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We're also excited about the chance to meet each and every one of you, the alumni of Franklin Pierce. As you know, your alma mater has a long history of truly making a difference. Thousands and thousands of young people found their lives magically changed by this university. That magic still happens here. Every day I take time to meet with students, as I want to hear their concerns, their dreams, their ideas. I'm proud to tell you that Franklin Pierce has already made a tremendous difference in their lives.

While Franklin Pierce faces challenges, (like many small schools), there is also much good news to share with you. Our students continue to inspire with their zest for life and learning. Faculty continue to win national acclaim while devoting significant attention to every student. Signature programs, like the Pappas Health Science program and the Marlin Fitzwater Center for Communication, continue to distinguish Franklin Pierce, and new programs, such as our Social Media and Emerging Technology major, have already demonstrated significant promise.

Likewise, the success of our online programs and our campuses in Manchester, Portsmouth, Lebanon, NH, and Goodyear, AZ, represent a new era for Franklin Pierce University, as we respond to the changing realities in higher education. Raven Athletics continues to be

among the very best sports programs in the country, and this past year, the baseball team distinguished itself by being ranked #1 in the nation—the first time in state history that a New Hampshire school has earned that honor. And new partnerships, like the recent agreement with the *Boston Herald* to exclusively cover the 2016 Presidential elections, provide our students with outstanding learning opportunities that few schools can match.

I could fill this magazine with good news about Franklin Pierce. But you already know what makes this university special. My job is to make sure it stays that way—and I am going to need your help.

An important part of the president's job is to make sure the university is properly resourced. So, yes, you will hear from me about the importance of our Annual Fund and other funding opportunities. But Franklin Pierce needs your help in other ways, too. We need your involvement. Your Pierce Pride. We need you to reconnect. Not just with your alma mater, but with the next generation of Pierce alumni.

I encourage you to visit the campus, talk with the students, share your story, share your path to success, and help us spread the word about Franklin Pierce. We also need to hear your ideas about the future of this university and where you, our alumni, think we should focus.

You are the legacy of Franklin Pierce. You are the reason this university exists. And together we can ensure that Franklin Pierce University has a strong foundation for many, many years to come.

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## Changes in the Air

**F**all has a colorful way of reminding us that change is not only possible, but inevitable. That's certainly the spirit at Franklin Pierce University these days, as change arrived last semester in the form of a new president—Andrew H. Card, Jr., former White House chief of staff.

While a politician entering academia is no longer a novelty, it is still extremely rare to attract such a prominent national figure to a university the size of Franklin Pierce, especially given the financial challenges facing small liberal arts schools.

But a previous stint on the Franklin Pierce Board of Trustees (1996 to 1999) had already convinced Card that Pierce was a special place. So, when good friend and fellow Pierce trustee Marlin Fitzwater called 16 years later, Card was ready and willing to take the helm. How Andy Card, as he likes to be called, came to be the 5th president of Franklin Pierce is the subject of our cover story.

New leadership, of course, brings new energy and new ideas. It has also re-energized your alumni magazine, which has changed in several ways. You'll find more pages, more pictures, and more stories. You'll also find significantly more class notes, which is always the best read in an alumni magazine.

But we've also changed the magazine's name. Gone is the metaphorical *Radius*, a lovely tribute to the reach of a Franklin Pierce education. Instead, we brought back the magazine's original name, *Pierce*, which most alumni still use to this day.

*Pierce Alumni Magazine*—or, PAM as we affectionately call it—has also been redesigned by award-winning designer Carolyn Bowes, with the clear intent of making your reading experience more enjoyable. But we're not done. We anticipate more changes in the year ahead, so please share your ideas or criticisms, as we intend to make PAM the best alumni magazine in New England.

Change was certainly what alums Henry Ellis '69 and Rick Falconi '69 were aiming for back in 1969. Tired of hosting a Winter Carnival that few students attended, (nearly everyone went home for winter break), Ellis and

Falconi were determined to keep their classmates in Rindge over the break. They pooled their student activities funds, putting all their proverbial eggs into a single concert guaranteed to keep students on campus in the middle of February. What resulted ("When Janis Played Pierce," page 24) was a rollicking adventure that became a campus legend and put Franklin Pierce on the map like never before. The fledgling school that nobody had heard of suddenly became a household name in New England, thanks to a handful of students who accidentally created a mini-Woodstock.

