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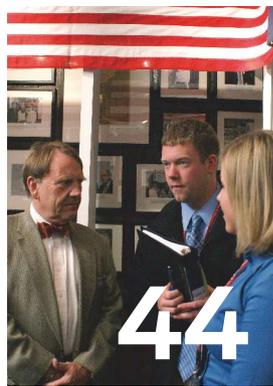
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How Far We've Come

Soon, the undergraduate and graduate members of the class of 2017 will gather on the Rindge campus to cross the commencement stage, transitioning from the students I have led during my first year as the sixth President of Franklin Pierce University to my peers—our peers—as alumni of this great institution.

This year, however, is a very special year for the Franklin Pierce community: the 10th anniversary of another pivotal moment in our history, when Franklin Pierce College became Franklin Pierce University. While I graduated as an alumna of the former and this year's graduates, the latter, we are one and the same: we are all Ravens with the same Pierce pride.

This issue of “Pierce” Magazine celebrates that evolution from college to university. I have enjoyed a particularly unique view of the University’s growth, first as a student, then alumna, trustee, provost and now, President. I was acutely aware of the power of this University, and the potential it would inspire in me, from the moment I first drove up University Drive (then College Drive) as a student. Now, as I approach campus each day, I reflect on how far we’ve come.

We have elevated our standards and our offerings to the students who trust us to prepare them for life on the other side of a University degree. Over the past decade, Franklin Pierce has broadened its educational reach in terms of geography and coursework, added graduate programs and integrated those offerings to provide a seamless experience from undergraduate to graduate studies, and established a culture of mentored scholarship between our faculty and students. This University has made great strides to evolve into the institution it is today, and every page of this issue celebrates these accomplishments, and the people who are integral to Pierce’s success.

One thing that hasn’t changed—that will never change—is the ability Pierce has to transform the lives of its students and that is what fuels me every day.

KIM MOONEY '83, PH.D.
PRESIDENT

RAVENINGS

Community Engagement

Reading Big

Willa Cather fell in love with New Hampshire, writing much of her best prose over two decades in a meadow near her Jaffrey summer haunt, including portions of her 1918 novel, “My Antonia.”

Cather’s deep connection to the Monadnock region (Jaffrey’s Old Burial Ground is her final resting place) is why English Professor Donna Decker knew that “My Antonia” would be ideal when Franklin Pierce became the first N.H. university to earn a \$9,500 Big Read grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

“Not everybody gets this grant – it’s a big deal,” says Decker, who is committed to the idea of reading as a launch pad for civil discourse.

“The book is timely,” she adds. “It covers issues of immigration, mental illness, poverty, suicide. The dialogue in book groups can go anywhere. It’s a beautiful format for community building.”

Hundreds of students and members of the surrounding area read passages from Cather’s work while hiking up Mount Monadnock last fall. Others attended a graveside reading in Jaffrey.

English major Nicole Boliver ’17 appreciated the communal nature of the Big Read. The novel was distributed to readers, including Pierce students, senior citizens and Conant High School juniors, then Pierce English majors and University professors facilitated discussions. Sixty patrons of local public libraries checked it out.

Decker estimates that roughly 500 people read Cather’s novel.

The Big Read, Decker asserts, helped build community because Pierce faculty and students purposefully sought out people not affiliated with the University, and invited

them to campus for an exchange of ideas. In addition to the readings, Pierce hosted a film night, dramatic readings and lectures.

“We consider ourselves a cultural center, but we wanted to put that to the test,” Decker says. “We want to share what we know with the larger community and hear their wisdom in exchange.”

In one note of appreciation, a community member wrote to Decker, “I want you to do the whole thing (with a different book) every year!” Ten books sit on Decker’s desk awaiting consideration for 2017.

—Jana F. Brown

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President Kim Mooney '83 reads passages from Willa Cather's "My Antonia" aloud to Franklin Pierce students atop Mount Monadnock.



Digging History

Archaeological Findings Give a Window to Prehistoric Life in Monadnock Region



“If we want to be well-rounded, we need to understand where we came from,” says Robert Goodby, professor of anthropology. “And with a project like this, we get to see how we got here, and how the people who came before changed the landscape.”

Goodby is talking about an archaeological site in Keene that he says is one of the best-preserved in New England. First discovered in 2009, radiocarbon dating places the site to 12,000 years ago.

“It’s a glimpse at the first people who settled around this region,” he says.

Goodby was originally hired as a consultant to the Keene School District, after what appeared to be Native American artifacts were found on the land the district planned to use for a new middle school. Major excavation began in 2010,

and Goodby and his students worked the site during the school year and summer, uncovering arrowheads and other everyday items that now are housed in a repository in Concord.

It’s not the only time Goodby has taken students into the field. Last summer, he hosted a field school, where he and students excavated two Native American sites, a small campsite in Peterborough that dated between 3,000–4,000 years old, and another in Boscawen that dated to 1500–1600 A.D.

Several of Goodby’s students who took part in archaeological digs have gone on to co-author journal articles about their experiences and presented at national conferences.

“A liberal arts education helps prepare our students to solve problems, to use data and communication skills,” says Goodby. “Anthropology actually does that really well.” — *Holly Beretto '93*

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Leading the way

NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHAIR FOR PIERCE



Steve Camerino, president and CEO of New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc., is the new chair of Franklin Pierce’s Board of Trustees. Camerino has served on the Board since 2012.

“My goal is to continue the great gains we’ve made as a University,” says Camerino. “In the past, those who doubted Pierce said it was too small, too new, had too small an endowment to be successful. But the truth is, we are successful because we are small, and the core of what we do is making a difference in the lives of the students who come here, helping them find ways to learn who they are and go on to great futures.”

Camerino, who holds a bachelor’s degree from Dartmouth College and a J.D. from Columbia University and practiced law for more than three decades, says that he sees the University on a trajectory for future success. He points to the new strategic plan [see story, page 42], in particular, and its emphasis on engaging multiple resources that will enhance the University’s future as just one example of how the school uses its small size and nurturing atmosphere to its advantage.

“We [the Board] will be asking our community to step up and do more,” he says. “And that’s everyone — our alumni, fellow board members, the entire Pierce community. This isn’t just about donating money, it’s about sharing ideas, sharing time with our students. Franklin Pierce has always been successful because of the commitment everyone on this campus makes to student achievement, in the classroom and in life.”

He says going forward, he hopes to see continued collaboration from faculty regarding the curriculum, as well as from alumni who share their stories to show current students how Pierce transformed them.

“Allowing students to see how our alumni have succeeded helps them envision that kind of future for themselves.” — *Holly Beretto ’93*

ANDREW CUNNINGHAM (INBRE, CAMERINO)

N.H. INBRE

FOSTERING BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH

In a fly lab in Marcucella Hall, Dr. Susan Arruda, assistant professor of biology, and her students are examining the eyes of fruit flies to study their photoreceptors. The important research can help doctors understand the causes of human retinal diseases.

“INBRE (New Hampshire IDeA Network of Biological Research Excellence) funds transformed that first lab,” said Arruda. “When I first started, I couldn’t do anything because there was no equipment and no space.”

Over the last six years, the NH-INBRE has supported biomedical science research at Franklin Pierce with the expansion of three other lab spaces across campus.

Today, student researchers work alongside faculty in the discovery of retinal diseases and microbial pathogens. Many have published works in academic journals as secondary authors, presented research at the annual NH-INBRE conference and pursued careers

in biomedical research upon graduation.

“INBRE has been transformative in our ability to help scientists do their work and research, but also to help students have that experience,” says Kerry McKeever, dean of the College at Rindge.

Led by the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth College and the University of New Hampshire, NH-INBRE is a statewide initiative designed to develop a coordinated network of biomedical research and training. The IDeA program builds research capacities in states that historically have had low levels of NIH funding by supporting basic, clinical and translational research; faculty development; and infrastructure improvements.

A new research lab in the Dr. Arthur and Martha Pappas Health Science and Athletic Training Center was dedicated to Mrs. Pappas, a longtime benefactor and friend to the University, at the Academic Showcase in April.

— *Alyssa Borelli ’15*



Innovative Practices

An Interdisciplinary Approach to Environmental Research

Dr. Verna DeLauer, assistant professor of environmental studies, is interested in how people value and perceive the benefits they gain from ecosystems.

Research funded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), in conjunction with the University of New Hampshire and the National Estuarine Research Reserve System (NERRS), allowed her to study what residents in York County, Maine, value about rivers and streams, and their beliefs about water quality.

“Because waterfront property is so coveted in Maine, it’s hard sometimes for residents to abide by the regulations,” she said. “Residents often want to be right up against the water because that’s where it’s most exciting to be, but sometimes they don’t think about the repercussions [on the ecosystem].”

Working as part of an interdisciplinary team of scientists, multiple perspectives were used to understand how landowners would better understand and comply with the Mandatory Shoreland Zoning Act. Economists

looked at the monetary value residents placed on clean water, whereas DeLauer’s research consisted of studying regulators interactions with landowners.

“If you want to get a broader picture of an environmental issue, it’s nice to be able to have researchers from multiple disciplines working together to approach the issue from different perspectives,” she said.

DeLauer and colleagues from her department, Professors Rhine Singleton and Catherine Koning, are using the same approach with a grant from the University to engage undergraduates in research on the College at Rindge campus.

Three student researchers are working with faculty to better understand how human use of natural resources on campus, such as energy and water, support and/or conflict with ecological health.

“I find that when students feel like they are part of something greater, they have more ownership and interest in it,” DeLauer says.

The student researchers presented their work at the Academic Showcase in April. — *Alyssa Borelli '15*



Running for State Rep

MAKING A STATEMENT

Bianca Acebron Peco '14 recalls the day she stood outside in the freshman area courtyard handing out candy while enthusiastically waving signs, “Bianca Acebron Peco for SGA president.”

Last fall, the political science alumna was on a different campaign trail, running for one of two seats for New Hampshire’s 38th district, representing the towns of Antrim, Bennington, Francestown, Greenville, Greenfield, Hancock, Hillsborough, Lynedeborough, Wilton and Windsor.

At the forefront of her campaign was capturing young voters, focusing on issues like college debt reform, job creation and equal pay for equal work.

“People tend to overlook a young female like me,” she says. Competing with other candidates whose median age is 65, she certainly stirred up the pot of candidates for the state house.

“New Hampshire has the third-largest House of Representatives,” she says, “and there’s no millennial voice being heard.”

This campaign was more of a statement for the 23-year-old.

While knocking door-to-door talking with voters with incumbent Richard McNamara, area residents were astonished to learn Acebron Peco was not McNamara’s daughter, but that the two were running for state rep in their district.

Endorsed by the Women under 40 Political Action Committee, New Hampshire Young Democrats and the American Federation of Teachers, NH, Acebron Peco was confident she’d win on Election Day. She didn’t.

The election, she says, “was a great start for everyone my age.”

This is not the last campaign stop for Acebron Peco — look for her name on the presidential ballot in 2036. “That’s my year,” she says. — *Alyssa Borelli '15*



Protecting Pearly Pond

Students have enjoyed picturesque Pearly Pond's idyllic setting for generations, lounging on the dock in the summer, kayaking in the fall or playing a game of pond hockey in the winter.

Recently, an excessive amount of phosphorus has affected the lake. Harmful blue-green algae (cyanobacteria) blooms cause low oxygen levels, which harms the fish and other aquatic life.

A 2012-13 Pearly Pond Association study identified likely sources of the problem: phosphorus in sediments, fecal droppings from geese, non-point sources from adjacent lawns, parking lots, inadequate septic systems, and runoff from State Route 119 and other roads that are directly adjacent to the lake.

A \$60,000 Watershed Assistance grant from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Watershed Management Bureau will help Franklin Pierce remove some of the possible sources of phosphorus from reaching the lake.

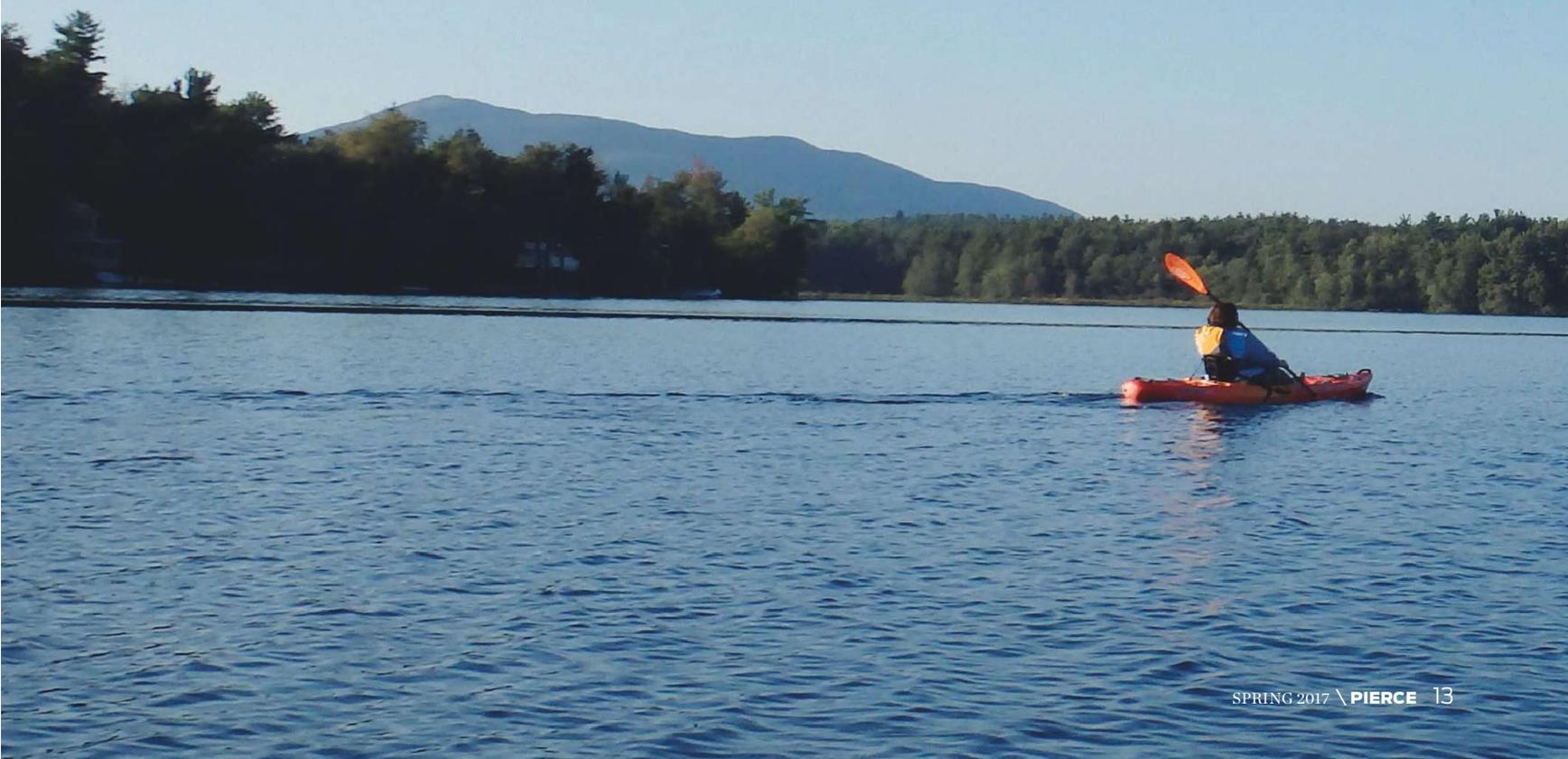
The University will install an iron-enhanced sand filter at the outflow of the wetlands that drain into the lake. Other solutions include the

installation of fences and use of border collies specially trained to harmlessly chase the geese away to limit the bird's population.

Lakeshore owners are also being educated about the importance of proper septic system maintenance. The Pearly Pond Association will work with private landowners to install rain gardens and vegetated buffers to intercept storm water runoff into the lake, and will install erosion control and rain gardens in a town-owned right-of-way on Kimball Road.

Students and other community members will have the opportunity to participate in semi-annual lakeside litter pick-ups with the goal of enhancing the health of Pearly Pond for all to enjoy. To get involved with the lakeside litter pick-up and efforts involved in restoring the water quality in Pearly Pond, contact Professor Catherine Owen Koning at Koning@franklinpierce.edu. — *Alyssa Borelli '15*

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The Write Stuff

Celebrating the Publications of Pierce Faculty

Each spring, *Pierce* magazine shares news about faculty who have published or edited books during the last year. These works showcase multiple disciplines and styles, and demonstrate how Pierce professors are at the top of their craft.

Women in Literature

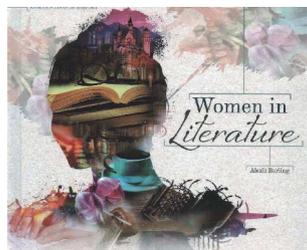
by Alexis Burling

DONNA DECKER

Professor of English

Content consultant/editor

Women in Literature is part of the Women's Lives in History series by ABDO Publishing. This text is for readers in middle school or early high school, and showcases the lives of inspiring writers, among them the first Supreme Court justice, Secretary of State and Iditarod winner. Featured writers include Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, Maya



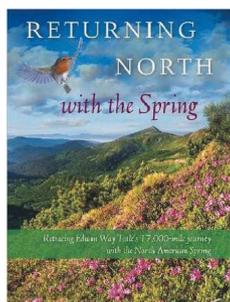
Angelou, Jane Austen, Alison Bechdel, Willa Cather, Emily Dickinson, Roxane Gay, Alice Munro, Rebecca Solnit and Alice Walker.

Returning North With the Spring: Retracing Edwin Way Teale's 17,000-mile journey with the North American Spring

BY JOHN HARRIS

Executive Director,
Monadnock Institute of
Nature, Place and Culture

In 1947 naturalist Edwin Way Teale followed the progress of spring northward from the Everglades to the summit of



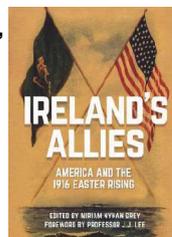
Mount Washington. Sixty-five years later, Harris retraced Teale's route, documenting what has changed in the natural world and finding hope in the tenacity of what remains.

Ireland's Allies: America and the 1916 Easter Rising

by Miriam Nyhan Grey (ed.),
J. J. Lee (Foreword)

MARY C. KELLY

Professor of History
Chapter contribution:
"The Hand of Friendship:
Protestants, Irish
Americans and 1916-Era
Nationalism."

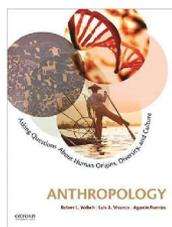


This is the first anthology to situate Ireland's 1916 Easter Rising in a transnational setting and to reveal the role of Irish-Americans in this central episode in Ireland's modern history. Kelly's contribution explores Protestant nationalism as a significant and often overlooked feature of this dramatic event.

