability to adapt to many situations and to be flexible with my time and life situation.

I am grateful for the people who have helped me abroad and in Rindge, and I am also grateful that I had the opportunity to attend a University that expanded my knowledge in ways that I never would have imagined. It has truly been a blessing to be a part of such a positive, small community that has expanded overseas!"



LOOK OUT!

STUDENTS ON THE FAST TRACK

By Lisa Murray

THE COMMUNICATOR

Stephen Keimig '16 is a force to be reckoned with! This freshman from Rutland, Mass., has plunged into campus life with gusto – he even wrote a blog for the *Pierce Arrow* newspaper and helped cover the Republican National convention as a Fitzwater Scholar before stepping foot on campus.



Stephen is a Mass Communications major with a double concentration in Journalism and Media Production; he has a double minor in Public Relations and Advertising. In his first semester, he earned a place at the *Pierce Arrow* as senior reporter, helped film the show “Roommates” on campus for Channel

25 (Franklin Pierce’s cable station), wrote for *The Exchange*, and started his own TV show, “Cloudy with a Chance of Steve,” which is filmed at the Fitzwater TV studio in front of a live audience. Stephen hosts interviews, writes monologues and comedic sketches, and designs innovative games for the 30-minute show, which he hopes will run throughout his four years at Franklin Pierce. “It’s a combination of all the things I love,” says Stephen, “and it teaches me a lot about the professional world of television production.”

If you’re wondering if Stephen has time left for anything else, put those fears to rest! He also works for admissions, taught sailing lessons from the boathouse in the fall, is a diligent student, and helped cover the Presidential Inauguration in Washington, D.C. with other Fitzwater Scholars. Stephen credits his family in “helping me to think critically and give back to others. They always encouraged me to try everything that I wanted to do.”

Stephen decided to attend Franklin Pierce because he was “struck by the friendliness and involvement of the faculty and the endless opportunities at the Fitzwater Center” when he came for a visit. He was also impressed with the fact that students can take classes of choice early on at Franklin Pierce and can “dive in and get fully immersed.” Dive in he has! To watch video clips of Stephen’s television show, go to: “Cloudy with a Chance of Steve” on Facebook.

THE MARKETER

Melissa Richtel '13 is a Marketing major and a Management minor from Castle Rock, Colo. This upcoming professional reflects on the summer internship she had in Denver leading into her senior year:

“This past summer I completed an advanced internship with Sony Music. I directly worked for 'Stache Media, a full-service marketing and brand partnership agency, which specializes in music within Sony Music. My summer was



focused specifically on country and Americana music. I was directly involved with tour, online, lifestyle, and retail/partnership marketing. I developed tailored marketing plans under grassroots promotion, and I planned events catered to the genre for pre-release listening parties. Throughout the summer I was able to work with 12 different artists.

Having the chance to work for a major recording label during my senior year in college was such a wonderful opportunity and has left me with more defined career goals. I have had the opportunity to increase my skills within the marketing field by being able to apply my learning from the classroom to real-world experience. While the education that I am receiving at Franklin Pierce is vital, the education that you can receive from real-world experience cannot be surpassed. This internship made me realize that marketing is definitely the field for me. I enjoyed every second of my internship and have so many valuable takeaways.”

Melissa will undoubtedly be doing exciting things when she graduates, and we look forward to hearing from this upcoming young business professional!



New England Center for Civic Life

By Joni Doherty, Director

The Civic Scholar Program offers students the opportunity to acquire an array of skills and to work closely with faculty and staff affiliated with the New England Center for Civic Life. In addition to creating innovative programs that generate engagement in community life, the Civic Scholars learn how to lead deliberative forums which are designed to foster thoughtful and civil discourse.

Courtney Breese '07, a Social Work and Counseling major, is now program director at the Massachusetts Office of Public Collaboration at UMass Boston. "At 18, my exposure to political discourse was limited to watching presidential debates on television," she said. "Once I experienced deliberative dialogue, I discovered that discourse did not have to be adversarial, and that the role of citizens can be more nuanced and active. I gained confidence and improved my public speaking. I learned how to frame good questions, synthesize information quickly, and think on my feet. I also began to process information deliberatively, looking for the benefits and drawbacks in each perspective, and seeking additional viewpoints and information. It also helped me to improve my organizational skills and time management."

Courtney's experiences as a Civic Scholar had long-term impacts: "As a student, I became more involved in campus activities and issues. Overall, I became more active in my community. And ultimately, my experiences landed me a job, where I have had the privilege and pleasure of being able to continue working with deliberative dialogue. For the past five years, I have used my skills and knowledge on a daily basis to help communities across Massachusetts tackle the tough issues they face. I couldn't have hoped for a better result!"

Knowledge, job skills, impact . . . the Civic Scholars Program is just one of the ways in which the New England Center for Civic Life contributes to the lives of Franklin Pierce students and ultimately, the communities in which they live and work.

The Marlin Fitzwater Center for Communication

By Dr. Kristen Nevious, Director

On the third weekend in January, senior Samantha Deabay boarded a train in Connecticut to Washington, D.C. Senior Ahmos Diaz boarded a bus in Boston and did the same. The difference between them and the hundreds of thousands of other Americans who converged on the nation's capital for the inauguration of President Barack Obama is that these two Franklin Pierce University students were about to make history.

Eighteen months earlier, both were part of the Center's credentialed news team covering the June 2011 GOP debates as the race for the 2012 New Hampshire primary heated up. After that, the Center was credentialed to cover two more national debates, both national political conventions, and the infamous Dixville Notch vote in the wee hours of November 6, 2012. Now they, and seven other students, were going to the inauguration as credentialed media.

This marks the first time that the Marlin Fitzwater Center for Communication has completed coverage of a full election cycle – it is an achievement made possible by many talented students, but Samantha and Ahmos are the ones who were there at the beginning and at the end. It is a remarkable achievement, and it is especially appropriate to celebrate it during the Center's 10th Anniversary year.

Ahmos, a journalism and production major, said that it was interesting to see what candidates go through to become president. "I feel that I am now more involved politically," he said, "and I have more of an opinion. I have a voice."

Samantha, a production major who is this year's FPTV-25 station manager, said, "I am very honored and thankful for being a part of the Fitzwater Center for Communication's election cycle. I was able to cover the first in the nation GOP debate and the Kids' Inaugural concert during the presidential inauguration. I was able to work side by side with professionals in the field who are in positions that I would like to apply for after I graduate. It was very interesting to see how it all unfolded starting in June 2011. Having these opportunities will be a great addition to my resume and will set me apart from other applicants. All this was made possible because of the Fitzwater Center."



Jennifer Bell '13 maps the Gates Farm Trail.

Monadnock Institute of Nature, Place & Culture

Jennifer Bell '13 writes about her work with the Institute:

During my junior year (2011-2012) at Franklin Pierce, I worked on a project with the Monadnock Institute of Nature, Place & Culture designed to encourage students to get outside and to promote environmental education and sustainability. The campus trails on Franklin Pierce's 1,200-acre, ecologically diverse property provide ideal opportunities for students to learn about succession, New England history, phenology, wetlands, and wildlife, as well as opportunities for fun and relaxation.

Because many old cross-country ski trails, carriage roads, and logging trails crisscross

campus woods, I recognized that a detailed map would be important for safety and so that more students could enjoy these trails without the fear of getting lost. Using a handheld GPS unit, I walked the marked routes of the Serenity Trail, Gates Farm Trail, Place Trail, and newly developed Pond Trail. After transferring the GPS points into GIS map layers for ease of accessibility and adaptability, I transposed my data onto an aerial photograph of the campus property.