During research for this story, I had the honor of interviewing both Ellis and Falconi, whose retelling of the story is both hilarious and brilliant. Both understand the power of surprise and narrative arc, and I am convinced their story would make a wonderful movie.

We were stunned to learn over the summer that Rick Falconi's health had taken a sudden turn for the worse, and he passed away in September of this year. A long-time volunteer and alumni board leader, Rick's passing left a big hole in the hearts of many. While I only had a few opportunities to meet with him, each time I did, I was struck by his sincere passion for this university. It had changed his life in a very meaningful way. And through his lifelong commitment to Franklin Pierce, beginning when he was a student, Rick Falconi changed the fortunes of Franklin Pierce in a very big way. It's an honor for this magazine to be able to retell one of Rick's great adventures, which in turn became one of the university's great triumphs.

Change comes to us all—people, institutions, magazines. But one constant that we intend to maintain is that the *Pierce Alumni Magazine* continues to be a strong connection to your past and exciting herald of your alma mater's future, for as the university's new President will tell you, Franklin Pierce is a very special school. Send your ideas and feedback, large or small, to [editor@FranklinPierce.edu](mailto:editor@FranklinPierce.edu).

**JIM WOLKEN**  
EDITOR

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Dr. Josh Cleland continues to garner national attention for his work at Franklin Pierce.

## Award Winning

## Cleland Comes up Roses

Professor Josh Cleland nabs third Rose Award and first Golden Pen Award

**T**he big news at the Franklin Pierce Manchester campus these days is award-winning physical therapy professor, Dr. Joshua Cleland.

Not that Cleland would ever characterize himself that way.

For one thing, the words “bragging rights” just aren’t in his vocabulary. For another, this professor is more about rewards than awards; and for him, those rewards come in seeing the difference that advances in physical therapy can make in people’s lives.

But others can’t help but sing his praises, as for the third straight year, Cleland won the prestigious Rose Award.

Given annually to the primary author of an article that has the most significant impact, immediate or potential, on the practice of orthopaedic physical therapy, this year’s Rose Award recognizes Dr. Cleland for a study published in the *Annals of Internal Medicine*, which compares the efficacy of Subacromial Corticosteroid Injection Compared to Manual Physical Therapy for the Management of the Unilateral Shoulder Impingement Syndrome.

The study may potentially translate into meaningful evidence-based advantages, particularly for an aging population for whom physical therapy is a growing alternative.

Equally prestigious, but easier for the average reader to comprehend, is Cleland’s recent recognition by the APTA (American Physical Therapy Association) in the form of the 2015 Jules M. Rothstein Golden Pen Award for Scientific Writing.

Awards are nothing new for Dr. Cleland, who has published some 150 manuscripts in peer-reviewed journals. These are dispatches from the front lines of science where the breakthroughs happen.

Cleland’s primary area of expertise is the management of spine and extremities disorders,

and this year’s awards join a growing roster of achievements, including the 2012 John Medeiros Award, a 2011 Chattanooga Research Award from the American Physical Therapy Association, a 2010 Prescrire Prize from France, a 2010 Dick Erhard award for Excellence in Research, a 2009 award from the American Academy of Orthopaedic Manual Physical Therapists, and the list goes on.

Cleland spends most of his time teaching at the Manchester campus in one of two state-of-the-art teaching labs where, as he says, it’s all about “working together.”

“It’s about knowledge and skills, but also about common goals,” he says. “Pass the license exam, become a practicing physical therapist.”

Employment rate of Franklin Pierce graduates has been 100% within six months of passing the licensing exam, and with an aging population and the increasingly competitive nature of sports, those graduates will remain in high demand.

With an annual revenue of \$33 billion, the physical therapy sector of the U.S. healthcare industry employs over 300,000. And it’s growing fast.

Advances in evidence based understanding of how the body works are cutting health care costs through alternative treatments that are working, and winning recognition through the kind of research that’s winning Dr. Cleland—and Franklin Pierce—national recognition.

“It’s been a real privilege to know and work with Josh Cleland over the past 12 years,” says Dr. Maria Altobello, Dean of the College of Graduate & Professional Studies, “He’s an outstanding teacher and contributes to the betterment of our students, our faculty, our institution, and the physical therapy profession. It is an honor to call him colleague.”