Anthropology: Asking Questions about Human Origins, Diversity, and Culture

BY ROBERT L. WELSCH

(Professor of Anthropology, Franklin Pierce University), Luis A. Vivanco (University of Vermont) and Agustin Fuentes (University of Notre Dame)



From the authors of the highly acclaimed *Cultural Anthropology: Asking Questions About Humanity*, this groundbreaking text takes a holistic approach that emphasizes critical thinking, active learning and applying anthropology to solve contemporary human problems. Building on the classical foundations of the discipline, this book shows how anthropology is connected to current topics like food, health and the environment. With a focus on contemporary problems and questions, it demonstrates the dynamism of anthropology today. — *Holly Beretto '93*



Sister Act

FACING THE ISSUES

Franklin Pierce's size has always been one of its strengths. That's writ large in SISTUHS, the cultural and advocacy group that was a campus institution even before Assistant Dean of Student Involvement Scott Ansevin-Allen arrived nearly 20 years ago. The early members were "feisty" and "passionate," Ansevin-Allen recalls. "They stood up and cared about their community in a holistic way. They wanted it to be right and they were willing to address the issues head on. They weren't holding anything back."

SISTUHS' current members are just as focused, committed and active. The group's vice president, Political Science major Danica Thoroughgood '17, joined SISTUHS because of an introductory Women's Studies class.

"It was for semester credit, but I ended up staying for the next [almost] four semesters," Thoroughgood says, laughing. "It was just really nice and comforting to have people talk about issues that I was interested in and passionate about."

SISTUHS takes "a more lighthearted approach" to activism says Ansevin-Allen. The club has bingo nights and hosts Mr. FPU, an annual male pageant show where the tables are turned and male contestants compete in heels, to bring attention to domestic violence. "The way I describe SISTUHS to people is it's basically like a slumber party. In our meetings we talk about whatever we want. We hang out. If we need someone to talk to, they're always there," he says.

Still, SISTUHS tackles serious issues. They participate in World AIDS Day and they've hosted educational events on sexual assault. "People need to understand the issues that we are all struggling with every day," Thoroughgood says. "The more people talk about them, the more things will change." — *Katricia Lang*

Great Strides

PIERCE NAMED NON-PROFIT OF THE YEAR

Franklin Pierce University was named 2016's Non-Profit of the Year by the Jaffrey Chamber of Commerce. The award is given annually to a non-profit organization that displays an outstanding contribution to the area's quality of life and to the betterment of the community through enriching and improving the lives of its citizens.

Franklin Pierce students are strongly encouraged to engage with the surrounding community through volunteer efforts at local elementary schools, and the University makes facilities such as the "Bubble," hiking and biking trails, Pearly Pond Beach, the tennis courts and DiPietro Library available for community members' use. Many Pierce alumni remain in the Monadnock region following graduation, making further economic contributions to the region and serving as an employee base for the community.

"We are honored and humbled by the acknowledgement of our participation and engagement with local communities like Jaffrey," said President Kim Mooney '83, who accepted the award from the Chamber at a reception in February.

— Holly Beretto '93



From left to right: Sean McCarrick, Jaclyn Flaherty, Gabriel Norwood, and Shawn Grey

Making History Come Alive

Living in the Past

Gabriel Norwood '18 fought in The Battle of Appomattox Court House, one of the last and most decisive battles of the Civil War, as a corporal in the Union Army.

No, the Franklin Pierce junior and History major didn't beat Ponce de León and the rest of us to the Fountain of Youth — he's a longtime Civil War re-enactor.

"The ...Civil War, for us Americans, is probably the defining event in our history, or the culmination of the early republican era," says Norwood, who is also minoring in Public History. "Everything that this republic is built upon was put to the test."

Re-enactments not only give a wider scope of the sentiments and beliefs of the period, Norwood says, but they are better teaching tools than books.

"When people are walking through camp, I attempt to talk to them. I try to pull them in," he says. "I view it more as a teaching experience. It is fun to do on its own, but

unless you're actually teaching something, I don't think history has its full value."

Norwood's interest in education is why he chose Franklin Pierce, one of the few universities with an undergraduate Public

History program. And though he has participated in re-enactments since he was a freshman in high school, he says there is no doubt that the University has nurtured his interest and "matured his experiences." He participated in an internship at the Springfield Armory, which was originally the main arsenal for the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War. He

guided visitors touring the national historic site and its collection of industrial displays and U.S. military firearms.

Living history museums like the Armory, and re-enactments, he believes, are ways for the general public to experience the past, to connect with it personally and intimately. Why read dry academic tomes to learn about history, when you can live it? — *Katricia Lang*

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Save the Date

OUR SIXTH PRESIDENT

Kim Mooney '83 will be installed as Franklin Pierce University's sixth president on Sept. 23, 2017, in a celebratory ceremony held on the Rindge campus. The event is a milestone for the University, as Mooney is the first alumna — and the first woman — to hold the position. Please consider joining us for the occasion, and stay tuned for further details.

RAVENS ROUNDUP

BY MATT JANIK

Women's Hockey

A Weekend for the Ages

“We beat Norwich!” Shannon O’Neil ’17 kept saying it over and over on the bus ride back to campus. The senior goaltender had just piled up 43 saves on a Friday afternoon, as Ravens women’s hockey upset the No. 3 team in the country – on the road no less – 3-2. Alex Brolsma ’18 provided the key blow, with a power-play goal midway through the third period to break a 1-1 tie and give the Ravens the lead for good. As the defense held off a Norwich surge in the final minutes, the team opened the weekend of Jan. 20-21 with the biggest win in program history.

The Ravens were just getting started.

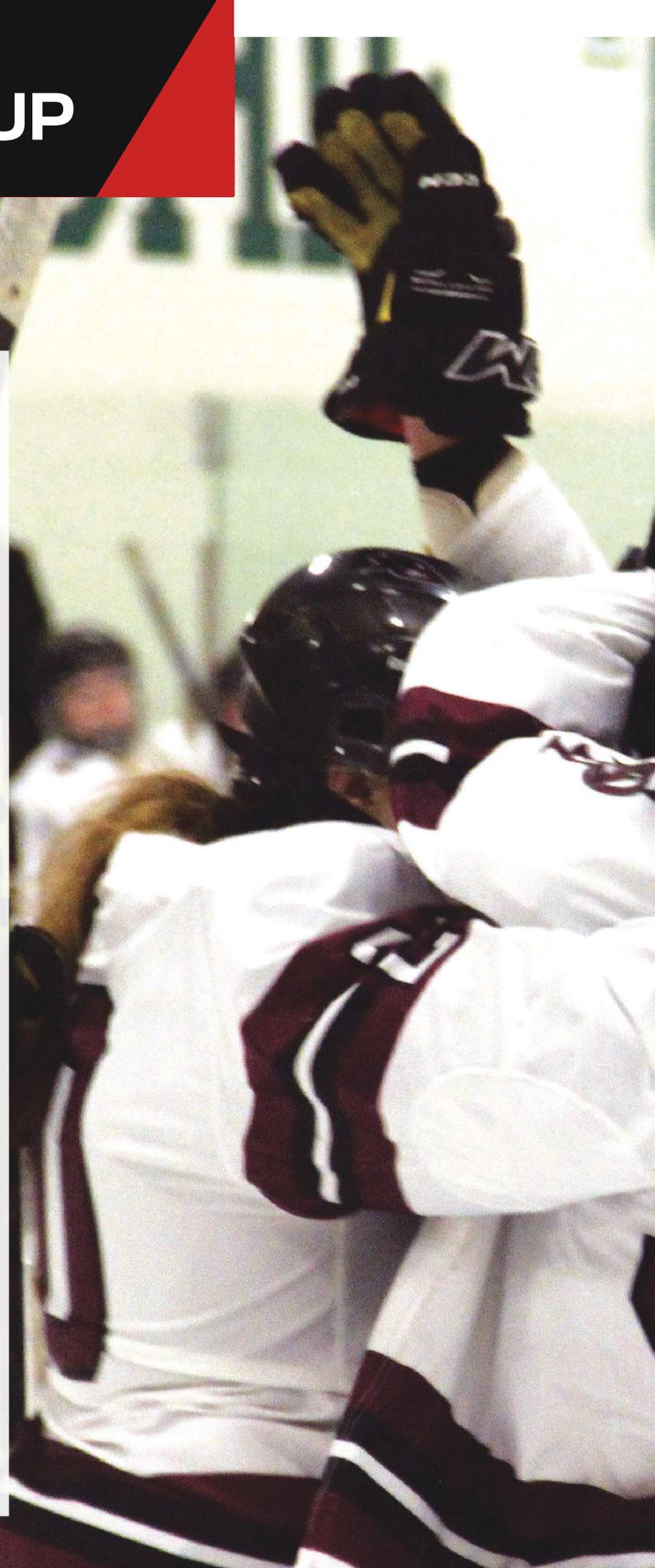
The task got no easier the next day. After a two-hour ride home from Vermont and a quick night of sleep, the Ravens hosted 15-2-0 Holy Cross, the New England Hockey Conference’s second-place squad, early Saturday afternoon. Trailing 1-0, Franklin Pierce got back-to-back power-play goals from freshmen Kayla Trujillo ’20 and Delaney Guimont ’20 late in the second period to surge to a 2-1 lead. The one-goal advantage would be enough, as the defense held Holy Cross to just 24 shots on goal and registered 23 blocked shots along the way.

It all added up to the premier weekend thus far in the program’s five-year history, which has not been without its moments. In just their second season, the Ravens posted an 18-4-2 mark in 2013-14. A year later, the Ravens followed up with their first 20-win campaign, putting together a 20-6-1 mark. Karsyn Baker ’16 became the program’s first 100-point scorer, finishing her career with 59-62-121.

This winter, the Ravens added the newest chapter to the already proud list of accolades.

They beat Norwich.

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The Ravens celebrate Delaney Guimont's '20 game-winning goal against Holy Cross on Jan. 21 at the Jason Ritchie Ice Arena.

RAVENS ROUNDUP

Bowling

Movin' On Up

Ravens bowling is knocking down pins at a rate that has them rolling up the national standings. After earning the program's first national ranking a year ago, the crimson and grey achieved a new high watermark in November, when they moved up the ladder to No. 17 in the country.

That came on the heels of a 12th place finish at the Hawk Classic in Delaware. The weekend featured five wins over nationally ranked opponents, including an upset over No. 2 Stephen F. Austin, the defending national champion.

The Ravens are led by Jessica Davies '18, who earned All-Conference First Team honors from the East Coast Conference a year ago. She was selected as the league's preseason Bowler of the Year before the 2016-17 campaign and picked up Bowler of the Week honors once before the winter break.

Davies is joined by Krysta Peirce '20, who has played a strong role on the team in her first season on campus. The Michigan native is already a two-time ECC Rookie of the Week selection with two months still to go in the season.

In another program milestone, Ravens bowling hosted the 2017 ECC Bowling Championship at Yankee Lanes in Keene March 24-26.



Jessica Davies '18



Camden Morrison '18

Women's Golf

Unstoppable

Women's golfer Camden Morrison '18 hit the ground running her junior season and hasn't looked back. Morrison took home medalist honors at each of the season's first two events,

as she led the Ravens to a win at the FPU Fall Invitational and a second-place finish at the Michael Corbett Fall Classic, hosted by Gannon University. She would add another medal finish in late October, as she won the Trevecca Fall Invitational, while the team finished seventh.

Morrison is the leading charge behind a strong showing for the women's golf program in its third year of existence. Under the guidance of head coach Tyler Bishop '08, MBA '10 Morrison has been joined in 2016-17 by Hawaiian freshman Zoe Yamamoto '20, who was the medalist at the Kutztown University Fall Invitational in early October, leading the Ravens to their second win of the season.

In all, Morrison earned Northeast-10 Conference Golfer of the Week honors on three occasions this fall, while Yamamoto earned Golfer of the Week honors once and is a three-time selection as NE10 Rookie of the Week. The duo also led the Ravens to their second straight second-place finish at the Northeast-10 Championship, which Franklin Pierce hosted at Bretwood Golf Course in Keene. Morrison finished second to earn All-Championship Team honors, while Yamamoto placed sixth.

The Ravens have four events slated for the spring portion of their schedule.



Zoe Yamamoto '20

A Return to Prominence

It was the night that spawned a campus social media phenomenon.

Caught on camera in the waning seconds of men's soccer's 1-0 win over No. 2 Southern New Hampshire University at Sodexo Field on Sept. 28, head coach Roy Fink all but lost his mind. Leaping up and down, arms waving, wildly gesticulating, pumping up the crowd, the fiery Israeli was ready-made for the Internet. The celebration would be turned into an animated GIF which continues to periodically resurface, to much delight, across Raven Nation.

The win was the signature victory in a resurgent season for Fink's men's soccer program. The team had fallen on hard times under its previous leadership, missing the NCAA Championship for three straight seasons and ultimately falling to just a 5-9-3 record and missing the postseason entirely as Fink got settled into his first year on campus in 2015.

This fall though, the head coach — who came to Rindge after three seasons at fellow Northeast-10 Conference member New Haven — has shown the Ravens are headed in the right direction. The upset of

SNHU capped a 6-1-0 September to open the season and was part of a 7-2-0 record at home on the year. The Ravens returned to the Northeast-10 Championship, where they defeated SNHU again to advance to the semifinal, before falling on the road at Adelphi. More importantly, the squad returned to the NCAA Championship, collecting the program's first berth since 2012.

The Ravens were done in by Merrimack, 3-2 in overtime, in the first round, but have plenty of reasons to look forward to the future. Chief among them is Swedish midfielder Jacob Blixt. The freshman sensation led the NE10 with 10 assists on his way to tallying 9-10-28 on the season. It was good enough to earn him Northeast-10 Rookie of the Year honors, as well as consensus All-America Third Team accolades, NSCAA All-East Region First Team honors and an All-Northeast-10 First Team nod.

It's enough to get any coach excited.

The win was a signature victory in a resurgent season for Fink's men's soccer program.



The Ravens' starting lineup stands at midfield prior to their 1-0, upset win over No. 2 Southern New Hampshire on Sept. 28 at Sodexo Field.

RAVENS ROUNDUP HONOR ROLL

Twenty-five student-athletes earned perfect 4.0 GPAs during the fall semester. They and their fellow student-athletes who earned 3.5 and higher GPAs were honored at the annual Hall of Fame Banquet. Those with perfect GPAs are:

BASEBALL

Andrew De Fanti '19
Tyler Price '19

FIELD HOCKEY

Sarah Bjorn '19
Morgan Caisse '17
Carly Canavan '18

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Joshua Ercolini '18

MEN'S ICE HOCKEY

Austin Christopher '17
Shepherd Stahel '20

MEN'S LACROSSE

Hunter Francoeur '19

MEN'S SOCCER

Niklas Laudahn '20

MEN'S TRACK & FIELD

Alex Bonitto '17
Mark Choiniere '17
John Delahanty '17

ROWING

Taylor Palmer '20

SPRINT FOOTBALL

Nick Wood '20

VOLLEYBALL

Kelsey Hausman '17
Madison Klusendorf '16

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Briana Ellis '20
Sarah Hart '18
Rebecca Zylak '20

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Colleen Leonardi '17

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Anna Holtschlag '17

WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD

Catherine Purves '20
Eileen Savinelli '20





**BRUCE KIRSH '71
REFLECTS ON
45 YEARS AT PIERCE**

PASSION FOR THE GAME, PASSION FOR LEARNING

BY GREGORY DL MORRIS

After filling the trophy cases with hardware, the campus with first-class facilities and the alumni ranks with well-rounded student athletes, Bruce Kirsh '71 will retire this year, bringing to a close his 45-year career at Franklin Pierce University. With his guidance and support, the University has won six national championships, 26 NCAA regional titles and 42 conference triumphs. Kirsh has taken Pierce from 11 varsity sports to 26, boosting not only the number of students on campus, but also school spirit and the alumni's spirit of giving.

“I met Bruce during my sophomore year, which makes it 48 years since I have known him, as both a close friend and colleague,” says Steve Dasaro ’72. “We played together on Franklin Pierce’s first baseball team and it was there that I first saw Bruce’s competitiveness and determination. It’s hard to believe how far the University’s athletic department has come. But given Bruce’s dedication and hard work, it’s easy to see why Franklin Pierce athletics have come to be recognized worldwide.”

“We both married Franklin Pierce women,” Dasaro adds, “and our friendships continued over the years with births, graduations, weddings and, unfortunately, loss of loved ones. All the while, Bruce has continued to be a strong, loyal dedicated friend.”

Current students concur.

“The first time I met Bruce was after our first tournament, where I

Facing page, clockwise from top left: The men’s soccer team celebrating after capturing its first NCAA Division II National Championship in 2007; Bruce speaking at the 2010 NCAA East Regional Women’s Basketball banquet; with the basketball team in 1979; on campus in 2010; with the basketball team in 1980; NCAA Women’s Elite trip to San Antonio (2010); with Jennifer Leedham ’09; cutting down the net at the women’s basketball regional in Philadelphia; with the FPU Hall of Fame induction class of 2015; the 1977 baseball team. Facing page, middle, top to bottom: sitting with a group on the bleachers; Women’s Basketball senior night

“He said he was impressed at how hard I worked and how I had improved,” she recalls. “That meant a lot that the athletic director paid attention to an individual athlete, and one not on one of the high-profile sports. Later, when we hosted the NE-10 tournament, he came out for both days. That showed great support.”

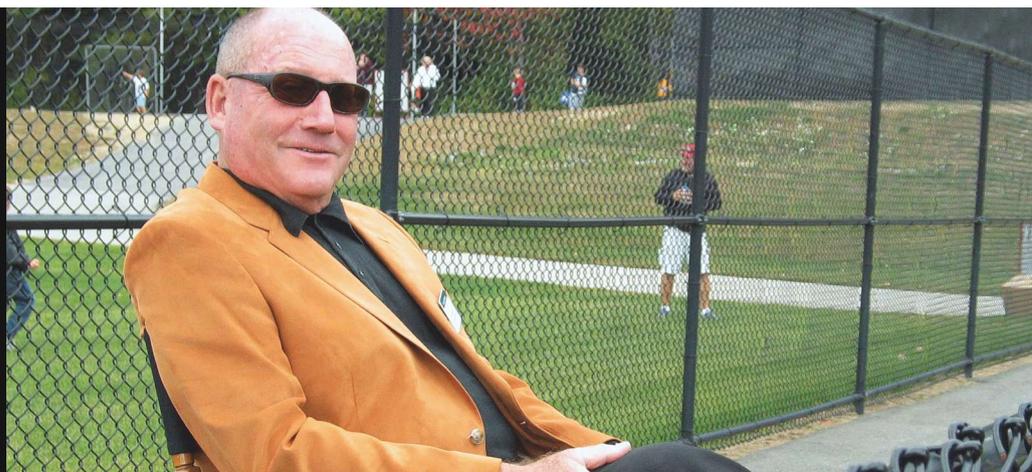
In addition to being athletic director, Kirsh has been a prime mover in charge of buildings and grounds. He has overseen the additions of many important structures: Petrocelli Hall, Cheshire Hall, Lakeview Apartments, Lakeview Educational Center and Boathouse, Sodexo Stadium and Pappas Field.