As a final step in the process, the University invested in a kiosk, which features the map

as well as grab-and-go trail brochures that include the map, trail descriptions, and safety information.

As president of the Ecology Club, I have been inviting the campus on weekly trail walks, where students share knowledge about our environment, look for animal signs, identify plants, exercise, and have fun! I plan to graduate from Franklin Pierce this spring with degrees in Environmental Science and Chemistry, and hope to build a career studying ecology. After graduation, I am scheduled to attend graduate school to study wetland ecology. 

Franklin Pierce Sweethearts

By Christina Young, Director of Alumni Relations

Spring is upon us, Valentine's Day still lingers in the air ... so why not take a look at a few Franklin Pierce couples whose romances started right here on campus?

HELEN (AMENT) '69
LLOYD ASTMANN '69



Q: How did you meet your spouse?

He: Early in my sophomore year, I saw Helen at the student union (now DiGregorio), was immediately smitten with her, and asked a mutual friend to introduce us.

She: We became friends and dated occasionally because we both had significant others back home, but by spring of 1967 we were a couple. We married during Christmas break in 1968 – the first married couple to graduate together.

Q: What was he/she involved in while at Franklin Pierce?

He: Helen served on the Judiciary Board.

She: Lloyd was a proctor in Monadnock or Crestview Dorm and Junior Class president. He was a sounding board for new ideas relating to student policy that the administration thought would work at our new school.

Q: What was his/her favorite thing about Franklin Pierce?

He: Hopefully, me!

She: The beauty and challenges of the new environment; he loved that Franklin Pierce was a “family,” trying to make it succeed. And that he met me!

Q: What are your spouse's most significant contributions to Franklin Pierce since graduation?

He: Shortly after we graduated, Helen participated in the founding of the Alumni Association, plus she has been most supportive of my involvement with Franklin Pierce. Over the more than 40 years since we graduated from Pierce, Helen and I have tried to donate back to the institution. We have supported the Alumni Association, the school's annual fund, the athletic department, capital campaigns, the Astmann Family Scholarship Fund, and the Clifford Coles Scholarship Fund. We are most proud of how our assistance has helped to build a home for the Career Center.

She: It starts with working to create the first Alumni Association; being its first alum to be elected to the Franklin Pierce Board of Trustees; being the longest serving trustee; being the first alum to serve as Chairman of the Board of Trustees. He has given wise counsel, been very generous financially, and provided humor on a regular basis.

Q: How has Franklin Pierce stayed a part of his/her life since graduation?

He: We are both very involved with Franklin Pierce. Not only through my work on the Board of Trustees, but Helen has participated by hosting and sponsoring social events at our home and at other venues in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Florida. Also, our daughter, Jill, graduated from Franklin Pierce in '95. So, we are both involved as parents of a Franklin Pierce alumna.

She: Besides the aforementioned, we have hosted several receptions for alums, parents, and friends of the University, hoping to spread the word.



JILL (PETROCELLI) '91 MICHAEL LAMORETTI '90

Q: How did you meet your spouse?

He: My sister-in-law [Melissa (Petrocelli) Weinbaum '89] introduced us during my freshman year while Jilly was up visiting for the weekend.

She: We were at a party, and he looked like a lot of fun! I was right, and he still is a lot of fun.

Q: What was he/she involved in while at Franklin Pierce?

He: Jilly studied business management and enjoyed photography as well. She also studied abroad in Europe during one intersession and played on the volleyball team for a year; both were great experiences for her.

She: Michael studied finance and enjoyed on and off-campus events. He went abroad to South America to study, and we went to Europe together. Both experiences were ones he (we) will never forget. He loved glassblowing and photography; we have many pieces in our house that he did, and we continue to buy pieces because it reminds us of Franklin Pierce.

Q: What was his/her favorite thing about Franklin Pierce?

He: Me! Jilly loved how small Franklin Pierce was. When she would call the school, the operator would know her name. It was a place where you were able to know most people.

She: He loved the people! The teachers were great; it was a fun place to learn.

Q: What are your spouse's most significant contributions to Franklin Pierce since graduation?

He and She: Our most significant contribution to Pierce was being part of a new building, which meant so much to us and our entire family.

Q: How has Franklin Pierce stayed a part of his/her life since graduation?

He: Franklin Pierce has stayed a part of Jilly's life because she and I have stayed in touch with so many people who we love so much!

She: The friendships that he made will always keep Franklin Pierce close to us. Our college friends are now people we consider family. We believe that is the best part of Franklin Pierce.

MELISSA (PETROCELLI) '89 MICHAEL WEINBAUM '89



Q: How did you meet your spouse?

He: I met Missy in economics class. We would compare our test scores.

She: I can still remember sneaking a peek at his paper to find out what his name was because I thought he was really cute!

Q: What was he/she involved in while at Franklin Pierce?

He: Missy performed in many school plays – *Our Town*, *God*, and *The Wiz* were a few. I missed seeing her perform in *The Wiz*, and she doesn't let me forget it.

She: Michael was involved in intramural sports, including indoor hockey, softball, touch football, and basketball. He majored in Management. One of the highlights of his education was a Finance trip to South America. He was an active participant in many school functions such as spring weekends, concerts, Hockey Bash, and every other party in between!

Q: What was his/her favorite thing about Franklin Pierce?

He: New Hampshire dorm, girls Alco-Hall, Pizza Haven, roommate Mindy, having her sister Jill at school with her, school plays, air jams, girls softball team, intramurals, Hockey Bash, and Spring Weekend.

She: He loved Franklin Pierce for its "everyone knows your name" feeling and its great education, with professors who always had time for you. Some other favorites were Pizza Haven and Friends Chinese Restaurant. He actually made the newspaper for eating at Friends 14 days in a row!

Q: What are your spouse's most significant contributions to Franklin Pierce since graduation?

He and She: We, along with our family, are so excited and happy to have been a part of Franklin Pierce's new building, "Petrocelli Hall."

She: My sister Jilly met her husband, Michael Lamoretti, at Franklin Pierce as well. Add on to that our husbands were roommates, and you can imagine all the great memories and what a special place it is for all of us!

Q: How has Franklin Pierce stayed a part of his/her life since graduation?

He: Missy has stayed in touch with so many college friends to this day. The friendships she and I made in our four years will last a lifetime.

She: Michael has attended reunions and many alumni weekends over the years. He has stayed in touch with so many of his Franklin Pierce friends, but most especially his "Brown Trout" buddies! (They know who they are.) Last but not least, I am the reason college has stayed a part in his life, along with our three kids, Jared (19), Sam (16), and Camryn (12). Franklin Pierce is always in our home. 

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

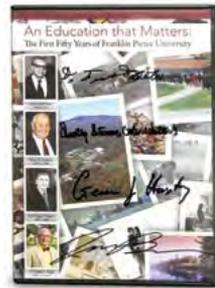


Prof. Peter Wallner signing copies of his book about President Franklin Pierce



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.



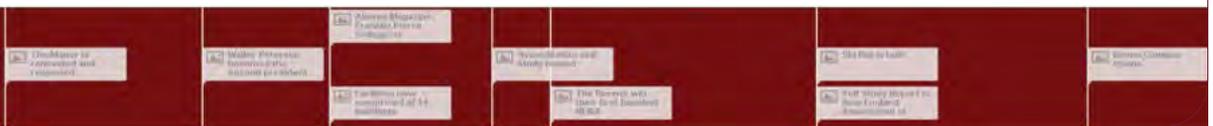
A student works out the logistics about how to construct one of the largest boxes in the Art for Dialogue project.