Haunting

# Edna Still Haunts Peterson

**H**andsome, historical Peterson Manor. Turn right up the hill towards the center of the Rindge campus, and there it is.

And what it is, or so goes the legend, is haunted.

That's right, as in paranormally occupied by, in this case, a lady.

Only this lady was not, er, a lady—at least not according to an article in *New Hampshire Magazine*. Her name was Edna McGuinness, and she was, claims the article, a madam, implying that Peterson Manor was once (ahem!) a brothel.

All this is said to have happened back at the start of the 20th century, when the son of one Zachariah Whitney sold family land to mahogany tycoon George D. Emory, who commenced building the grand 'manor house' to entertain his guests, then added an elegant barn-carriage house for his prize horses.

The elegant Edna McGuinness was probably added later, after the manor was inherited by Emory's playboy son, who was said to use it "as one might expect a playboy to..."

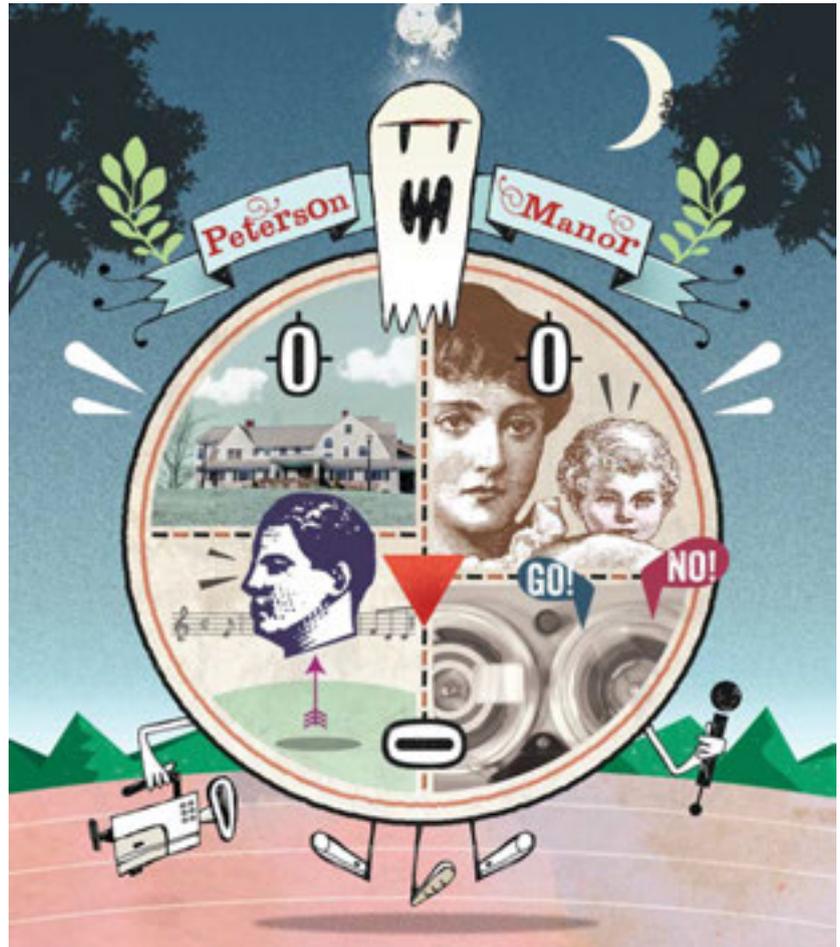
On the other hand, "Edna" may be an embellished compendium of ladies who ruled the roost at various times. When, for instance, it was an "exclusive rendezvous for members of the literary world." Or home to the flamboyant dancer Alma Monaco, whose shenanigans scandalized the town.

One rumor involving a murder may have been started by the sighting, reported by Professor Bill Jack in the Oct. 28, 1997, *Pierce Arrow*, of a disembodied, floating head. Professor Jack spent many nights with students witnessing all manner of other-worldly activities, while investigating initial reports of a ghostly apparition by a Franklin Pierce employee claiming to have heard a piano playing late one night, followed by a womanly glow appearing, clutching a baby and humming while descending the stairwell on which a portrait of 'Edna' McGuinness once hung proudly.

Over the years, Peterson Manor became the center of much intrigue on local websites specializing in haunted houses, and all this unearthly speculation eventually attracted the Pierce Media Group, Franklin Pierce's student media group which has a strong reputation for unearthing great stories.