CUTTING BASEPATHS WITH A TILLER

“Rindge was a sleepy little town when I got here in 1969, as a transfer student,” says

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— STEVE DASARO ’72



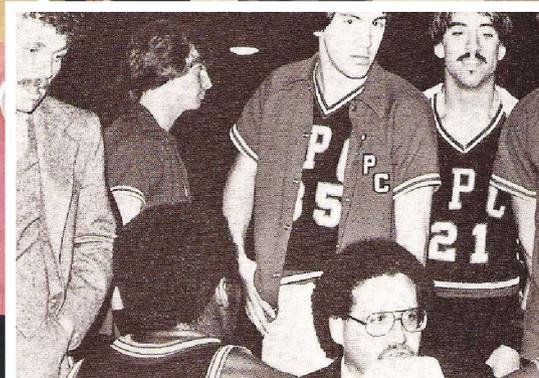
had placed second overall,” says Camden Morrison ’18, a Sports Management major and varsity women’s golfer. “I was walking past the tennis courts and Bruce was there with [assistant athletic director] Dan Blair. Dan saw me and said, ‘What are you doing shooting a 76?’ I replied, ‘Being a savage.’ And Bruce laughed. I knew of him at the time but did not know that was him. I don’t know if I would have responded like that if I had known.”

Not long after, Kirsh introduced himself to Morrison at a basketball game.

Kirsh. “The school was only founded in ’62. So the early students were the pioneers.” The rural environment was an eagerly sought change of pace for Kirsh, who was born in New York City and reared in the bedroom community of Fair Lawn, N.J.

In high school, Kirsh was a pitcher and third baseman, and played offensive line on the football team. “Fair Lawn [High School] had a long tradition of success in sports,” Kirsh says, instilling in him a sense of competition, sportsmanship and skill.

“As a high school graduate, I was still young and



SPRINT FOOTBALL COMES TO PIERCE

We were looking to add sports and to boost enrollment after the recession in 2009-10," says Kirsh. "I did some research on Sprint Football and came away impressed."

Sprint football is full varsity football, just with a weight limit. And "sprint" is no misnomer. Kirsh says he felt the game is the quintessential Franklin Pierce sport, one that does not shy away from intense competition and favors quick thinking, daring and moxie over raw power. It also fits in the budget. "It is cost-containment football," says Kirsh. "We have been playing for five or six years and it has been a huge success. We've added 65 students and it draws well. And we compete! It's a chance to play the Ivies and the academies."

"Bruce did a nice job," says Terry Cullen, head coach of sprint football at Cornell University. "The Franklin Pierce team really competes. They went down to Annapolis last year and beat Navy, and they came here and beat us this year. Of the five D-II teams in the league, they are the ones that can play with the D-I teams. I know the program has been good for their recruiting, a real feather in the cap for the school."



immature, with little focus," Kirsh remembers. "All my life I knew urban and suburban. I wanted to venture out, and going to college in rural New Hampshire seemed like just the thing. Franklin Pierce was a life-changing experience."

He majored in Sociology with the thought of going to graduate school and becoming a guidance counselor. But over his four years at Pierce, Kirsh realized that "that was too sedentary. I needed something with more passion."

Kirsh graduated in May 1971 and was hired as the men's basketball coach the following March.

"It was a part-time position," he says, "Then the athletic director, Terry Matson, asked me if I would like to come on full-time as his assistant. I started in that

position in September '72, two weeks after I had gotten married." The bride was Patricia E. Brown '70, a fellow alum, who got a teaching job nearby.

"I was the baseball coach and assistant athletic director with Bruce for 18 years," says Jayson King, now associate baseball coach at the U.S. Military Academy. "He will be leaving a legacy of hard work and family. Bruce loves everything about Franklin Pierce. As an immediate supervisor, he gave you space to let you run your program, but was always there for support.

"There are too many great moments to single out just one," King continues. "He and his wife, Pat, were part of our family. People talk about teams being a family, but that is what it was like for the coaches under Bruce. The coaches were a team, a family."

In the early days, "the University had limited resources," Kirsh says. "The baseball team had to travel to Fitchburg, Mass., to a high school field to practice and play. We started playing basketball at the elementary school in Troy, N.H. Then, through the generosity of the father of Phil Crystal '75, we were able to create a home field. I recall laying out the diamond with a transit, and cutting the base paths with a roto-tiller."

Others have powerful memories of those days as well. "Bruce and I were teammates on the '71 baseball team, the first one in the school's history," says James 'Spider' Egan. "Bruce was one of the best players on the team. Then he took over coaching in '72 and I played for him. He is intensely competitive, always was and still is. Bruce gets the best out of people because he leads by example. He asks you to work hard, but he is going to work just as hard or harder."

PASSION FOR THE GAME

Kirsh worked hard for four years, appreciative of both the education he had received and also the first job, but then started thinking about moving on. "About that time I got a call in the middle of summer from Terry to come see him. He had talked with the president, Walter Peterson, about leaving and had suggested me as the successor. Peterson called me in and [said] he was impressed by my worth ethic. So there it was, the chance of a lifetime, to be athletic director, and only in my mid-20s."

Through Kirsh's tenure, the University moved from NCAA Division III to NAIA in the late '70s, and then to NCAA Division II in 1990. That year Kirsh also relinquished all coaching duties as the job of athletic



Bruce with Chris Herren, former Boston Celtics basketball player

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HANNAH RUNGE, '18

director had grown with all the sports added. But he was not destined to have just one position at the University.

“Bruce is a father figure, a mentor to me,” says Marco Koolman, now head men’s soccer coach at the College of the Holy Cross. “My fondest memory was taking the men’s soccer team to the national championship,” Koolman recalled. “The women’s team had won five national championships. In 2005 we went to the championship and fell short. Then in 2007 we won. The first person I ran to was Bruce because, after the players, this win was for him. He stood behind us, and he stood for us.”

“Bruce was the best boss I ever had,” says Mark Krikorian, now women’s soccer coach at Florida State. “What started as a professional relationship became a friendship that has lasted 27 years. Bruce and then-president Walter Peterson recognized a direct correlation between growing the school and athletic success.”

Kirsh’s role was growing as well. “In 1995 the new president, George Hagerty, came on, and within weeks he told me he wanted me to take on a greater role. I was named assistant to the president with

responsibility for buildings and grounds, campus safety and recreation.” That role eventually became vice president.

“Because Bruce was a student-athlete and a coach, he understands both sides of sports and can really bridge the gap between coaches, players and academics,” says Hannah Runge '18, Health Science major and volleyball player.

“I am most proud of how the growth of athletics has fit into the growth of the University,” says Kirsh. “Faculty and staff have embraced it, not just students. For years, the student-athletes have had higher GPAs and higher graduation rates than the student population as a whole. I can look anyone in the eye and say we have done this the right way, that athletics are a core pillar of the institution.”

“Bruce Kirsh took our school athletically from dirt, literally from dirt, and built it up to one of the most competitive schools in D-II,” says John Massaro, '18, a Criminal Justice major who is on the varsity men’s lacrosse team. “It is an amazing legacy. And beyond sports, he makes us hold ourselves responsible for our actions inside the classroom and out.” **P**

THE UNIVERSITY

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*{Ravens reflect on
Franklin Pierce's
first decade as a
University}*

BY LIZ MASSEY

“By the time of the change, we had already become a university ... This move was necessary to define what we’d already become.”

**GEORGE HAGERTY,
President Emeritus**



name change, whether for an individual or an institution, often happens at a critical moment in its life story. It frequently marks the passage into a new stage of existence. People get married and may drop a maiden name or hyphenate a last name with a spouse's; a person may legally change her name in order to claim a moniker that better suits her personality; or an institution may change its name to clarify what it is and whom it serves.

When Franklin Pierce attained university status on July 1, 2007, the achievement reflected the school's evolution over its 45-year existence. Franklin Pierce College had expanded far beyond its original mission of providing a quality undergraduate liberal arts education to students in New Hampshire.



1962

**Franklin Pierce College
chartered by New Hampshire
State Legislature**

2007

**Franklin Pierce
achieves
University
status**



“It was a defining change.”

KIM MOONEY '83,
President, Franklin Pierce

By the time the school transitioned to a university, it had developed thriving graduate programs — including a doctor of physical therapy degree — international study programs and many other hallmarks of a traditional university.

As Pierce celebrates its 10th anniversary as a university this year, Pierce Magazine spoke with administrators, alumni and faculty who were part of the process. These keen observers both provide detail on how the transition to university status came together and discuss the rising regional and national reputation that happened in the wake of the switch — a change that continues to benefit current and prospective

students, faculty and alumni.

“I don’t think any of us realized at the time how important the elevation to a university would turn out to be,” says Kim Mooney ’83 Ph.D., current president of the University. “But it was a defining change.”

Laying the groundwork for change

George Hagerty was president of Franklin Pierce from 1995 to 2009. With such a long tenure, he could potentially name a number of achievements as his favorite: the addition of new NCAA Division II sports, for

example, or the opening of the Grimshaw-Gudewicz Activity Center. However, he says that the drive to attain university status was by far his most memorable accomplishment as a Raven. “Getting to university status was the pinnacle for the institution during my tenure there,” he says.

While obtaining that status may have been the most outstanding accomplishment in hindsight, when Hagerty arrived in Rindge in 1995, steering Pierce toward becoming a university was the farthest thing from his mind. Franklin Pierce was still struggling with the aftermath of the 1992 recession, and Hagerty said he felt his first job was to help the college

compete more effectively for prospective students.

There was one element in play when Hagerty arrived that would facilitate the institution’s path toward becoming a university: the Board of Trustees had previously agreed to create an MBA program. While this graduate program, and several others, began their development during the late 1990s, Hagerty says his focus through most of that time was stabilizing and advancing the school’s undergraduate core.

As the 2000s began, Franklin Pierce College found itself in a curious position. While its historical niche had been as a liberal-arts undergraduate college, as the institution

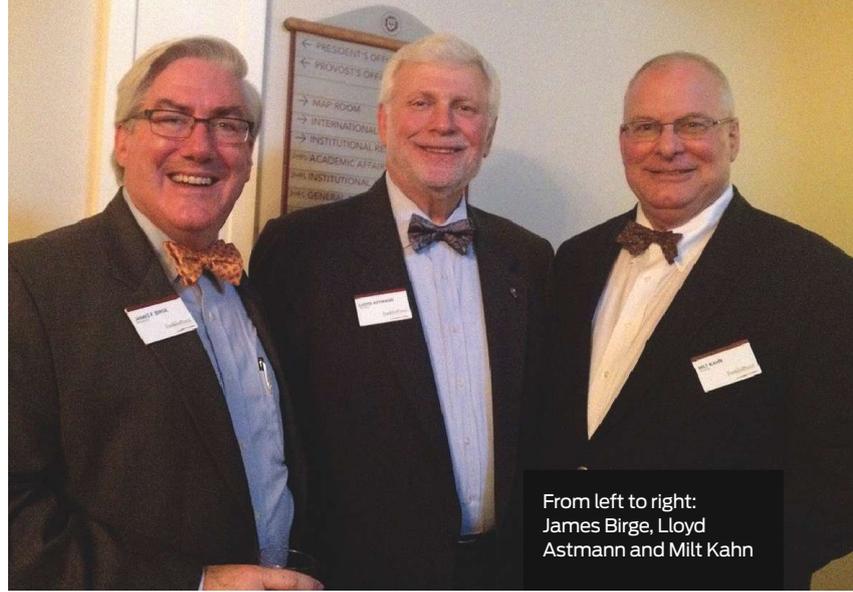
2007



Goodyear, Ariz. campus opens

Ravens women’s soccer wins 12th consecutive NCAA Championship New England Regional title

Ravens men’s soccer wins national championship



From left to right:
James Birge, Lloyd
Astmann and Milt Kahn

Franklin Pierce stayed faithful to its commitment to undergraduate education.

expanded its satellite campus network within the state, it also expanded its graduate programs into the fields of physical therapy and education. By 2005, Hagerty recalls, Pierce had hit a turning point — it now had a doctor of physical therapy degree program and was in the process of building international study programs in Vienna. Some talk of transitioning the college to university status had surfaced, but the Board of Trustees and the community surrounding the college had not coalesced around the idea.

To make the transition process more intentional, Hagerty tapped Raymond Van Der Riet, his vice president of strategic initiatives, to

author a detailed plan for how Franklin Pierce would navigate the switch from a college to a university. The report was presented to the Board of Trustees, and by 2006 an 18-month transition plan was in motion.

Van Der Riet's assistance was crucial to the process, as was that of Board of Trustees Chair Zeddie Bowen, who helped align the Board leadership so passage of the plan went smoothly. Hagerty also credits Mooney, who was then chair of the Board of Trustee Academic Affairs Committee, with playing a key role in the transition.

The changeover consisted of three main activities: receiving the approval of the New

2008

**Kim Mooney '83
Ph.D. appointed
Provost**



**Petrocelli Hall
opens**

**Bachelor of Science
Nursing Completion
degree introduced**

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Hampshire Commission on Higher Education, receiving accreditation permission from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), and figuring out how to brand and market the new Franklin Pierce University. Hagerty says he received help in this last category from Richard Gustafson, the former president of Southern New Hampshire University, who had seen that institution through a similar process.

One reason the attainment of university status was successful, says Hagerty, was that Franklin Pierce stayed faithful to its commitment to undergraduate education, rather than piling up graduate programs without a strong foundation.

“I’ve seen other institutions add graduate program upon graduate program, and when the market dries up, it topples them if they’re not grounded in their undergraduate program,” he says.

As president emeritus, Hagerty says he could tell that becoming a university had provided a strong “halo effect” for Franklin Pierce alumni, faculty and current students.

“I honestly believe because the institution is defined as it is now. If you are a donor, a prospective student or a family trying to understand it, the university status immediately clarifies Franklin Pierce and the Franklin Pierce community,” he says.

Connecting past, present and future

Lloyd Astmann ’69 was a freshman in one of the first classes at Franklin Pierce College that attended the institution for all four years of their undergraduate experience. Like many early Raven alumni, his education had gotten off to a bumpy start near his hometown in northern New Jersey, and he appreciated the “second



chance” that Franklin Pierce had given him.

Astmann made good on that chance, becoming class president his junior year, and becoming involved soon after graduation with the group that founded the Alumni Association in 1970. Astmann had served on the Alumni Association board, and later, on the Board of Trustees, for many years by the time Hagerty became president.

He was impressed that early in Hagerty’s tenure, he had the Ravens join the Northeast 10 Athletic Conference.

“You’re known by the company you keep,” says Astmann. “He had athletics competing at an entirely new level.”

Throughout the early 2000s, Astmann served on the Board of Trustees or one of its committees. He admits

2008

Ravens women’s basketball wins its first NCAA Championship New England Regional title

2008-
2009

Earned 10-year NEASC accreditation

“Becoming a university... expanded the ways in which we thought about ourselves, and broadened opportunities for students.”

KIM MOONEY '83,
President,
Franklin Pierce



he was skeptical when he first heard about the idea to attain university status, but mainly because he wanted the institution to remain open to students who had backgrounds similar to his.

However, as the plan was unveiled, Astmann warmed to the concept. He saw that the educational experience that Franklin Pierce offered to its undergraduates was undiminished, and that the institution's reputation and attractiveness to prospective students was growing. After the transition took place, he began to notice another big plus: it was becoming easier to recruit Board of Trustees members, and students, from places other than the East Coast.

The push for more national recognition paid off, Astmann says.

“I was at an AGB [Association of Governing Boards of Colleges and Universities] meeting in San Diego a couple of years ago, and everyone there had heard of Franklin Pierce,” he notes. “Before we had university status, no one knew who we were.”

Constructing tomorrow on a firm foundation

As Pierce enters its second decade as a university, its reputation continues to spread far beyond its New Hampshire home. Hagerty says

that because the institution approached the switch honestly, it has reaped, and will continue to reap, the benefits, as parents, peer institutions and academic colleagues across the globe see that Franklin Pierce University truly deserves its status.

“The marketplace understands what you are,” he asserts. “By the time of the change, we had already become a university.... This move was necessary to define what we'd already become.”

Astmann points with pride to the strength of the university's enrollment in recent years, and is excited about providing an endowment to ensure the institution will always be able to serve students.

“As a trustee, I hope we can

endow Franklin Pierce so it will be here for students for many years to come,” he says.

According to Mooney, who will lead Pierce through its future strategic initiatives to elevate and strengthen the school, becoming a university altered the way the institution regarded itself — and that has benefited everyone.

“Becoming a university was important in terms of our identity,” she says. “And it really expanded the ways in which we thought about ourselves, and broadened opportunities for our students. It transformed us into a significant resource for the state of New Hampshire and for graduate and undergraduate students across the region.” **P**

2009



Dr. James F. Birge
appointed
President

Began revision of the Core Curriculum,
which had been in place since 1991

First Annual Academic Showcase held

Spotlight on Academics

**Raising the Bar for
Faculty Enriches
Students' Classroom
Experience**

**BY JANA F. BROWN
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As provost, Kim Mooney '83 Ph.D. enhanced the process for faculty evaluation and promotion in rank,

ensuring the long-term academic health of Franklin Pierce. Mooney has continued to encourage the highest standards of scholarship and creative work in her inaugural year as president. Faculty accomplishment is judged, first and foremost, through excellence in teaching, but is also linked to advising, institutional service and scholarship/creative work. Motivated by the expectations for their advancement, several faculty have taken advantage of the supportive atmosphere and funding at Pierce to pursue their own research interests, many of them anchored by student participation.

"Students want a strong sense of their futures before graduation," says Mooney. "They want to see what people do in various professions, and that experience helps make them better [job] candidates."

In the classrooms, professors are free to teach creatively, to provide *experiences* in learning. "This faculty is so deeply committed to helping students be successful, not just in earning their degrees," continues Mooney, "but in life."

Leila Jabbour: Using the Brain

As an anatomist, Leila Jabbour is particularly fascinated by the brain.

During an internship with a Cleveland-based medical examiner in graduate school, the Pierce assistant professor of Health Sciences developed an interest in how opioid addiction affects the brain at the molecular and cellular levels. With a little investigative work, she discovered a gap in specific research on the topic. Thanks to funding from the

Institutional Development Award, sponsored by the National Institutes of Health, Jabbour is currently analyzing, in collaboration with other investigators in the field of drug addiction, 28 brain specimens to determine differential gene expression in addicted humans.

Five Franklin Pierce students are researching with her. Under her guidance, Jabbour's students will present their findings at the next Society for Neuroscience annual conference in Washington, D.C.

"The students are working on testing different regions of the brain, looking for specific molecules," she explains. "We are a small school that still has emerging research options. It is the best of both worlds."

The professor takes every opportunity to expose students to experiential learning. At the conclusion of her anatomy and physiology course, they can attend an autopsy demonstration. In senior seminar, they write papers for submission to peer reviewed

journals. Last May, Courtney Caputo '16 and Erin Wood '16 co-authored a paper with Jabbour on the impact of fetal alcohol exposure that was published in *Embryo Today: Reviews*.