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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ADVENTURE RECREATION

By Lisa Murray

Every year the Adventure Recreation department organizes a Grand Monadnock climb in September. This annual tradition is a fun way for freshmen as well as upperclassmen, faculty, and staff to get to know Mount Monadnock – up close and personal. About 120 took part in the 2012 Grand Monadnock climb, which ended up in a surprising way for many people in the group. About 35 students, faculty, and staff assisted an injured woman they encountered near the summit of the mountain. They took turns carrying her down one of the steepest trails on a stretcher (and through the rain), along with members of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, and volunteers from the Upper Valley Wilderness Response Search and Rescue Team.

The letter of thanks on this page was sent to the University. The Franklin Pierce community is proud of the generous and caring (not to mention physically fit!) individuals who reached out to help so readily.

10/15/2012

To whom it may concern,

This letter is written to offer a great gratitude to the Franklin Pierce students who helped us in a time of alarming need.

On September 8, 2012, a group of individuals from UMass Lowell and Mill City Church in Lowell, MA hiked Mount Monadnock. On the summit of the mountain, one of our friends, Mia Parviainen, fell and broke her ankle very badly. We were confronted with the reality that we were atop a mountain with nowhere to turn and with a serious injury on our hands. It was then that a group of young men from Franklin Pierce stopped and helped us - they contacted the mountain patrol, helped wrap the ankle, kept Mia calm, and thought through the best plan of action. When the mountain patrol reached the summit, they explained that we would need to carry Mia down the mountain on a stretcher. It was estimated to be an 8 to 10 hour excursion, with rain on the way. Not only did those 4 young men offer to help, but the entire Franklin Pierce group that was hiking decided to serve us by helping carry Mia down the mountain. Our "8 to 10 hour" expected time proved wrong - with Franklin Pierce's help, we were able to get Mia down the mountain and on her way to the hospital in just 3 hours.

The purpose of this letter is to thank everyone who helped us out that day - the students and faculty who decided to sacrifice their time, energy, (and seeing the mountain top!) to offer their hands in our time of trouble. Please make sure this thank-you letter is circulated among the students and faculty who decided to offer their strength, kindness, and ability to see that our friend Mia made it down the mountain safely.

We are so thankful that you were all hiking that day. Every one of you made a huge difference. We had prayed for God's provision in Mia's situation, and we believe that He answered those prayers in you. Know that your selflessness is deeply appreciated by all of us!

With sincere gratitude,
Your friends at UMass Lowell and Mill City Church





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Hello Fellow Alumni,

My heartfelt thoughts to our alumni and their families and friends who lives have been impacted by the disaster of Sandy or the tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School. Please know that you are in the thoughts and prayers of your fellow alumni.

It gives me great pleasure to once again update you on the latest Alumni Board happenings. This has already been an exhilarating year for the University! During Alumni & Reunion Weekend, we kicked off our year-long 50th Anniversary celebration. The weekend-long kick-off included our 2nd Annual Alumni Career Symposium, a Pioneer and Alumni Association Board of Directors Past and Present Reception, and our annual Reunion Celebration and Evening of Excellence Awards Program. The celebrations ended with a premiere of *The First 50 Years of Franklin Pierce* – a documentary by Prof. Doug Challenger and Laurie Stamell – a spectacular fireworks display, and the inaugural Sprint Football game, which saw our Ravens take the number 1-ranked Quakers of

the University of Pennsylvania to the closing seconds.

In October we welcomed our new Director of Alumni Relations, Christina Young. Christina brings a breadth of experience in the Alumni Relations field to our University. She has already had an impact on our mission of engagement by collaborating with the Alumni Board on improved events and creating more opportunities to mingle with peers, as well as redesigning our Alumni Newsletter to make it more appealing and informative. This is just the tip of the iceberg. I am extremely excited to be working with Christina and look forward to updating you on future endeavors.

These are only a few of the exciting things going on within your Alumni Association. We hope to see you at an event soon. To learn more, go to: www.franklinpierce.edu/alumni

Adam Grill '89
Alumni Association Board President

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The Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program at Franklin Pierce University is offered in both Concord, N.H., and Goodyear, Ariz. Franklin Pierce at Goodyear recently moved to a beautiful new location! Franklin Pierce's DPT program is CAPTE-accredited and prepares graduates for work in hospitals, skilled nursing and assisted living facilities, outpatient clinics, wellness and sports facilities, and private homes.

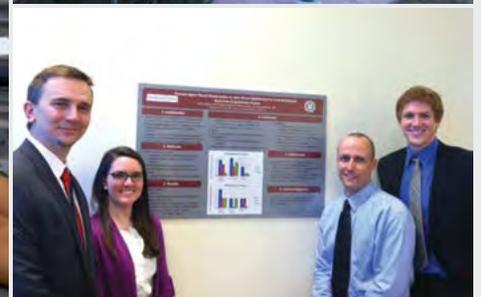


Dr. Josh Cleland directs DPT lab students in Concord.

The DPT program can be completed in two and a half academic years and includes 32 weeks of full-time clinical work in various settings. The employment rate of Franklin Pierce DPT graduates has been 100 percent within six months of passing the licensing exam – no wonder that this is a very competitive and popular program!



Dr. Jodi Young demonstrating a technique in Goodyear.



Above: New facilities for Goodyear, Ariz. center.
Bottom: Goodyear students learn to critically evaluate published research.

Phi·lan·thro·py

[fi-lan-thruh-pee]

the desire to promote the welfare of others, usually manifested by the generous donation of money to institutions of learning, good causes, hospitals, and other socially useful purposes.

A Tradition of Generosity Begins

By Kathryn Buttrick

“Generosity is the flower of justice!” exclaimed Nathaniel Hawthorne, a close friend of U.S. President Franklin Pierce. In 1864, when Hawthorne was in his dying days, he sought help from Pierce; Hawthorne asked him to care for his children after he was gone. That day, President Pierce began a legacy of generosity toward children and students which was especially meaningful, because President Pierce and his wife had three children who all died in childhood.

Just as President Pierce cared for Hawthorne’s children in need, so too are our alumni caring for students. Our 50th Anniversary year marks an exciting alumni initiative; several alumni have decided to show their support by matching the funds raised for class gifts. These alumni were inspired because last year, a large portion of the Franklin Pierce student body participated in their class giving: 43 percent of the Seniors, 24 percent of the Juniors, 19 percent of the Sophomores, and 41 percent of the Freshmen. The alumni were impressed and decided they wanted to help.

Mike Gasper ’01, who was the Student Government Association president for two years, a parliamentarian, and a class president, is going to match the Freshman gift. In the tradition of President Franklin Pierce, Michael is excited about creating a culture of philanthropy among the students so that they are inspired to support our students when they become alumni.

Mike Hanley ’97 and Donna Hanley are matching the Sophomore gift. “I’m not much for words for the most part, but I can truthfully say that I would not have accomplished and

experienced everything that has been a part of my life without all of the people who contributed to my life,” said Mike. “The teachers and instructors who have shared their knowledge, the students and friends who have shared their expertise, and the people who have shared financially are the reason that my life is what it is. The more each of us shares, the greater number of people we touch.”