So back on Oct. 5, 2014, several of them decided to find out just what was "glowing on" late at night in those haunted halls.

Armed with cameras, Sarah Rodriguez '15, Stephen Keimig '16, Alyssa Borelli '15, and Chelsea DeRaps-Richardson '15, were joined by staff member and alumna, Katie Bernier '13, and, in true Blair Witch Project style, surrendered themselves to a night in the manor,



distributing their cameras strategically in spots where unusual activity most frequently occurred.

Sure enough, things soon started going paranormally on the second floor, where senior Chelsea DeRaps-Richardson reported "The camera would shut off at exactly 20-minute intervals, and the battery would be fully recharged when turned back on." What's more said DeRaps-Richardson, the camera "also captured very distinct whistling of a song near the microphone, even though there was no one near it at the time."

Things continued to go mysteriously bump in the night, culminating with the group distinctly hearing what they say were "footsteps coming down the stairs."

While they never got to film Edna, the intrepid media mavens got quite a scare. And the ghostliness, they say, continued days later, when they regrouped to view their footage, and clearly heard someone, or something, shouting the words "GO" and "DON'T."

Was it Edna? Who knows. While she may or may not haunt the manor, the lady sure knows how to haunt imaginations.

— Susannah Batchelder

**First Puppy**

# STATE OF GRACIE

The 'First Puppy' Makes a Campus Visit

**Y**ou could say that President Card launched his tenure as the fifth president of Franklin Pierce University from the doghouse.

Back in Texas, as President and Mrs. Card were packing up their car to start the 2,000-mile journey to Rindge, their dog, Gracie, went missing.

"I was bringing boxes out to the car the whole morning, so the door was open probably more than it should have been," recalls President Card. "She [Mrs. Card] kept telling me to shut the door so Gracie wouldn't get out. As soon as we realized we couldn't find her, I knew I was in the doghouse."

Frantic for their furry little friend, the couple called Gracie's name, they searched the house high and low, called in search parties of family and friends. While President Card joined one of the search parties, Mrs. Card began desperately making posters.

An hour went by, two hours, almost a third. Then, one of their friends came into the house, started talking, and out popped Gracie to greet her. "To this day," laughs Mrs. Card, "we still have no idea where she was. We'd searched that house top to bottom, inside and out."

As anyone who knows anything about Peekapoo puppies will tell you, 10-month-old Gracie was just being true to her breed. A petite cross between a Pekinese and a Poodle, Peekapoo puppies are adorably loving "lap dogs"—and they are also, as everyone at Franklin Pierce would soon discover—characters.

President Card recalls the first time he brought Gracie to his office at Texas A&M and saw her puppy colors shine through. "I was on the phone at the time... and the voice of the person I was speaking to on the other end was very crackly. I hung up and was about to call IT to have my phone replaced, when I looked down to see that Gracie had chewed almost completely through the cord."

**Woof! Woof!**  
**The first puppy, Gracie, taking in her first New England winter on campus with President and Mrs. Card.**



With the help of one of the Texas A&M Veterinary Program students, Gracie got some helpful training. But Gracie was still Gracie, and here at Franklin Pierce we wouldn't want her any other way.

Accustomed as she'd been to sweltering Texas heat, this little bundle of energy dove headfirst into this year's record breaking snowfall, "just like a born New Englander," says Mrs. Card proudly.

Up early each morning eager for a walk, Gracie's already won the heart of the campus she now calls home. And when at home, "all she wants to do is be near you and love you."

Her presence is so calming, they say, that they've decided on a "career" that should suit Gracie to a T. Gracie, say Mr. and Mrs. Card, will be trained to be a therapy dog.

Meanwhile, the couple hopes that Gracie will be a source of Pierce Pride to everyone on campus. And one look at her picture, how could she be otherwise?  
*—Stephanie Nebes*

**Winners**

**AND THE WINNER IS...**

Bill Raymond '69 accepts his new iPad with his wife, Martha. Bill won the iPad by submitting a class note for this issue of Pierce. Submit your class notes to [classnotes@franklinpierce.edu](mailto:classnotes@franklinpierce.edu) and you can be eligible for a prize!