Jabbour says Pierce has been supportive of her efforts. She was given a space in Marcucella Hall to use as a lab, as well as additional funding for her brain research.

"There is a real open-mindedness," she says, "about this type of work on campus."

2009

**Master of Physician
Assistant Studies (MPAS)
degree introduced**

**First doctoral hooding
ceremony held**

**Master of Science Nursing
degree introduced**



Mary C. Kelly: Finding Meaning in History

More than 25 years after her emigration from Ireland, Mary C. Kelly's primary research interest still lies in Irish-American history. The history professor is currently working on her third book, about Irish-American nationalist politics, including Protestant involvement around the time of the Irish Revolution of the early 20th century.

Kelly has been at Pierce for 20 years. Thanks to University funding, she has been able to hire History/Education major Christian Barbosa '17 as a research assistant. His work has proven invaluable to Kelly's latest book project.

"Christian has found so much rich detail that I may never have found," Kelly says.

"This experience has granted me an extraordinary opportunity to use skills learned in the classroom and translate them into practical tools," says Barbosa.

At April's Academic Showcase, Kelly teamed up with history colleague Melinda Jetté for a panel on how to integrate students into the faculty research process.

"Rather than publishing articles in obscure journals," explains Kelly, "I want my work to be meaningful in my classrooms and for all who are interested in the Irish immigrant experience in America."

Kelly's goal is to help her students learn and experience history. She accomplishes this through creative assignments, including role-playing exercises that have students standing in the shoes of 1900s British suffragettes or of Germany's Otto von Bismarck. In her Sports Cultures and American History class, Kelly's students present on ethical issues in athletics, from gender disparity to gambling, and have roundtable discussions about those issues to gain deeper understanding.

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Pierce faculty themselves, says Kelly, are held to the highest standard of performance under President Mooney.

"The bar has risen in recent years in terms of professional development and evaluation," she says. "There is a lot more accountability, which is not a bad thing."



2010

First MPAS white coat ceremony

2010-
2011

MBA in Energy and Sustainability introduced



Alan Schulte: Helping Students Push Their Limits

“I try to switch it up as much as possible, so students don’t get caught in a pattern,” says Professor Alan Schulte, who teaches composition and creative non-fiction. “I leave a lot of room for creativity and that produces creativity and motivation from students.”

Schulte is conscious of the professional standard at Pierce, which puts good teaching first on an expectations list that

Zan Gonçalves on an April presentation to the Northeast Writing Centers Association, addressing how writing centers can provide assistance to students outside the confines of the center itself, through online tools and by reversing the model, bringing services directly to students.

To help future Pierce students optimize their completion of class assignments, Schulte published a collection of student

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also includes advising, scholarship and service. “If we can’t help students learn how to question and use their inquiry skills and communicate their ideas,” he says, “then we have failed.”

He also serves as director of the Wensberg Writing Center, and is currently working with Humanities colleague

writing. Conversations to Composition includes examples of major assignments for Composition I and II, designed to provide future students with a model from which to work. The end goal is to prompt students to question and improve their own approaches to classwork.

“I am motivated to hold my students to a higher standard,” he says. “I want to push them beyond their limits.”

2011

New General and Liberal
Education Curriculum adopted

First graduating class to have gone through
four years of University education

Rhine Singleton: Campus as Classroom

The way Professor Rhine Singleton sees it, there is no better way to use Franklin Pierce's 1,200-acre natural setting than as an ecology lab.

"Within 15 minutes, we can take students to several different ecosystems," he says. "We are doing data-driven science by investigating our wetlands, meadows and streams."

Conducting research on the University campus, students have been able to compile land-use history. The hands-on approach to science is not limited to the Rindge grounds. Singleton co-leads a biennial trip to Costa Rica, where students research and

observe in a tropical forest setting. In Singleton's courses, he often employs the "flipped classroom" method, in which students watch lectures away from class and come in prepared to collaborate on homework and group projects. This way, students are tasked with formulating the questions and finding the answers.

Singleton's 2100 Project allows students to collect perspectives on how humans might achieve a sustainable future. The project includes an Earth Day essay contest open to all students.

His own research has also become a tool in Singleton's classes. He recently developed a

smartphone app for identifying trees on the Pierce campus, which students used to analyze leaf samples. Three Environmental Science majors are actively engaged, through a faculty development grant, in Singleton's collaborative research with colleagues Verna DeLauer [See story on page 12] and Catherine Koning on long-term monitoring of changes in

campus wetlands, forest ecology and human attitudes about the environment. The trio of students shared findings in poster presentations at April's Academic Showcase.

"Involving students in faculty research is impactful on many levels," says Singleton. "Perhaps, most of all, because students see how hard work can result in new scientific discoveries." **P**

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2012 First Year Inquiry Seminar established (formerly IC101)

Health Sciences major introduced – the first new major in more than 10 years

Health Care Administration major introduced

Spotlight on College of Graduate and Professional Studies

Keeping it professional: CGPS moves at the rapid pace of its students

**BY LIZ MASSEY
PHOTOGRAPHS BY ANDREW CUNNINGHAM**



Maria Altobello, Dean of Franklin Pierce's College of Graduate and Professional Studies (CGPS) says the college's reputation as "agile and entrepreneurial" is driven by a desire to meet the needs of adult learners in New Hampshire and the surrounding area, as well as students from around the country drawn to some of Pierce's most competitive master's and doctoral degrees.

"We want our students to stay here," she says. "We want to provide them with opportunities in order to do that, so we ask, 'What can we offer that's enticing, that will encourage them to stay [in New Hampshire] after graduation?'"

Altobello, who became dean in 2015, says this focus on the part of CGPS led to the development of a number of health care and business-oriented degrees and certificates. The Doctor of Physical Therapy degree program, which emerged at Franklin Pierce in the early 2000s, is an example of how Pierce leveraged its size and scale to benefit graduate students.

A strong emphasis on research and evidence-based practice is the backbone of the DPT program, accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE). Assistant Professor Jenny Wasserman, who teaches at the Manchester campus, received a grant in 2016 from the women's health section of the American Physical Therapy Association to study effective treatments for chronic Caesarean section scar pain. Hers is the first study to be done on this topic and her

findings will provide evidence to support this novel treatment.

"Research projects like this help put Franklin Pierce on the map as a university at the forefront of physical therapy practice, while providing the students with fantastic opportunities to participate in clinical research," Wasserman says.

Olga McSorley, academic coordinator of clinical education and an assistant professor for the DPT program, identified community service as another factor that differentiates Franklin Pierce from other institutions.

"Our program embraces the value of community service and understands how it helps students as much as it helps the people or groups they serve," she explains.

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In all CGPS degree programs and certificates, things move quickly, according to Altobello.

"More things happen in less time here," she says. "We have the ability to launch a new program to respond to market needs within the same academic year, without skipping steps or cutting corners."

2012

Business Plus accelerated degree programs started (first undergraduate/graduate collaboration)



Ravens Athletics adds sprint football, men's and women's track and field, men's cross country and women's ice hockey to its programming, bringing the University's sports sponsorship up to 23 programs



Joshua Cleland: **Blending teaching, research and practice**

Joshua Cleland says Franklin Pierce offered him a “perfect fit” early in his career, when he realized that he wanted to combine practice as a physical therapist with teaching and scholarly research.

The professor in Pierce’s Doctor of Physical Therapy program has indeed done all three. He teaches courses at the Manchester campus, has published more than 200 research studies in peer-reviewed journals and practices clinically at Concord Hospital. He’s been recognized with the Rothstein Golden Pen Award for Scientific Writing and the Rose Excellence in Research Award from the American Physical Therapy Association, among other honors.

Cleland says the development of his students in the program is always a motivator for him.

“It is a thrill to watch students progress from the first day of classes to the end of the program where they are providing quality care to patients,” he says.

The Pappas Health Sciences and Athletic Training Center opens

2013



Ravens Athletics adds women’s golf and bowling to its sports offerings

Wayne Pauley, '87, '07:
Giving back to today's students

Wayne Pauley '87, '07 teaches a class on digital privacy. He used the convenience of Franklin Pierce's satellite campuses to finish his bachelor's degree in 1987, and to earn a master's degree in Information Technology Management in 2007.

Since then, he's completed a Ph.D. program, filed for 25 patents, and published a number of peer-reviewed journal articles. During his career, he's also worked in sales and IT for the Digital Equipment Corporation, Liberty Mutual and EMC Corp.

He is succinct when asked why he chose to become an

adjunct professor at Pierce. "I felt it was time for me to give back, and I wanted to help young people understand what the field of technology has to offer them," he says.

He is quick to credit CGPS Dean Maria Altobello, who was a faculty member and his advisor during his master's degree program, with helping him achieve so much as an IT professional and scholar.

"Franklin Pierce and Dr. Altobello helped me continue to be relevant in an ever changing technology world, and helped me find my voice and drove me to work harder and become a successful leader in my community," he says.

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Jennifer Parent-Nichols '11:
Every course is a work in progress

Jennifer Parent-Nichols '11, an assistant professor who completed her transitional DPT degree at Pierce in 2011, says she was attracted to the program initially because of the collegiality she saw between students and instructors. **“The culture of the DPT program at Franklin Pierce is one of collaboration and challenge.”**

"The culture of the DPT program at Franklin Pierce is one of collaboration and challenge," she says.

Pediatrics and concussion recovery form the focus of Parent-Nichols' research, and she has tapped her previous bachelor's degree in education to design DPT classes that create meaningful learning experiences for her students.

"I think every experience I have had shapes the way I design my courses," she asserts. "Every course is a work in progress."

She acknowledges that the health care workplace is constantly changing but says the students at Franklin Pierce will be ready.

"The rigor of the program prepares students to thoroughly examine and evaluate patients... and create innovative, evidence-based plans of care," she says. "The program at Franklin Pierce always has the patient at the center of care." **▣**

2015

Public Health major introduced

Social Media and Emergent Technologies major introduced



Michelle Barbeau '11, MBA '13: Supporting the Next Generation

Michelle Barbeau '11, MBA '13 describes herself as a social person. As an undergraduate at Franklin Pierce, she worked as a phonathoner. Barbeau's ability to make connections with alumni impressed her supervisors so much that they offered her a job.

"I was asked to consider being a graduate assistant, working in the alumni and development office while getting my MBA," Barbeau recalls.

Knowing the opportunity was too good to pass up, Barbeau accepted and was soon running the student phonathon, developing her interpersonal skills and making more connections with Pierce graduates. As her two-year commitment wound down, Barbeau began to pursue jobs that would put her undergraduate Social Work degree to use. But, again, she was asked to stay, this time by the online division of the College of Graduate and Professional Studies. In 2015, she was promoted from assistant to associate director of enrollment and retention at CGPS, recruiting and advising students earning their degrees online.

"I am the face of the University for these students," Barbeau says proudly, "because they don't come in for class. I guide them toward their degrees and find the best route for them to be successful."

Because Pierce is a small school, Barbeau appreciates that she once felt comfortable calling her own graduate advisor for help. That personalized approach to education is something she tries to emulate in her current work for the University. Most of the students with whom Barbeau works are adult learners, balancing career, family and a challenging academic re-acclimation.

"I tell them I understand going back to school can be intimidating," Barbeau says. "I like to share that I was able to complete my MBA at Pierce online, and that we have built a curriculum that cares about students. It's more than just a job for me. I truly care about Franklin Pierce. I am trying to give back what Pierce has given me: encouragement and constant support."

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Spotlight on Alumni

“My Home and My Family”

BY JANA F. BROWN

Alumni have a way of finding their way back to Franklin Pierce. Their journeys are distinct, but they share a common affection for the University. Here we tell the stories of four Pierce graduates who now infuse love for their alma mater into their work for the school's future.

ANDREW CUNNINGHAM

2015

Andrew H. Card appointed President

2016



Ravens men's baseball wins its seventh regional title

Amanda '12, MBA '14 and Cody '12, MBA '14 Kauffman: The Love Story

After Amanda Panaro '12, '14 met with former Franklin Pierce women's soccer coach Jeff Bailey in 2008, she told her father, "You can't leave me here in New Hampshire." Meanwhile, Philadelphia native Cody Kauffman '12, '14, the man who, five years later, would become Amanda's husband, was looking for a smaller but still competitive environment after playing baseball for two years at UMass Amherst.

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“At Franklin Pierce, I was able to find myself – and Cody,” says Amanda. “When we came here, it changed us for the better.”

Amanda and Cody, both athletic stars for the Ravens, officially met while working the phones as student

fundraisers, but Cody knew Amanda as “Pink Cleats” from the soccer sidelines. Amanda, in turn, recognized Cody as the cute and talented baseball player from her sports broadcasts as a communications major. At the phonathons, Cody was impressed by Amanda's outgoing personality. She was drawn to his calm demeanor. They became close friends, but their first official date on campus came months later on a bench by Peterson Manor, overlooking the lake. In her current role as associate director of marketing and communications, Amanda Kauffman looks out at that same bench from her office window.

Though Cody left Rindge briefly, both Kauffmans served Pierce as graduate assistants for their former college teams. Today, Cody works as assistant baseball coach, while Amanda first an assistant soccer coach, then served in admissions and is now the associate director of marketing. “Being an alumna is invaluable in the work I do,” she says. “In marketing, the product is the most important thing, and I am a product of Franklin Pierce, so it's easy to believe in what I'm saying. I'm invested in the work because this is *my* school.”

Cody credits both Amanda and his Pierce education, including the counsel of former baseball coach Jayson King, with pushing him academically. The couple received their MBAs together in 2014.

“I do a lot of recruiting,” Cody says. “Being from Franklin Pierce and experiencing the same things as the students, it's easy to sell the school because I know what it has given me: my home and my family.”



2016

Kim Mooney '83 Ph.D. appointed as President



Revitalization of University Honors Program begins



Vicky Rank '02, '05, MBA '12: Creating a Pierce Legacy

In 1999, the year after she took a position as an administrative assistant at Franklin Pierce, Vicky Rank '02, '05, MBA '12 began a long educational journey that would extend to 2012, when she officially graduated from the University, having earned an associate's degree, a B.S., and an MBA. It was a voyage that almost was not — in Rank's very first semester.

"I was getting ready to take my midterm and my husband called me," recalls Rank. "We found out he had cancer and the doctor told him to get his affairs in order. We had two young kids. I was going to quit school."

Rank's colleagues and professors, she recalls, would not allow that. "They said, 'You are going to finish.'" While working full-time, raising her two children, and helping her husband, Travers, survive cancer, Rank completed her degrees. For her MBA alone, she traveled to Pierce's Concord campus, 77 miles round-trip from her Antrim home, once a week for nearly three years.

Her devotion to Franklin Pierce began early in life, when Rank accompanied her father, former Pierce postmaster Herbie

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Robinson, to work. At night, Robinson would sit beside his children as they did their homework and pen letters to students with empty mailboxes. Today, Rank serves as an administrative assistant in the Center for Academic Excellence, where she calls herself a “friendly traffic cop,” facilitating students' connections with tutors and counselors, and administering placement tests for incoming freshmen. Rank's daughter, Madison '14, has been among them.

"The moment I am most proud of is when I was allowed to hand my daughter her Franklin Pierce diploma," Rank says. "We are a very close-knit community here. People ask where I live and I tell them I sleep [at my house] in Antrim, but I live here. Pierce is my home." ■

With Eyes to the Future

Strategic Plan Helps Harness the Best of Pierce for a Stronger Tomorrow

BY HOLLY BERETTO

“One of the defining platforms for the plan is that Pierce will be known as a community that encourages students to achieve success.”

When Franklin Pierce University President Kim Mooney '83 Ph.D. unveiled the school's new strategic plan on Dec. 1, 2016, she said that it was time for the University to “dig in and come together” to chart the path for Pierce's future.

In the works since last spring, the multi-pronged plan is a clear blueprint for what's next at Pierce. More than that, it looks to all of Raven Nation for support.

“Our last strategic plan had expired,” explained Mooney. “And we'd had a transition in leadership. This initiative outlines our shared goals and institutional priorities, and how we will work to achieve them.”

“Advancing and Sustaining Raven Nation: Engage 2016 - 2020,” the plan's proper name, will propel the University through 2020. The previous initiative took the school from 2012 - 2016. Given the timeline for that endeavor, “Making Connections,” was past, it was natural for Pierce to take stock and determine what was vital to the school's success into the next decade and beyond.

“We've laid out goals for building and sustaining enrollment,” says Kenneth Ferreira, associate vice president for student financial service and chair of the strategic planning committee. “This is about strong fiscal management, maximizing our sources of revenue. It's also about building the brand of Franklin Pierce.”

Advancing institutional goals was no small task. The planning committee worked with colleagues across the University, soliciting input, gathering data, forming working groups and having both formal and informal discussions about what was working, what might need updating and what Pierce wanted for the future.

One of the defining platforms for the plan is that Pierce will be known as a community that encourages students to achieve success.

“We provide a distinctive education for our graduates,” says Ferreira. “A liberal arts education is at the foundation of what we do, but we wanted to have a conversation about what makes us distinct, what differentiates us from other schools. One of those distinctions is that we can provide students with not only an undergraduate degree, but a post-graduate education.”

2016

Sports Media major introduced

2017

Fully online Emergency Medical Services program launched



Highlights of Engage 2016 – 2020 include:

Optimize Enrollment:

Enrollment is the primary driver of the University’s revenue, and optimizing matriculation of students across the school’s programs is essential. Components here will include assessing existing space and capacity on the Rindge campus and identifying the balance of new and continuing students that optimize enrollment and net revenue. For the University’s College of Graduate and Professional Studies Program, this goal will manifest in identifying capacity constraints for each program, as well as establishing enrollment and revenue targets for each program offered.

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Actualize Student Potential:

Core to the University’s mission is the commitment to the relevance and impact of a personal touch and individual attention for all undergraduate and graduate students. This foundation helps students become lifetime learners, and the University is dedicated to continued development of academic and experiential learning programs to ensure a more deliberate and intentional delivery of this philosophy. Assessing and revising academic advising procedures; reimagining the First Year Inquiry Seminar (FYI); identifying and resourcing academic programs that drive enrollment, while revising struggling ones; and establishing retention goals across the University are part of this goal.

Build the University Brand:

The University brand must encompass the key elements of Pierce’s guiding principles and differentiate the University in

the marketplace. To enhance this goal, Pierce will reexamine the University’s mission and vision statements, recalibrate existing marketing resources, and identifying and promote examples of the University brand across all programs.

Strengthen the Financial Base of the University with Effective and Efficient Operations:

Strong fiscal management and cultivating talented human resources are essential to building a community that enrolls, supports and retains students. Objectives here include developing a rolling capital investment plan for five years; assessing program visibility across the University, including academic, athletic and co-curricular opportunities; and assessing and evaluating academic, students, administration and infrastructure-related information technology resources.

Identify and Maximize Alternative Sources of Revenue:

Pierce’s financial health cannot be solely dependent upon enrollments. Seeking out additional revenue sources can assist in offsetting operational expenses and serve as a mechanism to drive costs downward. The University looks to develop and launch a comprehensive capital campaign, as well as developing multi-year plans to maximize alternative sources of revenue.