“The word philanthropy has its roots in the Greek language meaning 'love for mankind.' It was never meant to apply only to donors of thousands or millions of dollars.” ~ Arthur C. Frantzreb

The Junior gift will be matched by a graduate of the Class of 1981 who wishes to remain anonymous. In April 2012, he visited the campus for the first time since graduation and was so inspired by the students and changes on campus that he decided to match the Junior Class gift. Provost Kim Mooney describes him as “a former class leader, but not just in name and title. He was always warm, personable, and approachable and was known as a good friend to others. He loved Franklin Pierce then, and he loves it now.”

We are grateful for every gift that alumni, students, parents, and friends give to help students at Franklin Pierce University. We are especially proud of the class leaders who are inspiring the habit of giving among students and for the alumni who are matching those gifts. It is a meaningful legacy worthy of the generosity President Franklin Pierce showed to Nathaniel Hawthorne’s children. 

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Ricky Gray's Journey from Military to Golf

By Dave Sweet '15, Athletics Student Feature Writer

For many students, a college education is an expected steppingstone in life, with the expectation of going to college at age 18, or else facing an unfulfilled life plagued by mediocrity! For men's golf's Ricky Gray, the path to a university education was not so simple.

"I didn't care too much for high school," said Gray, a senior from Jaffrey, N.H. "I never really studied, never tried too hard on my schoolwork. I knew at that point that I still had a lot to learn, and college wasn't for me. So I joined the military."

Gray enlisted in the army straight out of high school, at which point he was sent to Washington, D.C. to serve as a member of the Honor Guard. The experience, Gray emphasized, taught him a greater sense of appreciation.

"You're constantly following someone else's schedule," he said. "So you have to quickly learn to discipline yourself, or you won't make it. It makes you realize how good we have our lives, especially the small things that we take for granted every day. I remember the first day they took everything away from us: personal items, electronics, any source of communication. I remember that something as little as receiving a letter became a huge source of motivation for me, which is different compared to a world where people communicate instantly."

Two years into his service, Gray got into a serious car accident and suffered a traumatic brain injury. He rehabbed at Walter Reed Medical Center in Virginia for nine months. It was during this time that he began to take lessons from a pro in the area, Jim

Estes, who offered free lessons to veterans as part of the Salute to Military Golf Association. Up until that point, Gray had never touched a golf club.

"The first four or five months I started playing, I probably played more golf than most people play in a year and a half. I would go to the range and practice every single day," Gray said.

After a year working as a correctional officer, Gray decided he had changed his mind about college. Knowing the military could pay for his education, he applied to Franklin Pierce and joined the golf team. Through three seasons with the team, he has produced three top-20 finishes, and this past season as a member of the regular rotation, he averaged a score of 81.4. Currently in the process of applying to graduate schools, Gray hopes to put his degree in psychology to use once he has completed his education.

"I'd really like to work with veterans," he said, "and help them out with their adjustment back to civilian life. I've been there. I know what it's like to have a traumatic injury and then get forced back out into the world. I want to help those people." Ironically enough, Ricky Gray has found that the education he once loathed may be his biggest asset – that, and the discipline instilled in him by the United States Army.

"It really is strange to think about it. Ten years ago – even five years ago – I never would have imagined I'd be where I am today," Gray reflected. "There are a lot of people and a lot of places I could thank for that, but it would be too soon. I'm still not finished." 



Photo by Richard Orr



Volleyball's Catie Swiderski Finds Strength Through Tragedy

By Dave Sweet '15, Athletics Student Feature Writer

There are no guarantees in life. Every single day circumstances change. To put it mildly, women's volleyball's Catie Swiderski has dealt with changes far beyond what is expected of a typical 20-year-old. While doing so, she has proven that no matter how dire the circumstances, it is how one reacts to change – not the changes alone – that determine who you are and where you are headed.

When Swiderski was 11 years old, she lost her mother to a four-year battle with breast cancer. Devastated, she looked for ways to pay tribute to her late mother's memory.

"I actually never played volleyball before," she said. "That was kind of new for me back then. But my dad was always big on it, and I just fell in love with the sport. And then we found out about all the fundraising opportunities, and it went hand-in-hand with what I wanted to do. I could play the sport I loved but do something for my mom at the same time."

The fundraiser Swiderski referred to is called the Side-Out Foundation, which is a nonprofit that raises money for breast cancer awareness and research. Side-Out fundraises primarily through "Dig-Pink" events, which are volleyball matches that encourage fans to wear pink, collect information, and donate to the cause. Swiderski began fundraising for the foundation directly when she was in the 10th grade in her hometown (Rocky Point, N.Y.).

"We had donated to Side-Out before, but there was no real affiliation with the program on Long Island. So we had to get that started on our own," she said. "My dad and I proposed it as an idea to one of the coaches, who proposed the idea to someone else, and then it kind of just took off from there."

In three years of fundraising at Rocky Point High School, Swiderski helped raise more than \$30,000. Her younger sister, Jaclyn, continues to lead fundraising efforts there. At Franklin Pierce, Swiderski has also had fundraising success. In 2011, the team raised more than \$1,400 through the Dig-Pink program, and upped the total by raising more than \$3,000 this past year.

Swiderski identifies fundraising as a key element in her life. Even if she didn't have such a personal connection to the cause, Swiderski still believes charitable efforts would have a special place in her heart.

"I have my own reasons for getting involved," she said, "but I think even if I didn't have those reasons, I would still want to get involved. I think our generation needs to step up, take charge, and take initiative for these kinds of causes. If we don't start giving back to the community, how can we expect anyone else to?"

Although her off-the-court efforts are remarkable, Swiderski leaves quite the impression on the volleyball court as well. In high school she was a four-year starter as



Photo by Richard Orr

outside hitter, three of which she was team captain. Swiderski holds her school's record for kills, hitting percentage, and aces in a single match. As a freshman in 2011, she started every game for the Ravens and led the team in kills and aces per set. In 2012, she ranked second on the team with 272 kills, helping to guide Franklin Pierce to the NCAA Division II Tournament.

Eight years since the passing of her mother, Swiderski maintains that she has in fact gained something from her family's ordeal. She proves that in even the most difficult circumstances, good can prevail out of any type of change.

"Obviously, I wish none of this ever happened, but I always say that I'm a completely different person because it did," she said. "I think it changed me and my entire family for the better. It pushed me to get involved in the community and help people. It showed me the importance of family and to never take anyone for granted. So not only have I matured as a person, but not having her here has made me that much closer to my family. It's hard to really describe, and I'm sure it's even harder to understand, but where I am today could never have happened if things didn't go the way they did. I won't forget that." 



A Jill of All Trades: *Women's Cross Country's Ashley Maresca*

By Dave Sweet '15, Athletics Student Feature Writer

The life of a student athlete is a demanding one to say the least: homework, practice, study, practice, more studying and more practice – all the while maintaining a social life. One would think it is nearly impossible to have time for much else.

Women's cross country's Ashley Maresca disproves that theory. Not only does she maintain her studies and practice daily, she is a uniquely talented musician.

"I think it's beneficial for athletes to do things outside of their sport, because it's important to be well rounded," Ashley said. "The college experience is one of those situations where you get out of it what you put into it. When you involve yourself in different activities, you allow yourself the opportunity to meet new people and try things that may be out of your comfort zone."

So what exactly is Ashley's comfort zone, you might ask? Well that all depends on where you begin.

Her love for music was triggered early. She began taking piano lessons as a child, and as school continued, she partook in chorus and developed her vocal skills along with the piano. But her love for music did not stop there. A few years ago, she taught herself to play the guitar and even managed to learn the ukulele (yes, the ukulele). No formal lessons necessary, however; she taught herself.