**Quotable**

**"I didn't come to Franklin Pierce to get a degree. I came to find my passion."**

**MEGAN HEANEY '16  
 BIOLOGY**

## Victories

### RAVEN ROUND UP

The baseball team enjoyed one of their best seasons in program history, finishing the season with a 48-4 record. The team broke the program record for consecutive wins with a 27-game winning streak. They also earned their first No. 1 national ranking in team history and the first for any New Hampshire college or university. The Ravens ultimately fell to the eventual regional champion, Wilmington, in the semifinal round of the eastern regional tournament. Raven catcher Matt Walsh signed with the Yankees shortly after the season ended.

The women's basketball team advanced to the semifinal round of the NCAA Championship East Regional where they were defeated 69-59 by the University New Haven, who ultimately went on to win the region. Franklin Pierce concluded its season with a 19-11 record.

Men's lacrosse qualified for the Northeast-10 Championship for the first time in program history and was able to host and win their first postseason game in team history with a 9-5 triumph over Assumption in the Northeast-10 quarterfinal. Over the course of the season, Eddie Noonan '15 established new team records for career goals and points.

In track and field, Dage Minors '17, placed eighth in the 800-meter final at the NCAA Championships. This summer, Minors also went on to capture the Under-20 national title in the 1500 meters in his home country of Bermuda.



## Growth

### Clubhouse Complements Program

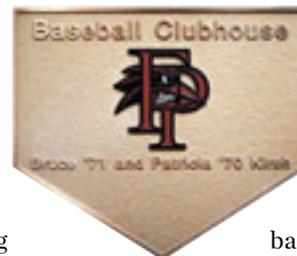


**“The Clubhouse is a showcase for anybody interested in the program,” explained Coach King.**

When the men's baseball team returned to campus this fall, they found a new building just beyond their center field wall: The Bruce and Patricia Kirsh Baseball Clubhouse.

The facility's name recognizes two alumni who have shown a remarkable commitment to Franklin Pierce. Bruce Kirsh '71 has held several positions in his 42-year tenure at the University, but is best known as the University's Athletic Director, a position he has held for 35 years. Patricia Kirsh '70 was instrumental in mentoring aspiring teachers and served as the University's coordinator for all student teaching placements and observations.

“It's a wonderful tribute to me and my wife and the years of service we have given to the University. For the team, it enhances what is already a great program,” said Kirsh. “My hope and wish is that someday I come back here and the whole strip between the new clubhouse and the right-field line is made up of new buildings for the other Franklin Pierce teams that play here.”



The clubhouse will include a locker room, offices, umpire room, and player showers. Head baseball coach, Jayson King, believes that the new facility will strengthen the baseball program.

“To me it's the last piece of the puzzle as far as the baseball facilities. We have a great indoor facility, a great outdoor facility. The Clubhouse is a showcase for anybody interested in the program,” explained Coach King.

The building of the Clubhouse was a family effort, as Mike Rego, father of two former baseball players, served as General Contractor, while Kyle Griffin, father of two current Ravens, completed the building's plumbing. Longtime University benefactors Dr. Arthur and Martha Pappas also contributed a generous lead gift to help launch the project. Donations for The Bruce and Patricia Kirsh Baseball Clubhouse are still being accepted and can be made at [www.franklin-pierce.edu/donate](http://www.franklin-pierce.edu/donate).

## Scholarship

# Studying Solar Power in Botswana

Dr. Michael Mooiman receives Fulbright Scholarship

**D**r. Michael Mooiman takes his passion for energy and sustainability to rural Botswana for the 2015/2016 academic year. Traveling to Africa on a Fulbright Scholarship, the Associate Professor in the M.B.A. program based in Manchester, NH, is the first Franklin Pierce University College of Graduate and Professional Studies faculty member to receive the prestigious award.

As a Fulbright Scholar, his research will focus on the current state of solar technology in the country, as well as the obstacles that stand in its way. Botswana is located just north of South Africa, with most of its land being in the Kalahari Desert. Dr. Mooiman wants to tap into the tremendous potential to harness solar power in the desert country. He will also teach energy studies at the University of Botswana.

Four years ago at Franklin Pierce, Dr. Mooiman created the M.B.A. in Energy and Sustainability Studies program, which looks at energy issues from a business and sustainability viewpoint. An engineer, Dr. Mooiman has long been interested in the crossroads where energy meets industry and often tells his students, “Energy stands at the intersection of technology, finance, and policy.”