Alumni, parents and friends who wish to get involved are encouraged to share their ideas and their time in working with Pierce committees on achieving these goals. Those interested can email Kenneth Ferreira at ferreirak@franklinpierce.edu. 

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Fitzwater Center for Communication celebrates 15th anniversary



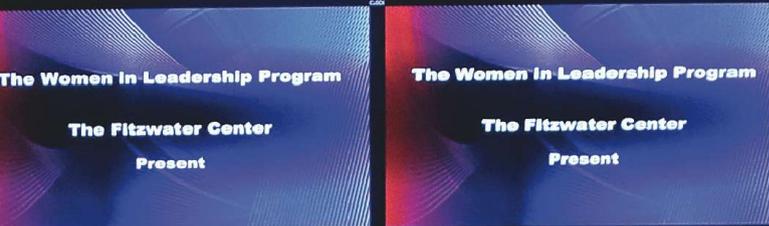


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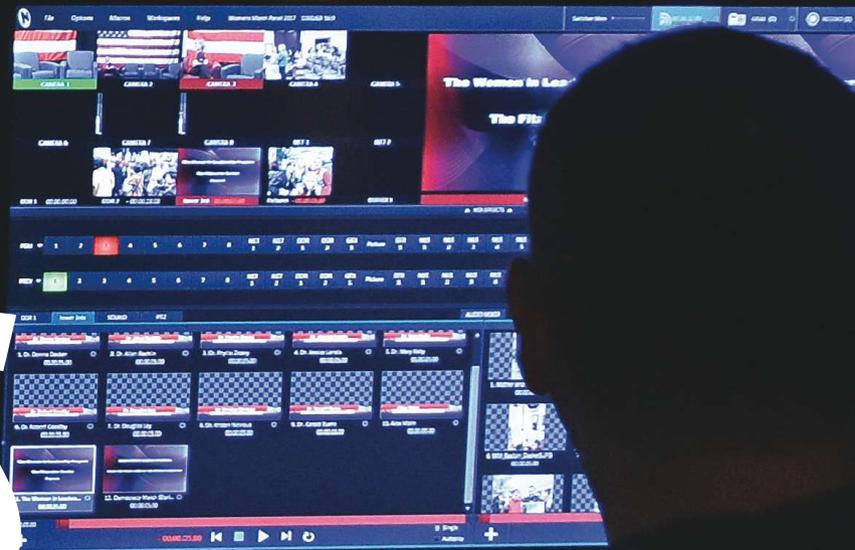


**The Marlin Fitzwater
Center for
Communication
Celebrates 15 Years**

AT THE CENTER



OF THINGS



**BY IAN ALDRICH
PHOTOGRAPHS BY
ANDREW CUNNINGHAM**



Above: Marlin Fitzwater
Right: managing playlists at the radio station, WFPC-LP 105.3 FM

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teven Dodrill '09 knew it was going to be a long night when he arrived at Franklin Pierce's Manchester campus in the late afternoon of Jan. 8, 2008. In fact, it had already felt like a mad dash for Dodrill, a Broadcast Journalism and Media Studies major, and the 20 other students who'd spent the last several months reporting on the New Hampshire presidential primary for the Marlin Fitzwater Center for Communication.

Like the hundreds of other working journalists covering the political event, they'd blanketed the state, interviewed candidates and voters, tracked polls and conducted their own, and pushed out their reports and numbers to various media outlets, from WMUR to the "Boston Globe." It was exactly

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— DAWN DEANGELIS

the kind of hands-on experience the Fitzwater Center and its director, Dr. Kristen Nevios, had specialized in giving Pierce students since the facility opened in the spring of 2002. Now, with the voting set to conclude in a matter of hours, Dodrill, who spearheaded the students' political coverage, hunkered down with Nevios and waited for the results to come in from the small army of Pierce students who were at polling stations and various campaign headquarters.

If there was a student who came ready-made to take advantage of the Fitzwater Center's resources, it was Dodrill. The Marshfield, Mass., native landed at Pierce in the fall of 2005 with a year of radio reporting experience already under his belt. He'd covered breaking news, community events, politics and sports for a station in his hometown. As a high school senior, he'd even earned an Edward R. Murrow Award for his work on a story about the hunt for two young boys thought to have fallen through an icy lake.

"I loved Pierce's tight-knit community," says Dodrill, a Fitzwater Scholar, an honor bestowed on 10 incoming



freshmen each year who've shown exemplary work in print or electronic media. "And just to have a chance to have a relationship with Marlin and the Center's board, I knew there would be opportunities there that I wouldn't get at another school. And that proved true, from the first day I arrived right up until graduation, when I walked across the stage with a medallion on my chest [as a Fitzwater Honor recipient] with Marlin's face on it."

As the evening pushed on and the results came in showing that Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Senator John McCain were on their way to victory, and Pierce's coverage landed in the hands of other media outlets, Dodrill reflected on what his team had achieved and what it meant for all of them.

"Kristen always told us that our goal was to help people find their voice through public discourse," he says. "You really sensed that for all of us. And it was sort of humbling to think that I was the leader of it all. I was heading up central command. We'd hung with some of the best reporters in the country, and I felt proud of what we had accomplished."

CREATING CONNECTIONS – ON CAMPUS AND IN THE COMMUNITY

Dodrill's story is a common one for many of the Pierce students who've come through the Fitzwater Center, home to the University's Department of Mass Communication and the Pierce Media Group, which consists of the student-run newspaper, TV studio and Raven Sports Broadcasting Network.

Those who use the Fitz are as varied as the programs it offers. The lineup includes the student-produced public affairs webcast, "Tuesday Briefings," and "Conversations," a television show in which professionals talk to students about career trends and opportunities. Pierce undergraduates are immersed in the political polling process and every four years are given the opportunity to go deep into the presidential election through a round of coverage that includes reporting at both party conventions.



But to call the Fitzwater Center just a Franklin Pierce resource misses the point. It serves the wider community as well. Civic, business and educational leaders speak at the facility's annual Fry Lecture Series; through a partnership with New Hampshire Public Television, Pierce screens issue-driven films and then hosts community conversations around the topic; and with its Presidency and the Press annual conference, the University invites high school students to the Rindge campus to meet political figures and get their feet wet with Center's state-of-the-art media facilities.

"It's a tremendous resource for the state," says Dawn Deangelis, chief content officer and vice president of NHPTV, who has collaborated closely with Nevious and Pierce students on Fitzwater Center programs. "They're always trying to engage the community."

A PRESS SECRETARY LIKE NO OTHER

That approach, that diversity of offerings, is a reflection of the man for whom the Fitzwater Center is named.

In the historical context of our nation's public communication, Marlin Fitzwater stands alone. The Kansas native spent a decade in the front row of history, as press secretary to Presidents Reagan and Bush. From 1983 to 1992, his voice reassured the world in times of turmoil and change. Today he is an

author and lecturer whose presidential anecdotes, political analysis and television commentary receive worldwide attention.

As the only press secretary in history to be appointed by two presidents, Fitzwater became known to millions of Americans as the voice of the 26-nation coalition in the Persian Gulf War. Often wearing a wide brimmed hat and an open smile, Fitzwater stood next to two presidents during Cold War summits, economic downturns and eight military conflicts.

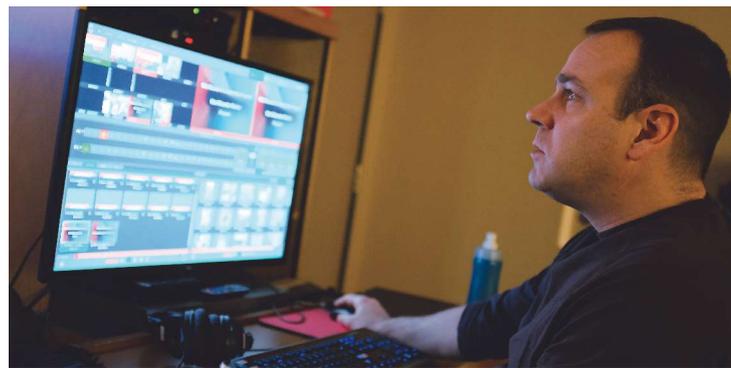
He was named an Outstanding Civil Servant in government in 1980; received the nation's second highest civilian award, the Presidential Citizens Medal, from President Bush in 1992; served on the board of the Woodrow Wilson School for International Scholars; and has received numerous other awards and honorary doctorate degrees.

Marlin Fitzwater is still very much a part of the Pierce family. Since 1999, he's been a member of the Franklin Pierce University Board of Trustees and continues to serve as a member of the Advisory Board of the Fitzwater Center. He often comes to campus to greet incoming Fitzwater Scholars.

"Working with the students has been very exciting, and to see all these great kids come in and they're so energized and fresh and looking for new ways to express themselves," he said in a 2012 interview marking the Center's 10th anniversary. "[It's] great to work with young people who have a pure interest in journalism and help them develop their talents."

Left: a detail of audio equipment
Below: filming in the TV studio





EVOLVING WITH THE TIMES

If Marlin Fitzwater inspired the mission behind his namesake Center, it's Dr. Kristen Nevious who's been the engine behind its evolution. The media landscape the Fitz encountered when it first opened in 2002 was much different than the one it navigates today. Not only has the way news is consumed changed, so has the way it's made, and along with it the expectations for what the end product should be. There's more allowance for rawer snippets to be the central part of the story. Television coverage isn't strictly the domain of big cameras anymore. Flip cameras came on the scene in the mid-2000s; today, smartphone video populates newscasts.

It's a climate that's required adaptability and Pierce has embraced it. In 2008, Nevious, who came to work at Fitzwater Center soon after it opened, secured a batch of flip cameras for her students, who promptly used them to cover the New Hampshire primary. That year, Pierce's YouTube channel was second only to WMUR's in popularity for its coverage of the election. More recently, the Fitz received a grant to purchase virtual reality equipment, sparking NHPTV's interest in utilizing the students and the technology to help enhance its own broadcasts.

"We are a clearinghouse of opportunity," says Nevious. "We are providing our students with the skills, knowledge and confidence to pursue these opportunities that will help them emerge as leaders in the public discourse. It doesn't have to be that they get a press pass to cover Congress. It could be that they report on their local town meeting or become a staffer for a state rep. We're looking to build leaders of conscience and public communication."

It also allows Pierce students to wear a number of different hats. During Steven Dodrill's time at the

University, for example, he was news director of the radio station, news director of the Pierce Media Group, TV news anchor and founder of Politics Fitz U, which centralized its student-run political coverage. In addition he spearheaded the launch of the Center's Twitter and YouTube accounts.

"The Fitzwater Center gave us the keys to the Lexus," says Dodrill, now a supervisor in loyalty support for Dunkin' Brands, a franchisor whose companies include Dunkin' Donuts and Baskin Robbins. "They gave us the keys to the Center and their brand and all of its resources. They trusted us. It was so valuable."

Under Nevious' leadership, the Fitzwater Center has led and pushed students in other ways, too. In 2000, its student-assisted polling operation gained national prominence when it chronicled Senator John McCain's rise and eventual double-digit victory in New Hampshire's Republican presidential primary. It earned notoriety again in 2015 when it was the first to show Senator Bernie Sanders leading former Secretary of State Hilary Clinton in the Democratic primary, 44-37.

“All these media outlets from around the world were citing Pierce.”

— DR. KRISTEN NEVIOUS

"We posted the results on our website and it started to make the rounds," says Nevious. "It became the lead story." She lets out a proud laugh. "All these media outlets from around the world were citing Pierce."

More recently, Nevious led a group of 24 students, including 16 high schoolers, to Washington in January for President Trump's inauguration. The trip included press credentials for the participants and a round of interviews with Senators Jean Shaheen and Maggie Hassan, and Representative Carole Shea-Porter. For these up and coming journalists it was real access, real work, and real exposure.

"They are way ahead of the curve in terms of the experience the kids get with the national stage of politics, press coverage and all the other hands-on activity they receive," says Deangelis. "If you come to Franklin Pierce and you're a high school student and you love politics, you can go as deep as you want. If you're more on the creative side, there's an opportunity for you as well. It's such a hidden jewel." ■

Clockwise from top left: Kristen Nevious with a student; working on the March panel; a student in the computer lab



Danica Thoroughgood '17, David Hamilton '17, Erin Baronas '17, Nicholas Disaia '17, Leana Richards '17

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Camino de Santiago
Walk Helps Students
Connect with Themselves

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE PAST

BY MARK G. HANNA

It began as an adventurous step backward.

A group of students were asked to leave their comforts, challenge their securities and go off in search of...something.

Those who answered became vagabonds in Europe. They camped in fields. Their next destination was often determined just before they started walking there. They were their own subjects to study.

It was 1969, and 48 years later what has become known simply as 'The Walk' is still going backwards, still disconnecting and still searching.

It adds another chapter late this summer when Douglas Challenger, professor of sociology and a walk leader since 2006, takes a class to Spain's Camino de Santiago pilgrimage trail.

"The goals are for the students to be sensitive with themselves, take time for reflection, to open their eyes to living a more examined life and to spend quality time with other people," he said.



BEGINNINGS

The idea for the pass/fail course originated with Taylor Morris, then an English professor at the University who passed away in March at the ages of 94 [see page 53]. Reflecting on how his daily, 15-mile walk to campus offered time for contemplation and the formation of new ideas, he proposed creating a months-long trek as an academic course on self-discovery.

“The Walk Program as originally conceived by Professor Morris was unlike anything I’ve ever heard of offered through an academic or travel-related institution,” said Bill Faller ’78, who went on his first walk in 1977 and then joined a Walk from Barcelona, Spain, to Dubrovnik, Croatia, in 1979.

In 1989, Faller joined what he thought would be the last Walk, as Professor Morris was nearing retirement. But two years later, a reunion of Walk alumni from 1969 through 1989 was so successful that Morris convinced the college to allow Faller to lead another Walk. This led Faller to

co-lead several more Walks with the professor’s son, Taylor Morris Jr.

“We relied, by intent, largely on the kindness of strangers to make the Walks work,” he said of the early years. “We had no set walking route, no planned camping sites. Our large tent was typically erected on a farmer’s field or an out-of-the-way municipal spot and would serve as home for one night.”

Jillian Garrity ’13 signed up for the Walk in 2011. Her older sister had taken the Walk in 2005, and

her sister’s experience led to Garrity’s decision to attend Franklin Pierce and do a Walk herself.

“When her group was in Ireland, my parents and I went there to meet family members, and to see her as well,” Garrity said. “She was un-showered, her clothes were dirty, she didn’t have much, but she was so happy. I had never seen her as content and glowing as she was then.”

Students in the early years trekked without much more than faith in each other.

“We had to trust that we would be provided for,” says Faller. “Remarkably, we were. Over and over again we were the happy beneficiaries of the good will of the country we were meandering through. I remember feeling, when I returned home, that the world had opened up and that I could do anything.”

GROWING PAINS

The Walk aged, and by the 21st century, many began to question if it should be continued.

“The Walk is a product of the ’60s, so it wasn’t as structured as some wanted it to be,” said Challenger. “The goals have always been self-exploration and discovery, but the school was looking for something more academic for those participating.”

Challenger led a Walk in 2006; in 2007, he headed alone to the French Pyrenees where he hiked the Camino de Santiago, an ancient pilgrimage trail. It would change the Walk.

Called the Way of St. James in English, the Camino de Santiago goes back to the ninth century when it was claimed that the tomb of St. James, the evangelical apostle of the Iberian Peninsula, had been discovered. Over the centuries, hundreds of thousands of pilgrims came from across Europe to visit the site, following routes that went back to Celtic and ancient Roman times. The trail was recently the subject of a 2011 film called *The Way*, starring Martin Sheen.

Challenger was convinced that with its rich history, this 2000-year-old trail might be the answer to academic concerns while still offering the opportunities of the original Walk. His idea was accepted, and he has since led several 500-mile Walks along the southern French and northern Spanish portions of the trail, the last in 2015.

“This new Walk has some additional positive benefits for the people taking it. Students meet more people, many who are taking the same pilgrimage, from all over the world. In the old way, lots of people walked along in their own little community, all as a group, and I think it was too insulated.”

WALKING WITH THE ECHOES OF THE PAST

Garrity admits she was at first disappointed that her Walk would not be like her sister’s, but after researching the history of the Camino, she signed on.

“Everything on the Camino was so simple, especially compared to life at home. Our main goal for the day — sometimes our only goal — was to walk from one town to another. We had all day to do that. Along the way we could choose to stop and check out towns, cafes, talk with new friends, or keep walking through.”

Thousands of people from around the world make the Camino walk every year. The well-marked trail takes them through open plains below distant mountains, through vineyards ready for harvest, across farms and along valley roads. Interspersed along the way are ancient villages, monasteries, stony ruins and historic sites going back to the trail’s beginning. And while not for the faint of heart, the challenge of the Walk is more distance and time than it is geography. For the most part, the trail is fairly flat and the climbs are more rolling hills than steep ascents.

“I remember feeling, when I returned home, that the world had opened up and that I could do anything.”

— BILL FALLER '78



Facing page, top to bottom: Bridge at Orbigio, Spain; group at Santiago Cathedral; looking at the Pyrenees



IN MEMORY OF TAYLOR MORRIS 1923 – 2017

Taylor Morris, former Professor of English and founder of The Walk, passed away in Peterborough in March 2017. He was 94. A Peterborough resident for more than 50 years, Morris was born in New Orleans, where the sounds of jazz, street vendors and the celebrations of Mardi Gras would be the background for his youth. He would later turn his Louisiana beginnings into a three-volume memoir “All the Clouds’ll Roll Away,” centering on the exploits of a young New Orleans man coming of age in the shadows of World War II. Morris taught English at Franklin Pierce for nearly 30 years, retiring in 1994.

He was a graduate of Tulane University, and received his master’s degree in 17th century literature from Columbia. In 1964, Morris and his family came to New Hampshire, where he was invited to do a fellowship with the McDowell Colony. He would go on to do 10 more fellowships with the Colony, as well as a dozen with the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts.

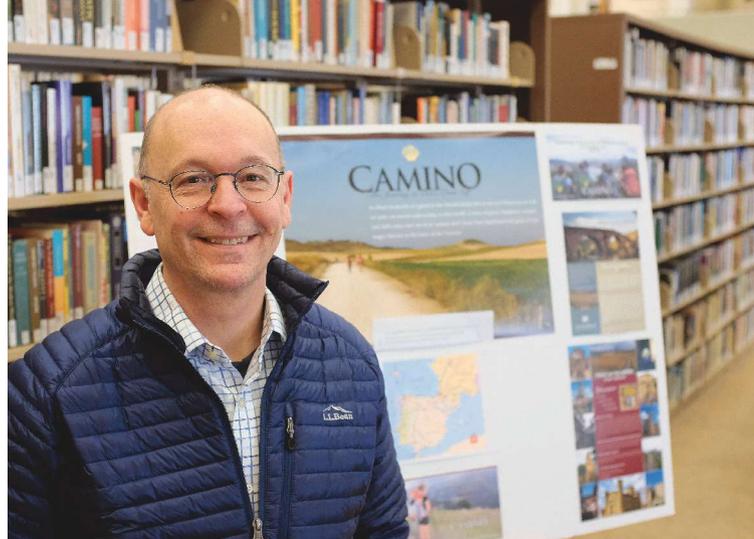
Morris led the first Walk in 1979, a 1,400-mile trek from Barcelona to Dubrovnik. The multi-country trek would go on to be the centerpiece of Franklin Pierce’s study abroad program, and Morris would lead generations of students on 14 more walks.