Today she attempts to apply that sense of self-teaching to her own music. Her YouTube channel features covers of songs like "Who You Are" by Jessie J and "Glitter in the Air" by P!nk. But each cover has a unique sense of individuality to it. Her cover of "Keep Your Head Up" by Andy Grammer, for example, is a delightful, faster-paced acoustic version. That sense of identity in her music is something Ashley strives for.

"My music is different from most of the mainstream because it's personal to me. Making music is a way for me to positively portray

my emotions," Ashley said. "Most mainstream music nowadays isn't even written by the artist and has a meaning that is intended to appeal to the listener, rather than music that comes straight from the artist's heart."

The Franklin Pierce newcomer is no slouch on the track either. She was a district all-star at North Warren High School (Chestertown, N.Y.) for all four years. Her team was league champion her senior year and participated in the statewide meet.

So does it end there? Not even close.

In the classroom, Ashley plans on becoming a Health Sciences major. "I want to be a doctor," she said, "but more specifically, I want to work with alternative medicine. Instead of just giving patients pills or something like that to ease pain, I want to try to find the root of the cause and fix it more permanently. It sounds corny, but I really just want to make the world a healthier place."

Oh... and she just happens to be a published photographer. She bought a camera a few years ago and became fascinated with the hobby. So much so, in fact, that *Muscle Machines* – an auto magazine – published one of her photos.

So there it is. In a world where student athletes are so often bounded by their need to practice and study, and then study more and practice some more, Ashley Maresca personifies the power that someone with a well-rounded skillset can have. Sure, she can probably run faster than you, sing better, and take better photos. But all the while, she demonstrates a kind of subtle humility you wouldn't expect to be paired with such talent.

"Fame isn't what's important," she made clear. "That's not something I expect out of life. I simply love making music because it's a form of expression. Some people yell. I go run, or take pictures, or write a song. In the end, I just want to help people. Until then, I'm going to keep doing what makes me happy."



Photo by Richard Orr

Class Notes

1967

Hugh Fiore reports that his middle daughter, Melissa, gave birth to twin girls Sept. 17, 2012, bringing their total number of grandchildren to four. They had all three children, spouses, and grandchildren in Florida for Thanksgiving. The gang totaled 12, and a great time was had by all!

1968

Leonard Teitler is currently married and has a 6-year old grandson.

Albert Isola and **Valerie (Petrucci) Isola** celebrated their 44th wedding anniversary on Dec. 1, 2012.

Margaret (O'Leary) Cain and her husband, Bill, built a new home in St. Johnsbury, Vt., and retired there at the end of 2010. The Cains have continued their lust for travel and visited Belize and Guatemala in March 2012 and Greenland in August 2012. Plans for 2013 include trips to Jordan, Slovenia, Croatia, and Venice.

1969

Paul Marzell has been taking ballroom dancing lessons for the past 2½ years. Last May, Paul underwent quintuple open heart by-pass surgery, but recovered well. Paul is working full-time as a professional tax advisor and tax advocate, representing property taxpayers in having their property assessment and taxes reduced so that they do not pay more than their fair share.

Leslie (Les) Weitzman has been married to Andrea for 41 years. They live in Bryn Mawr, Pa. Leslie is vice president of Park America, Inc. and operates parking lots and garages along the East Coast. They have three grown children and six grandchildren ranging in ages from 1 to 7 years old.

Fred Dioguardi is living on Singer Island in Palm Beach County, Fla., with his wife, Robin. Fred has a part-time job working in the paint department at the Home Depot in Lake Park, and his wife has a cleaning business. Their daughters, Amanda and Courtney, are both married and working in New York.

Tom Cafone lives in San Diego, Calif., and is a professional speaker; he has given keynote speeches, seminars, and workshops in most of the 50 states and in 5 countries on effective communication in business, team-building, leadership, and more. He also assists people in creating an early retirement for themselves ... and is often found on various golf courses. Contact him at Tom@TomCafone.com.

1970

Joseph Cafaro is currently providing counseling services to students at Fairleigh Dickinson University.

Philip Bruno is brokering overstock books for publishers, living in Manhattan, and enjoying life.

1971

Philip "Kip" Charbonneau is a retired school administrator for Webster Public Schools in Webster, Mass.

1972

Daniel Doll attended Franklin Pierce from 1968-1970. He enjoyed his two years, but transferred and finished at Wagner College in Staten Island, N.Y., in 1972. Daniel has been married for 38 years, and has

two sons. His wife is a special ed teacher, and he has been working as an operating engineer in New York City for 35 years.

Jack Alexander married **Deborah Peacock '71** after graduation in June 1972; they celebrated their 40th this past year. They have three children: Robert (Alex), Margaret, and Anne Spencer. Alex has a daughter, (10); and Maggie has a daughter (9), and a son (2). Maggie graduated from medical school in 2010 and is a pediatric resident at Children's Hospital in Columbia, S.C. Jack's email: vintageboy944@yahoo.com.

Michele (Elichman) Cherney is a physician recruiter working for a large medical group in Southern California and is expecting her first grandchild in March. She is still best friends with **Andrea Rosenberg Zeigler** who is also in California; they were roommates in 1972!

1974

Rona (Sincoff) Dudas has two children, Amanda and Jordan.

Barry Dworkin left Worcester, Mass., for Los Angeles after the winter of 1978. Barry has been married to Jane (from Los Angeles) for 32 years. Their daughter, Jennifer, is 30, married, and a school teacher; their son, David, is 25 and still in school.

Charles Deitch retired from General Dynamics in September. He is currently living in Lake Worth, Fla. Charlie is still playing softball, tennis, and has a mobile disc jockey business in sunny South Florida.

Anthony Albanese is the superintendent of schools in Margaretville, N.Y. He has one grandson, Nico, born Jan. 31, 2011.

1975

Marietta R. Stone Anastas and her husband, John, have launched a new business, Wolf Products, LLC. It is an environmentally friendly bird deterrent. Visit them at www.FearWolf.com for more information.

Lawrence Abramson and his wife, Patti, enjoy being grandparents to Xander Carl Chen, born May 11, 2012. Their youngest son, Marc, is in the Peace Corps in Zambia; middle daughter, Kate, is a social worker in D.C.; and their oldest daughter, Emily, is finishing a fellowship in sports medicine in Arlington, Texas.

Deborah (Phillips) Whittle married **Harte J. Whittle '74** on Oct. 4, 1975. They have been married for 37 wonderful years and have two great sons.

1976

Kenneth Willey retired three years ago and lives in Deerfield, N.H. Kenneth has worked for a company called AssureTec Systems in Manchester, N.H., which designs and manufactures documentation and identification systems used in identification of licenses and passports. Kenneth was a senior design engineer.

Helene (Greenewald) Just says, "To our friends at Franklin Pierce, our family experienced a life-altering event. Hurricane Sandy devastated our home but renewed our faith in friends and family and tested our strength. Happily, we won out over Sandy."

1978

This year **Josh Krantz** will celebrate 25 years as the CEO and president of National Property Associates, Inc. Married for 25 years to Heidi, they have a son, Jake, at UMass, and a daughter, Alexis, who will go to University of Indiana next year. For the last 25 years, **Gregg Royer's** family and Josh's have gone on skiing vacations together in Colorado.

Glenn Vitale settled in Milford, Conn., and has three offices and three partners in practice in the New Haven area. He would love to see all of you for this year's Alumni Weekend, class of '78 or not! If you can not make it for the reunion, please get in touch with Glen at: footfixers4@aol.com.