Dr. Mooiman was born and raised in South Africa, but has been living in the U.S. since 1987. His Fulbright experience gives him a chance to give back to the land of his birth. He has a Ph.D. in Metallurgical Engineering and an MS in Chemistry, Business. To prepare for his trip, he took a community college course on solar panel installation and worked on his Botswana language skills.

**Dr. Mooiman wants to tap into the tremendous potential to harness solar power in the desert country**



**Aesthetic Arrest**

# Drawn Together: Curating the Alumni Art Show

**C**urating an art show is a challenge, but a rewarding one. I recently curated, “Drawn Together: Franklin Pierce University Alumni Art Exhibit,” at the Thoreau Art Gallery in Peterson Manor. The show was a landmark, as it was the first ever alumni art show on campus.

The exhibit, however, did not come together easily. It took many months of careful planning, aided greatly by my faculty advisor Prof. Nate Sullivan. Because Franklin Pierce’s arts graduates are known for their scope and breadth, I reached out to a variety of artists—painters, photographers, ceramicists, and glass artists were all contacted. The response was quick and impressive as more than 10 alumni artists replied.

Then came the tricky part, selecting the individual pieces. The more compelling the art, the more difficult the selection process. There were some very difficult choices. In the end, I chose pieces with similar lines and forms, which created commonalities amongst the art, and, in turn, tied the show together.

I then worked with each artist to ensure the work was shipped safely and on time. Building schedules and coordinating the various steps so that the show came together was a big part of the job. The fact that the show received so much support from alumni was incredible, as practicing artists tend to be very busy people. Our alumni artists work as art educators and studio owners, and some recent grads are studio assistants to

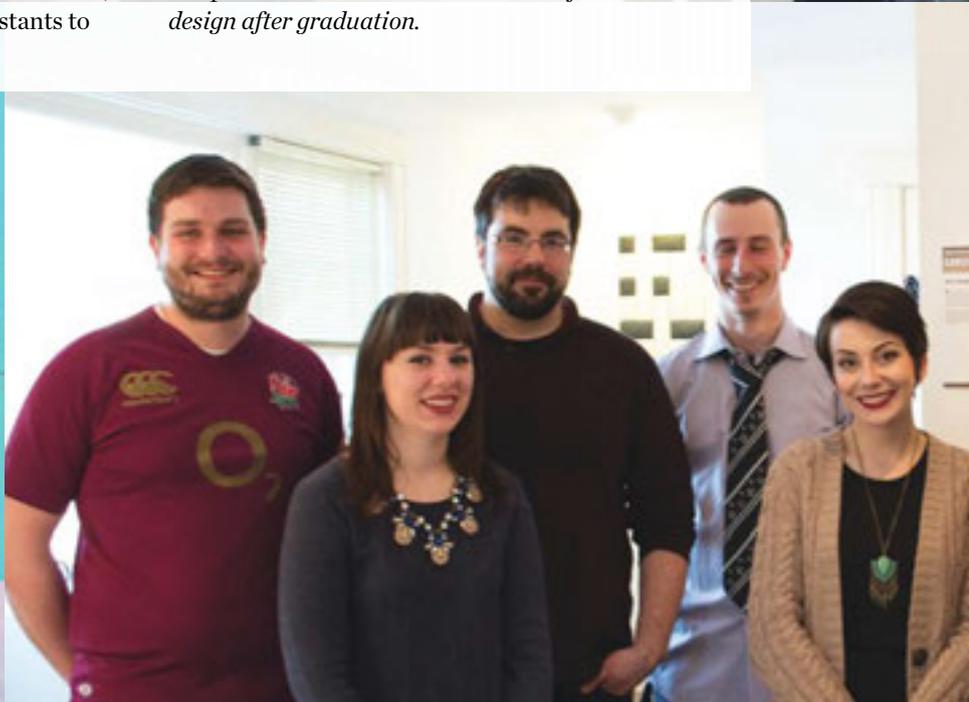
world-renowned artists. In short, they’re busy working in the arts, so their participation was greatly appreciated by this curator.

The final step was installing the artwork. Arranging where the work would hang in the gallery was like a puzzle, as each artist contributed more than a single piece. I rearranged the show several times, wanting to make sure that the arrangement highlighted each piece. After much work and constant assessment, we found the ideal spot for each artist. For the finishing touch, we hung the artists’ statements and biographies next to their work. My graphic design background came in handy for this and the accompanying plaques. I also created advertisements for the show, and did outreach to campus media sources, including this magazine.