The author of three books, including “All the Clouds’ll Roll Away,” Morris is survived by his wife of 36 years, Jan Dolan; five children; three step-children’ and numerous grandchildren, nieces and nephews. A public memorial service will be held this summer. Details will be forthcoming on ForeverMissed.com.



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—JILLIAN GARRITY '13



Walkers usually begin at dawn and continue until mid-afternoon when students meet up at a designated hostel or other lodging place; there is no longer a cumbersome tent to tote.

“Those walks by myself were the most moving,” Garrity said. “I had a whole day’s walk to think about whatever I wanted. The most defining experience I had was the feeling of happiness and simplicity. I could just take each day, each moment, as it came to me.”

Stella Walling joined the Franklin Pierce staff in 1994 as Director of International Studies Programs. She saw students come back from the Walk with a deeper appreciation for the world. When she retired in 2013, her husband suggested they take the Walk themselves.

“What struck me most was the realization about halfway through that I was very happy, felt very complete and content, and saw the same thing happening to my husband and pretty much most other walkers we met along the way,” she recalls. “It was not simply the idea of camaraderie with others you meet, although that certainly played a part, but the discipline of doing the same thing every day: get up early, pack your backpack the same efficient way, step outside when dawn was just breaking, [being] aware of the weather, rain or shine, smells, sounds, walk up hill or down, not knowing where you will end up that night, wash your clothes every afternoon, eat a terrific yet simple meal, go to bed early, and do it all again the next day.”

Faller concurs. “For me personally, there was a point well into the first long Walk where I realized that I cared too much about things that don’t matter — what people think of me, et cetera — and largely got over that. A psychological cleansing had somehow occurred, and I discovered that the self-imposed restraints I had placed on my life were dropping away.”

THE WALK FACES THE FUTURE

The biggest challenges in 2017, Challenger admits, could be that the world today is far more difficult to disconnect from.

Besides the Walk itself, which usually starts in late summer and goes for nearly three months, the semester-long course includes class time, local walks and both verbal and written assignments.

“The last trip (2015) was really hard to fill up, and we started earlier recruiting for the next one,” Challenger admitted. “The fact is, the pool of people able to go is shrinking. Health Sciences is the biggest major at Franklin Pierce and students don’t have the time to take a semester away from those studies. The Walk is an idea that students can’t always appreciate. They are worried about getting jobs and finishing their education. Self-exploration usually takes a back seat to that.”

And then there is life with cell phone and Internet.

“I wrote an article called Walking the Camino in the Age of Wifi,” says Challenger “It’s a challenge. When we first started it, there would be computers in some of the hostels, and everyone would take their turn getting on to check emails. Now, every hostel has Wifi, every walker has a cell phone. I do worry that it threatens what the Walk is supposed to be about by providing an easy distraction from the Camino itself.”

Walling, while not as dependent on cell phones and social media as most students are, admitted she and her husband carried a cell phone and occasionally posted photos on Facebook. “I think students find the disconnect that Doug tries to create for them initially quite difficult. But I also think that many of them come to appreciate the lack of cell phones after some time.”

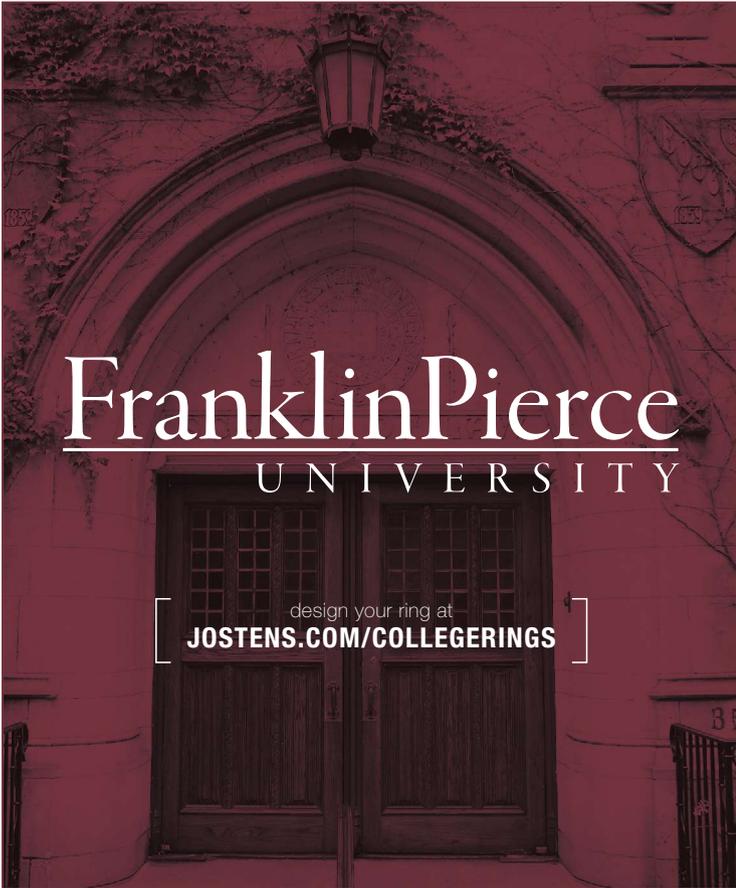
“When I read accounts of soldiers who miss the solidarity and camaraderie of their life in the military, I am reminded of what drew me to the Walks over and over again,” Faller added. “It was the intensity of the experience, filled with extremes, and the reliance on our band of brothers and sisters that set the Walks apart from other travel programs.”

Garrity has two words for anyone considering the Walk. “Do it.”

Adding that she plans more pilgrimages in her future, she says, “People are sometimes afraid to take risks, but that’s when we learn the most about ourselves.” **P**



Facing page, top to bottom: direction signs to cities around the world; a fiesta in Viana; at the Pilgrim Monument; spelling out ‘Camino’ in Fromista, Spain. Above: Doug Challenger



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Franklin Pierce's future falls partly on the shoulders of our alumni.

Ensuring our Future

Alumni contribute to our success

As I prepare this update to our alumni and friends, I'm reflecting on the fact that I'm wrapping up my term as your Alumni Association President and as a member of the Alumni Board. It's an experience I've loved and that remains special to me. My interest to serve has been completely fueled by two factors: Franklin Pierce's appreciation of alumni support and an all-in, dedicated and committed Alumni Board.

Whenever I visit campus, I'm reminded of the breadth of our alumni impact and presence. As a University, we are now approaching 19,000 graduates. Think about that number for a moment. It's impressive. Franklin Pierce has touched the lives of every one of those 19,000 individuals. Across our campuses, we have alumni who serve at every level of our staff: on the faculty, in athletics and administration, as graduate assistants, trustees, and of course, in leadership. When you hear the term "dedication," that's exactly what these alumni have offered and committed, with years of service to ensure Franklin Pierce succeeds. We can all be proud of the impact they've made and continue to make on this special place.

Our most visible alumna on campus is President Kim Mooney '83, and her presence is such an exciting milestone in Franklin Pierce's history. Having a graduate of our University chart its future direction and success is, indeed, a special opportunity for us. Please consider how you can add your own influence, voice and ideas to Franklin Pierce's success.

Franklin Pierce has been so supportive of the Alumni Board. I hope you will consider taking active roles. There are so many ways to help, be active and volunteer. Some work requires just a little effort, some asks for a greater commitment, but all are of tremendous value and genuinely appreciated by the University. The experience is what you make of it! Franklin Pierce's future partly falls on the shoulders of our alumni.

Our collective alumni support of President Mooney and our University will help enable the brightest Franklin Pierce future. The installation of Kim Mooney '83 as our sixth president Sept. 23, 2017. Please watch for more details to come. I hope you will be able to join us in celebrating in this special milestone.

Pierce Proud!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Riley". The signature is fluid and cursive.

BOB RILEY '82

President, Franklin Pierce University Alumni Association

Alumni Gift of Hockey Jerseys Lifts Spirits

In early December, the Franklin Pierce Ravens men's hockey team took the ice in its new uniforms, a gift from James F. McDonald III '75. "When the players donned their new jerseys, their whole attitude rose," McDonald recalls being told by a player after that first game.

Wanting to make the most of the sharp new look, the team has also arranged for live streaming of home games, for which McDonald was more of a champion than a sponsor. "I was willing to underwrite the effort," he said, "but we found out it was really a simple arrangement and did not really need financial support."

The University has competed in intercollegiate varsity hockey since 2002 for men and 2012 for women. McDonald himself did not play hockey, and the genesis of the gift was almost happenstance. It grew out of the spirit of giving back that runs so strongly in Pierce alumni.

"On Friday, Jan. 22, 1971, Franklin Pierce gave me an interview," McDonald says. "They were the only school to give me an interview. On Feb. 11, I got my acceptance. Franklin Pierce gave me a chance that no one else did. I appreciated that, even at the time. I knew when I had the chance, I wanted to give back. I went to Rindge and worked hard to get a degree. I did not play any varsity sports, only intramurals."

McDonald earned a degree in Economics and went to work for Hamilton Standard, the aircraft propeller company, part of United Technology. He then worked for 24 years at NASA on the space shuttle

program, then eight more years at Boeing on the 787 Dreamliner. In each case, he applied his training in cost and schedule management.

"What I learned at Franklin Pierce propelled me to a career," McDonald says. "I was not a smart guy, I just had perseverance, tenacity, and moxie."

He has since retired and lives in Enfield, Conn., where he grew up. These days he does a lot of fishing for trout, bass and salmon. He stays fit, exercising often at a local gym. It was there that an acquaintance, Ricky Williams, mentioned that his son was being recruited by the Ravens hockey team.

"The next time I was up on campus I stopped in to see the hockey coach," McDonald says. "I was impressed by the talent he was recruiting to play for the school. So I asked what he needed, because I like to direct my dollars to something I can touch, something real, something professional that portrays the quality of the school. He told me new home jerseys. I said that was great because I also wanted to set an example on how alumni could help both the school and the students very directly."

The new uniforms made their debut on Dec. 3, 2016. McDonald did not have a say in the design, but he likes the classic and classy look.

"We have to support the University," McDonald stated. "And little by little, we are bringing people on board. As the world becomes more competitive, alumni support becomes more important. [Franklin Pierce] was there for us, now we have to be there for the University."

— Gregory DL Morris



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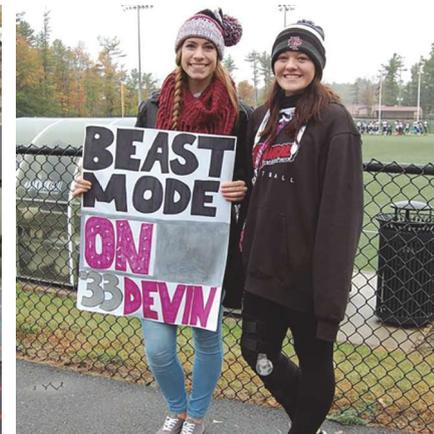
ANDREW CUNNINGHAM



Clockwise from top left: one of the donated jerseys; James McDonald '75; the hockey teams take the ice.



EVENTS





SCENES FROM HOMECOMING AND FAMILY DAY

More than 800 alumni, parents, families and friends gathered on the beautiful Rindge campus for Homecoming and Family Day.



MOVE-IN DAY

The Alumni Association Board of Directors and other alumni volunteers joined us to welcome new families to campus and to lend a hand!

- ❶ President of Alumni Association Bob Riley '82 and Franklin Pierce University President Kim Mooney '83
- ❷ Special Assistant to the President Larry Leach '82, P'13, P'15 and Alumni Board Member Pam Sanderson '98, M.Ed '08
- ❸ Morgan Colombo '19 and Matt Bedard '19
- ❹ Alumni Board Members and volunteers manning the Alumni & Parent welcome table!
- ❺ Grace Osarfo-Akoto '17 and N'Keyah Diaz '18
- ❻ Pierce students helping the freshmen move into their dorms.
- ❼ Ravens sporting their Pierce Pride.



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RE-DEDICATION OF THE LLOYD & HELEN AMENT ASTMANN '69 CAREER CENTER AND ALUMNI & PARENT RELATIONS OFFICE

- 1 Kerry Stein '81, Al Marulli '69, Steve Camerio, Mike Fallon and Milton Kahn
- 2 Sandra Quaye CFO, Leslye Arsht, Carleen Farrell '71
- 3 Ann Goodrich-Bazan, Assistant Director of Career Planning & Placement; Dr. Jim Earle P'11, P'15, vice president for student affairs
- 4 President Kim Mooney '83 and Lloyd Astmann '69
- 5 Grace Osarfo-Akoto '17, Krystal Dover '17, Nidhi Patel '17 and President Kim Mooney '83
- 6 Trustees with President Kim Mooney '83
- 7 President Kim Mooney '83, Director of Communications Brianna Graves and Assistant Dean of Student Affairs Jill Bassett.

EVENTS



BOWLED OVER

Thank you to Marcy (Pollock) Fink '73 and Arthur Fink '72 for hosting the Pierce women's bowling team at their home in Delaware.



ALUMNI TAKE TO THE ICE

On Saturday, Jan. 21, Raven Brothers gathered at the Jason Ritchie Ice Arena in Winchendon, Mass. to participate in the 2017 Alumni Winter Games. After a fun match between Team Crimson and Team Gray, players, guests, and faculty and staff enjoyed a meal while they cheered on the Ravens men's hockey team. A wonderful time was had by all.

A big thank you goes to Coursen Schneider '09, Josh Lupinek '09, Mark Gibbons '06, Rob Perretta '09 and Tom Cameron '85 for organizing this year's event.



PIERCE HOSTS NEW PARENTS

During Homecoming and Family Day, President Kim Mooney '83 welcomed new families at a reception in Marulli Lounge. Parents and families had the opportunity to meet one another as well as various Pierce faculty and staff members.



WELCOMING RAVENS AND FRIENDS

Trustee Leslye Arshnt welcomed alumni, parents and friends to a reception at her beautiful home in Arlington, Virginia.

- ① Arthur Fink '72; Julie Zahn, Director of Alumni & Parent Relations; and Alumni Association Board Member Marcy Fink '73
- ② Derica Carty '99 and President Kim Mooney '83
- ③ Denise Christodouloupoulos '85, Alumni Board Member Marcy Fink '73 and Art Fink '72
- ④ Maribeth Cote '11, Melissa Dymek '11, Leslye Arshnt, Dr. Marlin Fitzwater and Derica Carty '99
- ⑤ Alumni Association Board Member Marcy Fink '73, Assistant Director of Admissions Bianca Acebron Peco '14, '18
- ⑥ Dr. Marlin Fitzwater and Julie Zahn, Director of Alumni & Parent Relations

EVENTS



PLAY BALL!

Special Assistant to the President Larry Leach '82, P'13, P'15 flew out to California to join our west coast alumni, watching the Los Angeles Dodgers take on the Boston Red Sox.

Judy Leach '82, P'13, P'15; Matthew Reiss '82; Sharon Stein '71; Larry Leach '82, P'13, P'15; Lindsey Leach '13; Sam Meza '16; Chelsea Leach '15; Jon Knight '91; Jason Lassen '92



HIGH-FLYING FUN

Alumni Association Board Members Merrill Vaughan '12 and Pam Sanderson '98, M.Ed. '08 along with Julie Zahn, Director of Alumni and Parent Relations, Madeline Zahn and Brian Ego MBA '12, Associate Director of CGPS Enrollment and Retention joined the fun at the Pittsfield Balloon Rally in August.

BRAVING THE COLD FOR RAVENS BASKETBALL

The cold snow didn't keep these alumni and friends away from cheering on some of their favorite Ravens. First came a brief lunch in Waltham before heading to Bentley University where the Ravens dominated the game!

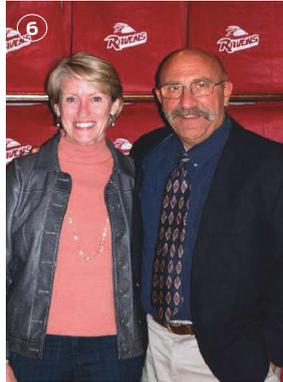
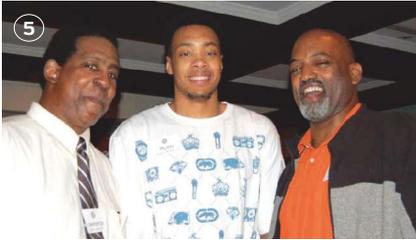
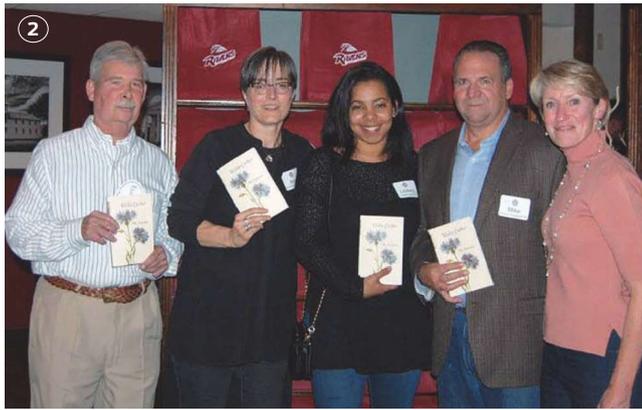
Special thanks to Alumni Association Board President Bob Riley '82, Kim Riley '83, Alumni Board Member Scott Babitts '73, P'09, Katie Babitts P'09, Alumni Board Member Nicole Torday '98, Jerry Scott '71, Julie Zahn, Director of Alumni & Parent Relations and Madeline Zahn for representing Raven Nation!



SHOWING THEIR ARTISTIC SIDES

Special thank you to Grace Ames '12, Alumni Association Board Member for hosting such a fun paint-and-sip night in Manchester.

- ① Alumni Association Board Member Nicole Torday '98
- ② Ravens pose with their masterpieces.



MEET AND GREET IN THE NUTMEG STATE

Alumni and friends gathered in New Haven, Conn. for a reception with President Kim Mooney '83 and Larry Leach '83, P'13, P'15, Special Assistant to the President.