1980

Amy Gardner is a meteorologist and writer (who returned to Rindge for Franklin Pierce's summer program, "The Press & the Presidency"). Amy married a wonderful, kind, midwestern man in 2010 and moved to his farm in Kansas. Amy misses Maureen Brannigan and **Lisa Weidner '82** (in memory) and encourages friends and fellow alum to stay in touch! rotatingstorm2004@yahoo.com

Charles Callahan returned to school to earn a BSN at UMass-Amherst. He is working in the emergency department at Mercy Medical Center, Springfield, Mass. Currently working on his master's degree, Charles is enjoying time with his wife, Donna, and his children and grandchild, Sabina. Charles continues to reside in Palmer, Mass.

1981

Colonel Michael Braman recently retired from the United States Air Force after a 31-year career. He started a second career as a consultant with Rylex Consulting, LLC, in Layton, Utah.

Rebecca (Jorn) Decker took a year off while she and her family moved to the Eastern Shore region of Maryland. This year she is teaching 8th grade English and loves being back in the classroom! Becky continues to enjoy her children and her 1-year-old grandson, Miles. A special shout-out to Class of '81 and Psycho Ward!

Karen (Harms) Pearson has been in Aruba for 21 years, living the island life. She enjoys working as a wholesale distributor. Karen's son, Bryan, is attending Montclair State University in New Jersey, and Tyler is attending school in Aruba. Karen would love to see any friends who come to the island: karendharms@gmail.com.

1982

Roberta (Szewczyk) Bergeron has been working as the senior microbiologist for Medtronic Vascular in Danvers, Mass., for 10+ years. She has a beautiful 1½-year-old grandson. Roberta is active in her church and has traveled to India and Romania on mission trips; in 2013 she will go to Haiti with Convoy of Hope.

Rachel (Rauch) and Andrew Schwartz '81 returned to Rindge to celebrate their 30th Reunions consecutively in 2011 and 2012. Daniel, their first son, has a full-time job at Stony Brook University in admissions. David, their second son, is a junior at Franklin Pierce majoring in Social Work/Counseling. Andy sold his dental practice and is now a full-time professor at Stony Brook University Dental School; he is the 3rd year clinical coordinator. They have purchased 43 acres in Jaffrey and hope to build a house and retire in New Hampshire.

1983

Jeffrey Feld and **Peggy (O'Brien) Feld** celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary this past April. They have two daughters: Elisabeth (22), who is pursuing her Ph.D. in Analytical Chemistry at Louisiana State University on a full fellowship scholarship, and Emily (18), graduating from high school this coming June.

Nestor Soto is an ordained minister who has served in pastoral and chaplaincy ministries over the past 20 years. In 2011, Nestor completed his M.A. in Biblical Literature at the Alliance Theological Seminary in Nyack, N.Y. In January, he will begin to serve as the pastor of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church in Peckville, Pa.

1984

Gerald Cooke is working as the director of marketing for two multi-disciplined medical centers in northern New Jersey. He lives on a working timber farm in northwest New Jersey near the Delaware Water Gap with his wife, Jody, and daughter, Melanie.

1985

Stephen Laro retired from the U.S. Air Force after 23 years and is enjoying visits from family. He wishes all of you the very best!

James German is the project lead at Amtrak for New Multi Year \$300 M Passenger Car Procurement program. He has married again with a total of five kids. As his 17 year old is looking at college, James is not sure where the time has gone since '85! He hopes to see all of you at the Reunion.

1986

Thomas King-McMahon and his wife of 17 years are living in the East Bay, just outside of San Francisco. Thomas has accepted a new position at UCSF-Mission Bay as a senior research associate and lab manager for two large labs. He just completed 21 years at Ernest Gallo Clinic and Research Center as a research associate.

1987

Rob Taylor is living in Dover, N.H., and can be emailed at: Taltos42@comcast.net.

Randolph Razook retired from MIT Lincoln Laboratory in September 2011, when he accepted a position with Modern Technology Solutions, Inc. as a flight test engineer under contract to the Missile Defense Agency's Theater High Altitude Area Defense program. Randy and his wife recently celebrated a 30th wedding anniversary on Sept. 11, 2012.

1988

Stephen Arwine is working as the support manager at the U.S. Embassy in Kabul and is responsible for the effective operation of various project activities, including IT, housing, transportation, project controls, logistics, procurement, security, subcontracts, and property accounting; compliance with federal regulations and periodic interface with U.S. government entities is also required.

Nan McCarthy reports that in January 2012 she was invited to become an associate member of the Miniature Painters, Gravers & Sculptors Society of Washington, D.C., where she has exhibited for years. Her work continues to sell at Surroundings Art Gallery in Center Sandwich, N.H., and The Gallery at Well Sweep in Hillsborough, N.H. www.nanmccarthy.com

1989

Ronald Biron, a graduate of CGPS '89 and '12, was campus director for the West Lebanon Center of Franklin Pierce College from 2003-2006. He was recently named President of Lebanon College.

Laura (Wehman) Miller finished her Associates in Accounting degree in December 2012 and is now helping her husband at the family business of Spectro Oils of America, in Brookfield, Conn. Race Hill Farm continues to grow; they put up about 10,000 bales of hay this year for their 23 head of cattle.

1990

Ilona Reinitzer recently published a book about the true survival story of her 84-year-old father, Julius Reinitzer. The title of the book is *The Nine Lives of Julius*. You can read a summary of the book at her website: www.ninelivesofjulius.com

1991

Frank Roth has begun finishing his M.B.A. in Healthcare Administration with Franklin Pierce University's online M.B.A. program. Frank also works as the director of eligibility certification and outreach for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority in Washington, D.C. He leads a team of 22 who are responsible for determining eligibility for paratransit service and more.

1992

David Schmidt is married to Eileen and has a 6-year-old son, PJ; they live in Westwood, N.J. David is the district sales manager of Fedway Associates. Fellow alumni that he hangs outs with are **Bill "Cheech" Hall, Tom Bott, Chris Schmidt, Eric Incandela, Brad Slovickowski, Bill Williamson, Dave Robinson, Gregg Doody, and Kevin Calhoun.**

Elaine (Jubar) Sampson graduated with a Master of Science in Rehabilitation Counseling in August and took a position as a visiting instructor at West Virginia University in the Counseling, Rehabilitation Counseling and Counseling Psychology Department. Elaine attained national certification as a certified rehabilitation counselor and is a member of the Golden Key and Chi Sigma Iota International Honor Societies.

Gregory Doody enjoyed seeing so many people at the 20th reunion! Gregory currently serves on the Board of Trustees at the University and has recently been elected as the chairperson of the Student Life and Athletics Committee. If you want to become more involved or want to plan a trip to campus, contact him at: greggd01@yahoo.com.

1993

Wendy (Ashkenazy) Farr is married to Lee Farr; they have two children, a boy Preston (7) and a girl Emercyn (5) and live in Phoenix, Ariz. Wendy has a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction from Arizona State University and is currently a professor at the College of Education at Arizona State University.

Carolyn (Levey) Ward started a new career in business after teaching for several years. She worked for someone for about eight years until she decided to start her own business. Now she owns a construction company working as a sub-contractor, supplying and installing toilet partitions, lockers, casework, marker boards, and other miscellaneous building specialties.

1994

Dianne Paquette M.B.A. '10, celebrated 21 years of marriage with her husband, Joe. Dianne is working at Osram Sylvania Inc. in finance and has started a side

career as a voiceover artist. Her son, Jeff (18), just voted in his first election, and Justin (14) just entered high school. Email Dianne at: dipaaphoto@comcast.net or PaqVoice@comcast.net.

Maurice Richard retired in 1994. Maurice now has two grandchildren and a great-grandchild. Maurice celebrated 49 years of marriage in October 2012. He was previously the president of Dover Children's Home and a board member of DSCC. He continues to have a small Ebay business and is involved with the School of Esoteric Sciences.

Christine (Bohnert) Bredow is working as a full-time special education teacher outside of Lake Tahoe, Nev. She has two beautiful girls, both under the age of five, and has been married for almost eight years. Christine and her family will be going East this summer to Long Beach Island where her family recently survived Sandy.

Michele Ladone and **Theodore Sobocienski '91** met at Pierce back in 1990 and were married in 2000 – not technically newlyweds, but very happy!

1995

Mary Lou (Wahl) Lindquist and husband **Dan Lindquist** will be married 24 years on April 1, 2013. They now live in Palm Harbor, Fla., with their two daughters, Sarah (20) and Emily (17).

1996

Damon Peter Rallis is entering his 12th year as a municipal employee for the Town of Southold. He lives in Mattituck, N.Y., with his partner, Joanna Land, and his two boys, Luca Owen (8) and Destin Elijah (5). Damon has also found success as an award-winning freelance writer and humorist.

Mark "Pappy" Alloway lives in Barnard, Vt., and has been happily married for 8½ years to his wonderful bride, Sally. He is a professional actor working with Act One Productions. He also works as a substitute teacher in Hanover, N.H. For the past four years, Mark and Sally have spent February and March in Garden City, S.C.

1998

Scott R. Caseley signed on with MuseItUp Publishing in 2012 for the publication of his novel, *Isosceles*, a young adult coming-of-age mystery/romance. It was released on Jan. 11, 2013. For more information, visit: www.museituppublishing.com

1999

Jaime (Danowski) Marilotta is still teaching junior high social studies on eastern Long Island. Jaime and her husband, Jack, have a 2½-year-old son, Jack, and a 5-month-old daughter, Sophia. Jamie is loving life, despite her disbelief at turning 35 on Thanksgiving – how did that happen?!

Claudia Pazmino has over 10 years of professional experience in TV production with a diverse background in different types of programming. Claudia has worked on reality shows, biographies, documentary series, clip/countdown shows, and a talk show. She also has experience in producing special events, live events, panel discussions, and workshops.

2000

Chrissy Hogue brings her comedic and dramatic tour de force to the stage in Robert Lynn's, *The Stupid Economy*. Through personal accounts, the show gets to the heart of the matter of what is ailing our country, providing a launching point for a conversation about where we have been and where we are going as individuals and as a country.

2002

Hilary Shaw is engaged to Michael Finklestein. A September 2013 wedding is planned in Maine. They reside in Washington, D.C.



Michael Whitney '02 and son, Davis Michael.

Michael Whitney is an advocate for adoption and hopes to adopt again soon. He was the top agent again in 2012 for New Hampshire with production and sales. He loves working at a homeless shelter. He has a one-year-old son named Davis Michael.

Christine Lewis '02, M.B.A. '06 and Thom Horton were married on Aug. 4, 2012, in Brookline, N.H. The couple met their first week of freshman year while living in Granite Hall. Christine works at UMass-Lowell as a research data analyst, and Thom is a full-time caregiver for his father and grandmother.

Kelly (Sullivan) LaValle and Joseph LaValle were married on March 25, 2012.

2003

Rebecca (Thibault) Dobson was married in 2008; she and her husband are living in Manchester, N.H. Rebecca gave birth to her second child at the end of 2012. After teaching for a few years, Rebecca decided that being a stay-at-home mom was more beneficial. They are enjoying every minute of their lives in New Hampshire . . . still!

Jacqueline (McDunnah) Metzger and her husband purchased a single family home and continue to reside in Wallingford, Conn. Jacqueline recently began a new position as a marketing director/senior administrator. She also works as a part-time business instructor in the evenings.

Ian Diamondstone graduated from the M.B.A. program and opened his own company this year called New Forest: www.newforestorganics.net. Ian works with farmer groups in Indonesia and Guatemala to bring their certified organic tropical spices to the international market. Ian was an entrepreneur before he earned his M.B.A. from Franklin Pierce.

2004

Benjamin Clemons was married in May 2012 to Jodi Sutherland.



Christine Lewis (MBA '06) and Thom Horton were married on Aug. 4, 2012.

G. Andrew Bucci and his wife, Sarah, just purchased a home in Rocky Hill, Conn.

Jenn (Scott) Forry lives in Brookline, Mass., with her husband, Ryan, and her, two sons, Liam (5) and Aiden (3). She completed a master's degree in Education from Suffolk University and is the director of residence life at Newbury College. Jenn serves on the Alumni Board of Directors as secretary and co-chaired the Boston Area Out of Darkness Walk for Suicide Prevention 2011-2012.

Jennifer Melnyk recently moved from northern New Jersey to western North Carolina in July 2012. She graduated with a master's degree in I/O Psychology in September which has freed up time to hike, fish, horseback ride, and keep up with her artistic side. Jennifer is working as a human resource manager for an insurance firm.

Tracy Mallette is currently SEO copywriter for Brookstone.

Geoffrey Caldwell and a friend opened their own independent business in 2011 – an automotive service and repair shop named Universal Auto Repair in Ashland, Mass. In 20 months they doubled the size of the shop and added three lifts; they now employ two additional technicians. Geoffrey plans to complete the Metacomet-Monadnock trail in the summer of 2013.

Amy (Renczkowski) Erhart married Jeffrey Erhart in Mystic, Conn., on July 15, 2012.

Corinne (Curtin) Braciska and husband, Christopher Braciska, live in Boston. They welcomed a beautiful baby boy into the world named Ethan on April 27, 2011. Corinne works for TD Bank and helped open her second new branch in May of 2012 in Acton, Mass., where she is the bank supervisor. Corinne is in the Littleton Rotary Club.

2005

Michael and Rebecca (Robitaille) Bagtaz recently celebrated their 5th wedding anniversary; they were married on January 26, 2008. Rebecca also recently received her master's in Education from Rivier University.

Brian Roy MBA became the director of IT business consulting at RSA Corporation in February 2012. He also successfully defended his dissertation at Franklin Pierce as part of the Doctor of Arts program. So it is now, "Dr. Brian P. Roy." Brian is also married (back in 2002) to **Dr. Lisa Roy**, who is a 2007 graduate of the Franklin Pierce Doctor of Physical Therapy program.

2006

Jennifer Bulcao has recently relocated from Newport, R.I., to San Diego. She has been hired as the M.B.A. program coordinator at San Diego State University.

Abigail (Nichols) May and her husband, **Daniel May '07**, were blessed with a son, Noah Michael May, on Aug. 2, 2011, at Southwestern Vermont Medical Center in Bennington, Vt.



Front Row: Joseph LaValle (groom), Angela Foley '01
Second Row: Kelly (Sullivan) LaValle '02 (bride), Carolyn Jepsen '01, Kris Beckeman '03
Third Row: Rebecca Gomes '03, Harmony (Goldstein) McQuillan '03, Beth Adams '01, Amanda (Hakala) Schuster '02, Sarah (Miles) Beckeman '04, Meghan (Merolla) Sheffield '01
Fourth Row: Crystal (Martin) Herrmann '01, Peter Spinazola '05, Meghann Wright '05, Jason Perry '02, John Herrmann '01, Layla Moore '02, David Pottle '02, Peter Williams '04, Shana Haggerty '02

Angie Wirtanen has a new job: she works in digital advertising for Carnegie Communications, a leader in higher education marketing and enrollment solutions. Angie works with colleges and universities to help build online recruitment strategies to increase enrollment through display, SEO, and PPC campaigns. Angie got married and bought a house in Westminster, Mass., this year.