- 1 Mick '88 and Amy (Brigham) '88 Melvin and Special Assistant to the President Larry Leach '83, P'13, P'15
- 2 Jim Clouse '81, Amy (Brigham) '88 Melvin, Lindsey Leach '13, Mike Scagliarini '83, and President Kim Mooney '83
- 3 Judy Leach '83, P'13, P'15 and Heather Kerr '81
- 4 Jim Clouse '81 and President Kim Mooney '83
- 5 Special Assistant to the President Larry Leach '83, P'13, P'15, Ryen Vilmont '15 and Mick Melvin '88
- 6 President Kim Mooney '83 and Dr. Glenn Vitale '78
- 7 Lindsey Leach '13 and Mick Melvin '88
- 8 Greg Walsh and President Kim Mooney '83
- 9 Jim Fitzsimmons '87 and Mike Scagliarini '83
- 10 President Kim Mooney '83, Lindsey Leach '13, Special Assistant to the President Larry Leach '83, P'13, P'15 and Judy Leach '83, P'13, P'15



DR. TEMPLE GRANDIN '70 SPEAKS AT MARION INSTITUTE

Alumni attended an event hosted by the Marion Institute with guest speaker Dr. Temple Grandin '70. Dr. Grandin spoke to the audience about animal welfare and living with Autism.

- 1 Judy Leach '82, P'13, P'15 and Dr. Temple Grandin '70

EVENTS



RED SOX YANKEES GAME

More than 100 alumni, parents and friends gathered at Fenway park to cheer on their favorite team. Save the Date: our next Red Sox vs. Yankees game is July 15!



WEST PALM BEACH RECEPTION

Special thanks to our hosts Lloyd '69 and Helen Ament Astmann '69, and Barbara and Al '69 Marulli for hosting a wonderful reception in West Palm Beach, Fla.

- 1 Lloyd Astmann '69, P'95 and Helen Ament Astmann '69, P'95
- 2 Johnny Woods '75, Laura Colon, President Kim Mooney '83 and Greg Walsh
- 3 Brian Rusk and Justin Fried
- 4 Ann Levy, Dan Farrell and Barbara Marulli
- 5 Marlene Jaffee '72, Russ Perry, Jane Perry '71 and Carleen Farrell '71
- 6 B. Jay Cooper '00 and Christine Black.





RAVENS AT THE NEWSEUM

The Newseum and the Marlin Fitzwater Center for Communication at Franklin Pierce University hosted a panel discussion about civility in presidential election discourse. Students, faculty and staff traveled from the University to attend and participate in the behind-the-scenes events.

- 1 Joe Scicca, the "Boston Herald;" Dr. Jed Donelan, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs; President Kim Mooney '83; and Dr. Marlin Fitzwater, former White House press secretary
- 2 John Maynard and Dr. Jed Donelan, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
- 3 Marlin Fitzwater, President Kim Mooney '83, Greg Walsh, Leslye Arsht and guests listen to the panel
- 4 Franklin Pierce students gather to speak with Marlin Fitzwater
- 5 President Kim Mooney '83 addresses the panel attendees
- 6 Fitzwater Center students
- 7 Leslye Arsht with Marlin and Melinda Fitzwater
- 8 John Maynard, director of programming at the Newseum; Hadas Gold, reporter at Politico; Callum Borchers, columnist at the "Washington Post;" Bill Miller, senior vice president at Business Roundtable, Alexander Heffner, host of the PBS show "Open Mind" and Dr. Jed Donelan, program coordinator for the New England Center for Civic Life at Franklin Pierce University.

Lucky Charm

Kevin Shirvell '01 keeps Franklin Pierce part of his daily life

Everyone knows seven is a lucky number. Just ask Kevin Shirvell '01. Back in 1997, when he was deciding where to attend college, he and his friends made the seven-hour drive seven times from his Long Island home to visit Franklin Pierce. “It didn’t take me that long to choose Franklin Pierce,” Shirvell, who would go on to major in American Studies, says. “Everyone discouraged me, but I always knew it was the right place for me.”

In fact, Shirvell was so sure he would enroll, he secretly bought a Franklin Pierce sweatshirt and stuffed it into his bag without showing anyone. Family and friends gave him an endless list of reasons that he would never survive in the small New Hampshire school. He says the numerous campus visits were more to convince them—his own decision was solid.

“Rindge has a Wal-Mart, a bank and a gas station. There’s a main stoplight and if you don’t make the turn, you’ll miss the campus,” he says. “But it’s a breathtaking place and I never seriously considered another college. They offered me \$6000 a semester in financial aid, and enrolling was the best decision I ever made.”

As a student, Shirvell says he learned to do his best as an individual, and to use his specific talents and skills to fit into the community. “I became my best self at Franklin Pierce,” he explains. “I learned the world isn’t all about me, and that it takes everyone to make a difference.”

While at Pierce, Shirvell had to take a three-semester medical leave. His professors stayed supportive throughout his ordeal. “All my friends at home said I shouldn’t return, but I was adamant I’d finish,” Shirvell says. “It was great to have a support system at school, and it’s why I keep in contact with my professors. I still depend on their support, the support of friends from college and others I’ve met through the alumni association.”

Shirvell is highly engaged in the University’s Alumni Association. “I’m on the external relations committee, which promotes the University’s events and why it’s so important and special to be an alumnus,” he says. “Everyone has a story about why they love Franklin Pierce.”

He works to keep older alumni connected to the newer graduates, publicizing Reunion, and encouraging Reunion Class Giving. “I try to donate as much as I can,” he says. “It’s how I give back for the \$6000 I received each semester.”

For the past 15 years, Shirvell has been teaching special-needs elementary students in New York City’s Harlem. “I love my job, but when life gets stressful, I rely on the strength I get from my relationships at Franklin Pierce,” he explains. “I pull out that old sweatshirt. It’s falling apart, but it brings me back to the bond I felt when I was there. It’s been many years since I graduated, but I still try to make sure Franklin Pierce is part of my every day.” – *Katherine Adams*

I became my best self at Franklin Pierce ... I learned the world isn’t all about me, and that it takes everyone to make a difference.”



Clockwise from top : Kevin showing Pierce pride in Phillipsburg, St. Maarten ; with Pam Sanderson '08, M.Ed '98; on campus; the Shirvell family.



Reunion Giving Chairs Share Pierce Pride

College days bring some of life's finest memories: meeting lifelong friends and spouses, discovering your passion, finding yourself. At Pierce, you learned lessons you took with you your whole life.

That's just one reason to contribute as part of this year's Reunion Giving Campaign. Our Reunion Giving chairs reflect on their time at Franklin Pierce and share why they give back – and hope that you will, too.



Arthur "Art" Fink '72
REUNION CHAIR CLASS OF 1972
B.A., ECONOMICS

Favorite Pierce memory:

My senior year was an awakening. I had matured, met my wife, my lifetime soulmate, developed into the person I am today and made lifelong friendships along the way. It was the pinnacle of my Pierce career.



Dan Snell '67
REUNION CO-CHAIR CLASS OF 1967
B.A., MARKETING

What do you remember most about your graduation year?
Working at the center store in Rindge and living upstairs with two classmates.

Describe your Franklin Pierce experience in one word:
Camaraderie



Rachel Schwartz '82
REUNION CHAIR CLASS OF 1982
B.A., MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

Why do you give to Franklin Pierce?

Franklin Pierce is large enough to offer educational opportunities in many fields of study and small enough to give individual students unique experiences not found on other larger university campuses.



Kristen Jaccodine '97
REUNION CHAIR CLASS OF 1997
B.A., PSYCHOLOGY

Why do you give to Franklin Pierce? I know how much being a Pierce student gave me, if I can help current and future generations of students have similar opportunities, I will.

Favorite Pierce memory:

A few days before what my friends and I eventually nicknamed the “Mothership” was set to inflate, we had a massive snowstorm! In true community spirit, students, faculty and administration worked day and night to shovel the snow off the surface, which was like a giant Slip ‘N Slide.



Kim Kendle '92
REUNION CHAIR
CLASS OF 1992
B.S., MANAGEMENT

Favorite Pierce memory:

Two of my best memories are freshman orientation with peer advisor Ben Lutman—with my peer group on the adventure course—and singing “Don’t Worry, Be Happy” in the registration line.

Describe your Franklin Pierce experience in one

word: Opportunity



Eric Burney '02
REUNION CHAIR CLASS OF 2002
B.S., MASS COMMUNICATION

What do you remember most about your graduation year? The year I graduated we had more than six feet of snow on the baseball field. We had to shovel off the entire field to get the field playable for our spring season.



Grace Ames '12
REUNION CHAIR CLASS OF 2012
B.A., MASS COMMUNICATION

Why do you give to Franklin Pierce?
I give to organizations I'm passionate about and Franklin Pierce is at the top of that list. This school took a chance on me, years ago, and I'm forever grateful for that.

Describe your Franklin Pierce experience in one word: Growth



Collette Nadeau '07
REUNION CHAIR CLASS OF 2007
B.A. IN MASS COMMUNICATION

What do you remember most about your graduation year?
My favorite classes senior year were all of my Mass Communication classes with Dr. Zrzavy.

Describe your Franklin Pierce experience in one word: Inspiring

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KIM MOONEY '83

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Saturday, September 23, 2017

College at Rindge Campus

CLASS NOTES



1966

Following the memorial service for Bill Wittenberg, 1966 class president, FPC friends gathered in Rindge, NH. Pictured are **Dave Groder '66**, **Ron Savarese '66**, **Dan Snell '67**, **Vinnie Donnelly '67**, **John Burke '66**, **Dave Wilson '77**, and Chet Monroe, boyhood friend of Bill Wittenberg.

1968

Dane Hane '68 writes "as a member of the class of 1968, I am looking forward to a fantastic 50th reunion next year. I'm hoping to come back to Rindge and renew friendships with members of my class. About 20 years ago I had a chance to march in the graduation parade as an Adjunct Professor—back when I taught a few business classes in

Somersworth, NH (back then the college offered various "extension" night classes leading to a business degree). My wife Sandra and I have been living in Florida for the last 10 years, and lately we've been traveling pretty often. We're recently back from Australia and will be off to Iceland in February for the ever popular Northern Lights and hot springs. And on our return will be looking forward to seeing my

old FPC roommate, Bill Raymond, when he and his wife Martha come to Florida."

1969

Joseph C. Alessi, Jr. '69 writes, "Meg and I are proud to announce the arrival of our first grandchild, Avia Maura West, born on November 16, 2016. The parents are our daughter Amanda and her husband Aric West.

Tom Cafone '69 is having too much fun to consider retiring as an internationally known professional speaker on the topics of more effective communication, leadership, & team-building, as well as helping people "fire their boss" and become entrepreneurs. He lives in San Diego and still gets back to NJ, NYC, and New England a couple of times a year. www.TomCafone.com



“Hello Franklin Pierce... this is **Sharon Lyn Stein '71**, EdD; (IMDB) from Rancho Cucamonga, CA. I majored in theater and minored in English and both of those degrees have served me well and led to a master's and doctorate degree in education with an emphasis in the visual and performing arts. Besides co-chairing with Henry Ellis on the social committee that lead to that wonderful winter carnival with Janis Joplin, I took part on many committees at Franklin Pierce. My education has led me to make a living from teaching and the performing arts. I'm a member of SAG-AFTRA and Americans for the Arts. Every year for the past four years I have been performing for an equine therapy organization for special needs kids. This year we did a Cole Porter review and I won best actress award, and it all started with Franklin Pierce. I was in Matt Berman's film "The Wedding Pact" as well. Matt Berman is a Franklin Pierce alumnus. I also have been a West Coast chapter leader for many years, bringing California alumni together for many events through many Franklin Pierce presidents over the years. I love my alma mater and will always be grateful for the education, friendships and knowledge I received there. Thank You Franklin Pierce University!"

1967

Gilbert Peck '67 reports, "2016 was a great year for the Gil Pecks. We love living in the mountains of North Carolina. We have been blessed with good friends, good health and cool weather. Florida was just so hot in the summer. Family and grandchildren continue to parade to grandma and grandpa's. Did I just say that! Wasn't last year 1967? 2017 finds us looking forward to travel and hopefully a stop at FPC campus. As we grow older, we realize how important and rich those "Pioneer Years" meant."



Charlie Mann '72 reports, "2016 was a year of many surprises and blessings. First of all I had the privilege to revisit my alma mater, FPU. It was such a great time and so inspired me to return in June 2017 for the Reunion. I look forward to see many of my old friends from 1968-1974. At Celestial Manna, where I am Founder and Executive Director, we had the resources to provide fresh daily food to tens of thousands of food insecure people throughout the year. Please check us out at www.celestialmanna.org and on Facebook. I can't wait to see and hear from you all soon."



Neil Epstein '74 writes, "I fished recently with my sons, Lon and Marshall, in Marathon, FL. Regards to class of '74. I hope all are working on their bucket list (mine is still long). By the way, for those who went to Patillas, Puerto Rico, I hear it still looks the same as it is now a preserve. Check it out on Google."

Peter R. Taylor '69, owner of an executive search firm specializing in corporate real estate for major Fortune 500 companies throughout the United States since 1978, is now semi-retired with residences in New York City and Hanover, NH. His daughter is a Holy Cross graduate and attorney residing in Connecticut with two young children. His son is a Rutgers graduate having led the NCAA division one Scarlet Night fencing team and is currently residing in Philadelphia.

1970

Philip Bruno '70 writes, "Snowbirding down to Boynton Beach, Fla...wahoo. Winters in New England aren't the same since I left Pierce in 1970."

1971

Leslie Cooper '71 has moved to New Jersey and is a consultant for Epic Electronic Medical Records.

Richie Schwartz '71 writes, "If any '71 grads remember me, please

contact. I had a '66 396 blue Chevelle with 1/4 vinyl roof."

1972

Marcy (Pollock) Fink '73 and **Art Fink '72** were so excited to host their third "Meet and Greet Get Together" for our FPU Ladies Bowling Team when they competed in a tournament in November in Delaware. Team members, coaches, parents and local alumni had a great time socializing, with plenty of good food and laughs. They are looking forward to hosting the team again next year when they return to compete in Delaware. "Go Lady Ravens!"

1974

Marty Gold '74 reports, "I am back at work and closing in on retirement after dealing with non-Hodgkins lymphoma in the fall of 2015."

1975

Lawrence "Larry" Abramson '75 writes, "A good year. My grandson

is 4 1/2 and had a memorable birthday at Disney World with his sister, parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles. Patti and I are still working here in Florida. All in all, it could be worse. Best to all."

1977

Edwin Barton '77, Professor of English and Department Chair at Bakersfield College, is retiring in May after nearly forty years of teaching at his present institution, California State University and Vanderbilt University. Ed and his wife, Glenda, and daughter, Caroline, will be moving to their summer home in Cambria, CA, where he hopes to spend the rest of his days reading, writing, drinking wine, and walking his dog Jenny on the beach. Ed last visited the Franklin Pierce campus in the fall of 2012 to accept the first Power of the Raven award for distinguished service and commitment to his profession. He also enjoyed a fine lunch with Professor Jim Mayberry.



1976

Kevin Shaughnessy '76 writes, "I am leaving Florida to return to New England. I think I am just missing all the activities and people I have known."



1979

Karen (Eisenberg) Goldberg '79 writes, "FPC Alumni from the '70s and '80s had a little get together this past October in Port Chester, NY at the Rye House. A fun time was had by all. Looking forward to the next get together."

CLASS NOTES



1986

Leanne Jacques '86 writes, "2016 was a great year! Traveled to California to see friends and attend a Dixie Chicks concert. 20 years at Altria Corporation - love my job. I am truly living the dream. Living on Cape Cod!"

Jane (Wittenberg) Basch '77 is living in Hallandale, FL. She and her husband own a jewelry design and manufacturing business. They have 3 children, ages 21, 23 and 34 as well as 2 beautiful grandchildren.

1977

Kathy Linskey '77 writes, "Hello to all my Pierce friends and fellow classmates! After fourteen years of living in Maine, I retired and moved back to the Monadnock Region. I am currently volunteering and doing genealogical research for people to keep me busy. I hope to move to Keene in the next six months or so. I'd love to hear from people!"

1978

Phuong and Thuy Nguyen '78 write, "We are proud grandparents of a third granddaughter. Baby

Rose, born in January 2017, is cute and an abundance of joy for her parents and all relatives. In December 2016, we, with another couple, made a trip to Vietnam. This is our native country which we have not been back to for 41 years. The vacation was wonderful, and we were bestowed with hospitality, as well as surprises from the beginning to the end. The airports and hotels are first class with lot of European tastes. We have been to many cities and tourist places like Saigon, Phu Quoc, Hanoi, Hue, Da Nang, Vung Tau, My Tho, Ben Tre and others. Ha Long Bay is the best preserved wonder of the world. We are glad to see everywhere construction is booming, and people are vivid with activities. It should be the first place to visit when you have a chance."

1980

Blaise Whittle '80 writes, "I have been working at Sweet Briar College going on 11 years now. I am the head golf coach and Director of Athletic Facilities. As head golf coach I am always looking for female golfers that would like to compete at the collegiate level. If anyone has 2017-2019 graduates that like this idea, let me know. I live in Monroe VA about 7 miles from campus with my 2 golden retrievers Finnegan (4) and Harper (3). Life is never dull in the positions I hold. Have not been back to the New Hampshire area in forever, maybe some day. I stay in touch with a few people from my class and would enjoy hearing from more people from that era. Looking forward to a great 2017 and best wishes to all."

1981

Becky (Jorn) Decker '81 writes, "Our family recently welcomed twin baby girls, Rosemma and Tess, who were born 12 weeks early on Cinco de Mayo. They are adorable, of course, and amazingly healthy babies, and we will now celebrate that famous holiday in a whole new way! My first grandchild, Precocious Miles, is now 5. I have lost my heart to all. I am teaching English at two community colleges with a focus on transition skills for the world of work. I also enjoy tutoring kids of all ages after school. My husband, Ken, and I still live on the Eastern Shore of Maryland where he is the chief administrative officer for Caroline County. Looking ahead, I hope to see many of my dear FPC friends over the next year since we don't

want to wait until our 40th in 2021! Every time we get together, I am reminded of how fortunate I am to be part of the Class of 1981. Note: If you ever need tips or ideas for a visit to the Baltimore region, please let me know! I would be happy to give you the insider's view."

1982

Rachel (Rauch) Schwartz '82 writes, "HOWDY to the Class of 1982! I can't wait to celebrate our 35th Franklin Pierce Reunion with you all in Rindge on June 23-25, 2017! I have volunteered to serve as our Reunion Gift Chair and I look forward to reconnecting with everyone we knew 'way back when.' I've assembled a committee of members of our class to reach out to peers about the upcoming reunion and making a special gift to the Pierce Annual Fund in honor of this celebration. Should anyone be interested in joining our committee, please get in touch with Liz Clancy, assistant director of development at 603-899-4228.

Our Pierce experience helped shape who we are today and our legacy lives on as Pierce's bright future continues to take shape. As alumni, we play an important role in securing the ongoing experience that makes Franklin Pierce University a first choice for many applicants. So I hope you will join my efforts by visiting www.franklinpierce.edu/give today and making your gift!

On a personal note, Andy and I have been living and working on Long Island for the past 30-plus years! Andy is teaching full time at Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine and I recently left my job to devote more time to my part time business, Woodbury Hill Yarns. Our two sons are living and working in Baltimore, MD, and North Conway, NH; our younger son became a Pierce alumnus in 2014! As empty nesters we are planning for retirement, part of which included buying property in Jaffrey, NH about five years ago. Two years ago started building a 'Carriage House' for weekend retreats. It has been a weekend project, but I'm excited to share that we're almost

ready to move in! You can see the build on YouTube at Davey Crockett barn build."