Abby May '06 and Daniel May '07 with their son Noah.

Jessica Gale-Tanner and **Benjamin Tanner** have been together for 10 years and will celebrate their 7th wedding anniversary this summer. Ben is the assistant store manager at Hannaford in Rindge, N.H. Jessica is a part-time receptionist at Adams Animal Hospital in Athol, Mass., and is currently looking for full-time employment. Their 3-year-old son, Cory, keeps them both very happy and busy.

Tracy (Goguen) Johnson married her husband, Marc, in 2009 and went on to earn a master's degree in Education from New England College. Tracy works as an elementary teacher. Tracy and Marc reside in Athol, Mass.

Talesha Caynon started a new job as an associate attorney at Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer and Nelson, P.A. in August. She works at the firm's Manchester, N.H., office. The firm represents Franklin Pierce.

The families of **Sean Gill** and Teri Mercurio announced their engagement on Dec. 21, 2012.

Matthew Fisher and wife **Jennifer (Desantis) Fisher** were married in October 2009; they met the first day of freshman year. They welcomed their daughter, Madysen, in June 2012.

Catherine "Kitty" Glines was hired by Franklin Pierce University to design a memorial stained glass window for a 1970 alum. It was finished in November 2012 and is hanging in Cheney Hall.

Nicole Adams and **Kim Hart '08** were married in November 2010.

Nathaniel Horowitz is working full-time in his family roofing business and part-time on his fortune. Nate started a new part-time business which launched its New Hampshire market in January. Nate was elected in 2012 as a City of Kingston legislator, with great help during his campaign from fellow alum, **Michael Liik '06**.

Caitlin (Nurge) Harrison and Andrew Harrison were married on April 28, 2012, in New Rochelle, N.Y. Many Franklin Pierce alumni were in attendance. They live in Riverdale, Bronx, N.Y. Andrew works in advertising in New York City and Caitlin works in publications in Westchester, N.Y.

Laurie (Mignanelli) Grant earned her A.S. Computers at Northern Essex and a B.S. General Studies at Franklin Pierce University. She is an employee benefits AINS, CISR. Laurie married Keith Grant of Haverhill in June 2011, and has two daughters, Stephanie and Christina.

2007

Matthew Sullivan owns the Galley Restaurant & Pub in Naples, Maine – the winner of the 2012 "Best Sandwich In New England" on Adam Richman's Travel Channel Show. On Feb. 21, 2009, Matthew married Meghann.

Scott Marshall bought a house in Watertown, Mass., with his wife of three years, Paola Badillo Samperio. Scott left his role as senior accountant/financial analyst at Charles Stark Draper Laboratory and is now working as a senior financial analyst at Commonwealth Care Alliance in Boston. Scott is also pursuing his M.B.A. in Finance at Bentley University.

Kyle Graham is currently the director of search engine marketing at Blitz Media in Waltham, Mass. Kyle and his wife have a 2½-year-old daughter named Neely, and a son, Isaac, born on Dec. 7, 2012.

Sara Estis is halfway through completing her Master of Art in Teaching degree with secondary licensure at Northeastern University. She will be doing her student teaching at Quincy High School this winter, and she is looking forward to graduating and starting work next fall!

Joseph Fagelli spent three years in the journalism field, and then another three in sales since 2009; he is currently a sales consultant for UniFirst Corporation in Nashville, Tenn. Joe has a wife, Angela, and two baby girls, Amelia Marie and Lydia Noel. They live about an hour north of Music City (right over the Kentucky state line).

Bethany Pelletier and **Peter Kirchmann** were married on May 19, 2012, in Williamstown, Mass. They reside in Pittsfield, Mass.

2008

Molly (Joseph) Tinker walked across Spain last fall on the Camino de Santiago, then moved back to Maine, and got married to Craig Tinker on August 25, 2012. She is a preschool teacher at a school for children with autism.

Kelly Nolen became the administrative assistant for the Professional Fire Fighters of Vermont, located in South Burlington, Vt., in September 2012.

Nicole Kedaroo received her M.F.A. degree in Dance Performance and Choreography from Smith College.



Bethany Pelletier Kirchmann '07 and Peter Kirchmann '07 on their wedding day, May 19, 2012.

She has served as dance faculty and guest artist at Smith College, UMass Amherst, Providence College, and Springfield College. In 2011, Nicole moved to Atlanta, Ga., and utilizes her arts management degree working as an education associate for the renowned Atlanta Ballet.

Jenna (Mello) Renaud and Keith Renaud '11 were married on Sept. 3, 2011, and are living in Derry, N.H., with their beloved pup, Ollie. Keith is working for Bolthouse Farms, and Jenna recently joined Edge Memory.

2009

Jennifer (DeGuisto) Goodwin is working as a residential technician at ASI Maine, where she works with disabled persons in an independent living setting. Jennifer is looking for a master's program so that she can become a teacher and work in an elementary school as a teacher and social worker.

Andrew Lehman is earning a master's degree in childhood special education at Brooklyn College in Brooklyn, N.Y. Andrew is student teaching at PS 282 in Park Slope, Brooklyn, N.Y. where he attended grades K-5 as a child.

Kim Ruth was living in New Zealand in 2011 and then in Sydney, Australia, in 2012, and is now on a bridging visa to stay in Australia longer. Fingers crossed they grant her the visa!

Meredith Butler and **David O'Brien** got engaged in July 2012.

2010

Constance Mettler is employed at R.J. Reynolds, the second-largest U.S. tobacco company, in the human resources function HR Rewards & Operations as an Analyst III. Constance transitioned into a new role in August 2012; her current responsibilities include assisting with the payroll processing of all R.J. Reynolds Operating Companies.

Rose Finlay married Michael Valentin of Berlin, Germany, on Dec. 21, 2012. They are living and working in Hamburg, Germany. Rose is a film critic for a handful of publications in Hamburg, and she will be attending the world-renowned Berlinale Film Festival in Berlin as a journalist.



Jenna Mello Renaud '08 and Keith Renaud '11 on their wedding day, Sept. 3, 2012.

2011

Caitlin Beagan started a new job at New England Tech as their records coordinator in the career services department. She is responsible for reaching out to graduates for job updates and calculating statistics based on their responses, as well as for planning and executing Commencement and all of the Career Expos that New England Tech holds.

Melissa Dymek is working in the Office of the Under Secretary for Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights at the U.S. Department of State. Her office oversees a range of U.S. foreign policy initiatives that advance civilian security around the world. Melissa has been living in the Washington, D.C. area for 1½ years; she resides in Arlington, Va.

2012

Grace Ames lives in Boston with Franklin Pierce alums **Sarah Brown** and **Colleen Harrington '11**. Grace found a fabulous job at a public relations firm and is now living the dream, Ravens style.

Merrill Vaughan CGPS '12 is a substitute teacher with the Pittsfield (NH) Middle High School. He is going ahead with the Alternative 5 process for certification with the State of New Hampshire and is involved in various town activities: master plan committee, emergency management operations (shelter director), highway safety commission, and Concord regional crime line.



Thank you for your submissions. Let us know about your achievements, adventures, and what you have been doing since graduation! Please limit your submission to 50 words.

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*We delight
in the beauty
of the
butterfly,
but rarely
admit the
changes it
has gone
through
to achieve
that beauty.*

~ Maya Angelou, poet

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