1984

Patrick Kirchgessner '84 reports, "Moving on to other challenges. I finally left Sprint after 25 years in 2009 and started at Intact Technology in 2010 and have been blessed to work with one of the best companies I could hope to be with. Met my beloved Tracey a little over 2 years ago, and we now live happily in Sarasota, FL."

Bill Paskowski '84 and **Debbie (Ormezzano) Paskowski '84** will be celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary this year. They have three children with two in the professional world (daughter is a nurse, oldest son is a police officer, and the youngest son is a freshman in college). "We wish all our old classmates from 1984 our best wishes and to all the FPU alumni and current students a very happy and successful 2017."

1985

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

1987

Robyn Thibodeau '87 writes, "I own a seasonal beachfront restaurant on Cape Cod. If you are down on vacation, stop by and say hi. (www.sailingcow.com). I live in Mashpee, MA and work for TIAA as a senior program manager."

1990

Philip Anderson '90 writes, "Just saying hi to everybody. I graduated from Pierce way back in May of 1990. I just moved from Washington, D.C. to Indianapolis about a month ago, to accept a position as a military pay supervisor at the Defense Finance and Accounting Services (DFAS). I am in my last stretch of classes for my second master's degree (in

1988

Nan McCarthy '88 writes, "2016 just flew by with lots going on in every area of my life. By the end of June, sales of my paintings and cards were higher than for all of last year, so it was a good year all in all. I continue to be represented by Surroundings Art Gallery in Center Sandwich and Moultonboro, NH, and The MainStreet MarketPlace & Gallery in Warner, NH. I also went on two art trips. In June, I traveled to Sicily, on a very busy, very hectic two week tour, that took us all over the island, spending several nights in different cities and included Mount Etna, many Greek and Roman ruins, and a performance of 'Electra' at the Greek theatre in Siracusa. In September, I spent a week in Santa Fe, NM, with day trips to Bandelier National Monument to see the caves; Abiquiu, where Georgia O'Keeffe lived and had her studio; and Ghost Ranch, another locale where Georgia O'Keeffe lived."



CLASS NOTES



1995

Kathy (Stinchfield) Knapp '95, graduated from school in May 2016 after three years of schooling in Radiography with High Honors (3.87 GPA!). She is employed at Southern Maine Health Care, a trauma II hospital, in Biddeford Maine as a radiologic technologist working nights in the emergency room taking x-rays on trauma patients. She writes, "Absolutely love the decision I made to go back to school at 40 years old and change my life! I am married with two boys ages 12 and 13 years old. I was very proud to show them what Mom can do!"

1993

Colleen (Dunleavy)

Rawlings '93 writes, "Dan and I have moved. After ten years in Yellowstone, we decided it was time to try something new. We are now living in Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve in southeast Alaska. Should you find yourself in Alaska or planning a trip to Alaska, be sure to stop in and say hi. We are only accessible by boat or plane from Juneau, so some pre-planning is required. Hey Robin, where are you??? For those of you wondering about the photo, that's Mendenhall Glacier, in Juneau, behind us on a nice, snowy day."



Michael Kennedy '98 writes, "The first half of 2017 has many milestones for the Kennedy family. Michael and **Angel '99** will be celebrating our 20th wedding anniversary. Our daughters, Ashley and Kaley, will be turning 21 in March. Our son, Michael Jr., will be graduating high school in June."

Human Resource Management). I will receive my degree in December of 2016. I got my MBA in Accounting last summer from Strayer University."

Jackie Everidge '90 and **Kimberly (Saucier) Everidge '92** are proud to announce their daughter, Hannah Rose Everidge, has committed to play basketball at Franklin Pierce University beginning in 2017.

1994

Nicole Chouinard '94 reports, "I purchased my first home this past summer!"

1997

Kristen Jaccodine '97 writes, "2016 marked the end of a long journey for me. *Freddy the Tiger*, a children's story that I originally wrote while in the 4th grade, became available to the world! I self published this story through Create Space, and it is now available for purchase on Amazon.com. In addition to marketing *Freddy*, I plan to return to my work on a short story before diving into a longer piece of fiction. Members of the Crestview Crew and all of my classmates of 1997, can you believe that May 2017 marks our 20th reunion? Where does the time go?"

1998

Rich Berube '98 and his wife, Diane, are celebrating their 5th wedding anniversary. They purchased (upgraded) from a condo to a house in the greater Nashua area in July 2016. Work/house is busy for both, but they look forward to settling into the house and having friends over.

Rick Cecchetti '98 says 2016 was a great year. He retired on December 31st after almost 36 years of working as a civilian for the U.S. Navy. He's looking forward to more adventures in the years ahead.

Libby Richardson '98 is the senior director of special events for the American Red Cross in Connecticut and Rhode Island. She plans and executes fundraising events to

carry out the mission of the Red Cross so that people can prepare for, prevent, and respond to emergencies. She's very excited to be working for the Red Cross after spending the last eight years with United Way in Hartford. Libby welcomes friends to contact her through Facebook and LinkedIn.

1999

Rachel Field '99 writes, "I know you were looking for 'news,' but I guess for me, not too much has changed since school! I still live in San Diego, still work for the publishing company I helped build (ReferencePoint Press), and still work with dogs at local shelters and rescues. There's no reason to shake things up if you're happy!"

Keith Harrington '99 is currently working at Witchcraft Heights Elementary School in Salem, MA, and attended a performance of "A Christmas Carol" with his students. After arriving back from the wonderful show he told co-workers "What a story and what a twist at the end. Scrooge turning good? I did NOT see that coming."

Colleen (McKinnon) Johnson '99, writes, "I got married on October 9th and became a stepmom to two AMAZING kids, Leyla (14) and Dylan (11)! My husband, Scott, is an elementary school principal in Sudbury and as you all know from the article, I work for my best friend in graphic design/truck lettering in Weymouth! Happy New Year!"

2003

Ali (Farsun) Dembishack '03 and **John Dembishack '04** recently welcomed their first child, Charlotte Grace Dembishack, on October 27, 2016. She was born at Greenwich Hospital in Greenwich, CT, and weighing 4 pounds 12 ounces and 18 inches long. The family of three lives in Weston, CT.

Michael Pierce '03 writes that he had a busy and exciting 2016. He was engaged in February 2016, then married in August. "Shortly after getting married we learned that my wife Stacey was



Andy Fox '99 lives in Beverly, MA with his wife Maryann and two sons Drew age 3 and Quinn age 7. The Fox boys recently participated in the annual Beverly Holiday Parade on the Beverly Youth Hockey float. Chewbacca (Andy) made a guest appearance receiving the key to the city for the day.



2017 is **Chris Holman's** (Class of 1999) 20th year as CJ the DJ, a side career he began while a student at FPU. He is currently a selectman for the Town of Fitzwilliam and has served on the FPU Alumni Board of Directors since 2012. He has been awarded the Wedding Wire Couples' Choice Award in 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017. CJ the DJ was the Keene Sentinel's Reader's Choice Award for Best DJ in 2015 & 2016. He was also the recipient of the Gold Medal for Best DJ, the first time that category was introduced, for the Monadnock Shopper Readers' Choice Awards in 2016. Chris provides sound support and entertainment services for FPU alumni, students, and staff at discounted rates and encourages FPU involvement in his community events like the Snow Ball Cancer Benefit for Joy's Network in February, the Sneaker Ball for the Keene YMCA in March or the Walk for Animals for the Monadnock Humane Society in June. He networks on sites like LinkedIn, Facebook for Businesses, Instagram, Twitter, etc., as well as hosts karaoke at local venues like the Jaffrey American Legion (21+). Follow him at @DJChrisHolman www.CJtheDJ.com.

CLASS NOTES



2000

Elloree Crowe Jennings '00 writes, "My wonderful friends from our theater department at FPC(U) came to my opening night of *Little Shop of Horrors*' at Marblehead Little Theater, where I played Audrey. Fellow alum Keith Harrington also came one night to my show and I was completely surprised by my amazing theater professors Nancy Stone and Peggy Rae Johnson, who were also in the audience. There were lots of happy tears all around! I feel so grateful and so blessed to have these people in my life. It shows you how much of an impact Franklin Pierce and its incredible theater department had on all of us! We were a very lucky crew!!!" (Pictured above are from L to R: Laura Grossi Putnam, Shannon Hogan, (Me) Elloree Crowe Jennings, Kara Hofsaes and Judy Jerome.)



Tim Aumack '03 and his wife Meghan welcomed baby Lucy in December.

pregnant and would be due in May 2017 with their first, a baby girl." They also purchased a new house together and he was promoted from police officer to detective.

2004

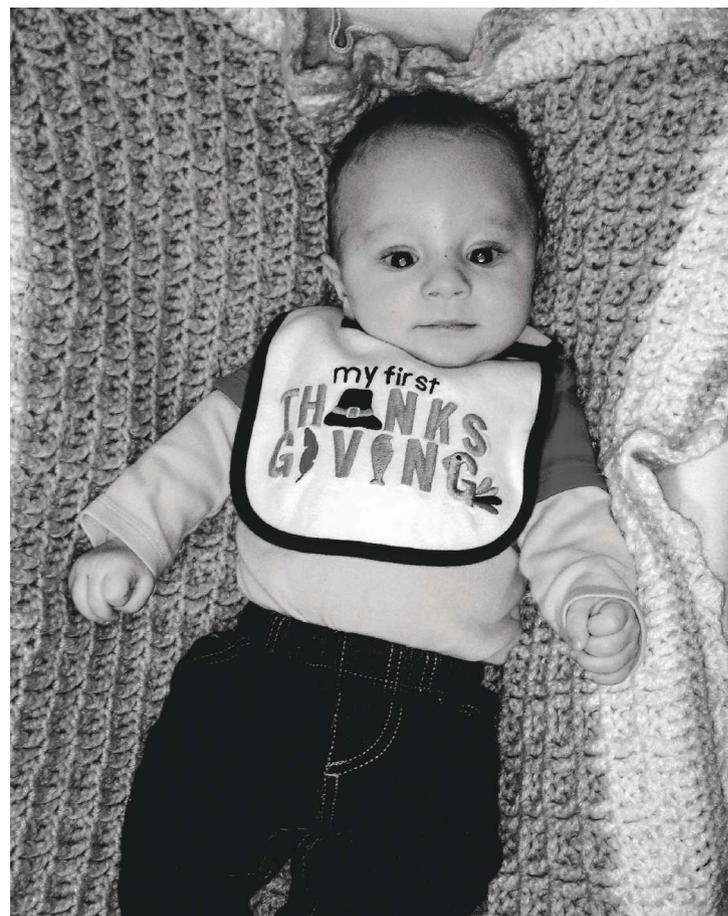
Jennifer (Melnyk) Partyka '04 writes, "2016 has been an amazing year! We became home owners and continue to watch our son grow and learn. I also started a new position with IBM Watson Health in Human Resources. My husband's start from scratch business is doing fantastic and, through our hard work, doubled in less than a year! We're also expecting a new addition to our family in August 2017. Lots of new and exciting things! Health, happiness and best wishes to all my fellow Franklin Pierce friends. Dream it, achieve it!"

2005

Jennifer (Hornby) Wilkosz '05 started working in August 2016 as a full-time art teacher at Quinebaug Middle College in Danielson, CT. QMC is a STEM-centered magnet school that operates as a democratic learning environment for students 9-12. The educational philosophy of the school relies heavily on the works of Dr. William Glasser and is an amazing learning environment for students looking to get a little extra out of their high school experience.

2009

Brandon Obara '09 and former president of Brother's Reaching Out writes, "I wanted to update the alumni association and class notes that my beautiful wife Ashley Laprise (now Obara) and I married on December 10, 2016, at Harrington Farm in Princeton, MA.



Jaki (Gaudet) Selwyn '03 gave birth to her first child, Conway Hayes, on October 2, 2016.



2007

Sara (Estis) Levine '07 writes, "2016 was definitely an exciting year! My husband and I welcomed our first child, a beautiful baby girl named Claire Sophie Levine, on November 1, 2016, and we are overjoyed!!"



Casey Bolduc '08 and **Meghan Eileen Farrell '07** were married on August 27, 2016.

CLASS NOTES



2008

Nick Barbu '08 married Laura (DeRosa) Barbu on August 23, 2015. The couple welcomed their daughter Penelope Rose on September 8, 2016.



Harry Larson's (class of 1980) daughter, **Erin Larson '09** was married to Douglas Sandberg in May of 2015. The reception was held at OceanCliff resort in Newport, Rhode Island. In attendance were Carla Cadzin '08 and Kristen (Bean) Warren '09.



2016

Margaret Costick '16 retired in July from New Hampshire Employment Services and is enjoying every moment of retirement!



Ben DiLauro '13 and **Rebakka Milles '11** got married September 24, 2016, on a beautiful mountain top in the heart of Vermont. Bekka and Ben were drawn to each other by their mutual love of the outdoors and natural world, which began together in the shadow of Mt. Monadnock. Today, Ben and Bekka reside in Waterbury, Vermont, where Bekka is a Middle School Science and Math Teacher, and Ben is an Air Quality Scientist for the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation. They are looking forward to a lifetime of love and adventure together!



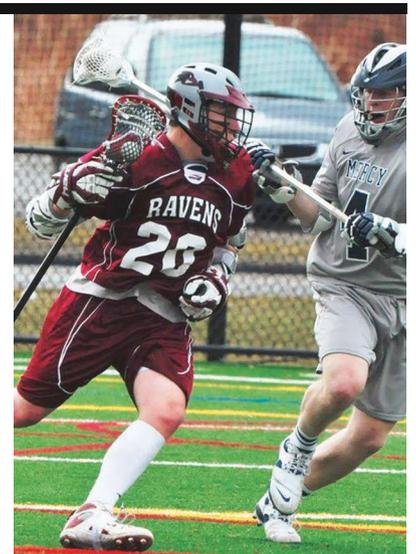
Elizabeth (Sheridan) Lewis '11 writes, "I married Joshua Lewis on September 10, 2016. Our wedding ceremony took place in East Hartford, Connecticut, at St. Rose Church and following was a beautiful reception at The Riverview in Simsbury, Connecticut. We are delighted that we had Adam Stahl, Cara Tamiso, Eric Booth and Nora Cuddy, who are all Franklin Pierce 2011 alumni, celebrate with us! (In the first photo: myself with Joshua Lewis; Second photo: FPU alumni that attended the wedding from left to right Adam Stahl '11, Cara Tamiso '11, Elizabeth Sheridan '11, Nora Cuddy '11, and Eric Booth '11.)"

2013

Miranda Mantello '13 reports, "My 2016 was full of wonderful adventures! I got to travel to new places and try new things such as skiing and snowboarding! Above all of those great times, the most exciting one was getting to say YES! I said yes to my best friend, the most wonderful, sweet, loving, supportive man ever! Ryan popped the big question on December 3, 2016! He and I look forward to what's to come as we continue to build our lives together and embark on new adventures!"



Nathan Wood '11 has been promoted to pharmacist in charge of the Vestal, NY CVS Pharmacy inside Target. Nathan was a two time captain of the Franklin Pierce Men's Lacrosse team and currently ranks 5th all time for goals scored in 1 season. After graduating from Franklin Pierce, Nathan went on to receive his Doctorate of Pharmacy from Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.



CLASS NOTES



2014

Katharine Brigman (AKA Kt) '14 writes "I will be attending graduate school to receive my Master of Arts in Teaching with Credentials from University of Southern California (USC) in Spring 2017. According to US News, it was ranked #23 in 2017 in National Universities and the Education program is tied for #21 for the Best Education Schools. I have all of my professors at Franklin Pierce to thank for this huge achievement, including Robert Welsch, Bob Goodby, and Seamus Pender to name a few. They allowed me to ask the questions needed to understand the curriculum and have inspired me to be a great teacher, learning from their good examples. I also have my parents to thank for their ever lasting support. I am currently working at UCLA in the student accounts department managing the system, which bills and collects not only students but a wide array of people who work with UCLA. During our End of the Year event, we had a lip syncing challenge and I participated, singing 'Do You Want to Build a Snowman?' from the movie *Frozen*. Who could pass that up?! I also took a few trips, one to Santa Rosa island and one to Catalina island. On Santa Rosa, my boyfriend and I hiked more than 30 miles and saw some ancient Chumash sites and on Catalina we saw the last horses to exist on the island. As well as slide down the glass slide on the outside of the US Bank called the Skyspace, that was thrilling! My boyfriend and I also attended a Brunchmas, which brought together a bunch of people we are only able to see once every few years. There is a new baby in our group named Mia as well as her younger sister who should be born in May. We were able to celebrate this holiday season with our good friends Brad and Caity as well as their dog Oscar. I saw *Finding Dory*, *Rogue One*, met Chuck Lidell, won an ugly sweater contest, lip syncing challenge, and saw Salt 'N Pepa in concert. It was a pretty good 2016. I'm wishing everyone a wonderful and safe 2017, please enjoy the snow for me!"

BRUCE MARSHALL

MEN'S HOCKEY COACH
1962 – 2017

Bruce Marshall passed away in his sleep from unknown causes on October 15, 2016. He was 54.

The West Boylston, Mass. native graduated from the University of Connecticut in 1985, where he was a four-year letter winner on UConn's hockey team and served as team captain. Three years after his graduation, he became UConn's third hockey coach, where he took the Huskies' Division III team to Division I status over the next 25 years, and he was one of just 40 coaches in Division I history to record 350 career wins.

Named the fourth head coach in the history of the Franklin Pierce men's ice hockey program on May 21, 2015, Coach Marshall had only just begun to build the same for us here at Franklin Pierce.

Born July 23, 1962, Marshall attended Bancroft School and graduated from Noble and Greenough School, where he played hockey and basketball, before going on to UCONN. He is survived by his son Matthew, daughters Mollie, Marisa and Marikate, his parents and three siblings.

Donations may be made in memory of Bruce for the Franklin Pierce University hockey program. Please note "in memory of Bruce Marshall" in the memo section and make checks payable to: Franklin Pierce University. Checks may be sent to: Office of Institutional Advancement, 40 University Drive, Rindge NH 03461.



"WE REMEMBER WELL"

The names listed are those in the Pierce Community we lost from October 2016 – February 2017.

Marhsall Fish '69	William Auclair
Daniel Leary '70	Lisa Barden
Steven Hermele '71	Reinee Breen
Cornelis Van Der Geest '77	Matthew Eaton
Victor Hyman '83	Gwen Ifill
Stanley Mounsey '85	
Judy Pierce '95	
Carol Marston '06	

The "We Remember Well" section is compiled from national listings and notices from family members and friends of alumni. It includes only the deaths reported to us since the previous Reunion Weekend. Please send information to: Alumni Office, Franklin Pierce University, 40 University Drive, Rindge, NH 03461 or alumni@franklinpiercedu.

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2017 REUNION

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