The hard work paid off. Opening night was one of the most successful in the Thoreau Gallery’s history. The gallery was packed with staff, teachers, students, and alumni all buzzing.

I graduate in 2016, and am excited to join the ranks of such talented former students. Curating the Alumni Art Show was a great honor and an experience I will never forget.

*—Vanessa De Zorzi '16 is a rising senior at Franklin Pierce University. She is a double major in Fine Arts and Graphic Communications, and plans to work in a museum and do freelance design after graduation.*



**Out in Front**

**DECKER'S NEW NOVEL TACKLES TOUGH QUESTIONS**

**D**onna Decker is often described as a powerhouse. Ph.D professor and chair of the Department of English, her milieu may be literature, but her mission is trailblazing—particularly when focused on the challenging and changing landscape of feminism.

The courses she teaches, and the blog she writes for *Ms. Magazine's* national website, reveals a serious approach to women's issues. It also shows in her upcoming first novel, *Dancing in Red Shoes Will Kill You*, which tells the excruciating details of the 1989 Montreal massacre at École Polytechnique where 14 female engineering students were senselessly gunned down by a 25-year-old misogynistic maniac.

*Dancing in Red Shoes Will Kill You*, (Inanna Publications), was published in May and re-imagines the massacre on two fictionalized campuses through the narratives of three fictionalized characters caught up in a version of the original killings: Deirdre, a beautiful, Bohemian first-year female engineering student; Marin, who ponders what it means to be a female engineer in a male dominant culture; and Jenean, a feisty, feminist journalist who finds herself on a list of 19 women the shooter intends to kill.

Decker researched the Montreal Massacre extensively for her novel, but also uses that research as the basis of a hugely popular freshman seminar she's now taught twice at Franklin Pierce.

Entitled "Intentional Venom: Making Meaning of School Shootings," the seminar debunks myths shrouding school shooters. Drawing on multi-media sources, including fiction and non-fiction books, a play, and a film, the course encourages creative exploration of commonalities among these mass murderers, ultimately finding one predominant factor: all were male.

Students initially resist this conclusion, says Decker. But a documentary she uses in the course helps students see the pattern. "Tough Guise," by filmmaker Jackson Katz, an acclaimed anti-violence educator, argues that the epidemic of male violence plaguing American society needs to be understood as part of a much larger cultural crisis in masculinity.

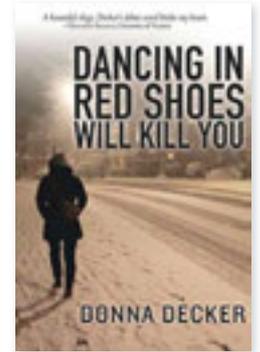
"The film is pretty compelling," says Decker, who says she teaches the course for the same reason she teaches literature—so students will learn to be more empathetic. "If we can be open to what other people think and feel, especially with those not like us, maybe that's an opening for a dialogue."

Dialogue is one of Decker's strong suits, according to students who regularly give her an 'A' on course evaluations and on RateMyProfessor.com. "She doesn't so much teach as encourage class-long chats," says one student. "She is a wonderful soul with vast amounts of knowledge," says another.

She is also mother to three children, two girls and one boy, all—like the characters in her novel—in their 20s.

"I wake up thinking about the parents of those poor students," says Decker, "I think about the parents of the killer . . . femicide is the second leading cause of death for women 20-24, and the leading cause of death for African American women ages 15-24."

It is, she says, not a new, but a very old story. And one she tells as perhaps never before in *Dancing in Red Shoes Will Kill You*.



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# Great Escape

## Seniors escape war-torn country to Franklin Pierce

**A** few years ago, Antoine Gisore '15 and Makopa Rugabirwa '15 ran for their lives. This past spring, they walked in the processional to receive their diplomas.

"We're very fortunate to be at Franklin Pierce," says Makopa, who, along with his cousin Antoine, are members of the Banyamulenge tribe (Tutsi) of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, which has a long history of internal conflict.

In the late 1990s, the government expelled all Banyamulenge from the country. Farms, homes and villages were pillaged and burned. Families were driven out and murdered. Antoine and Makopa, who grew up in separate towns, spent their childhoods moving from place-to-place, struggling to stay alive. Antoine became separated from his parents.

In early June 2004, Makopa, one of 11 siblings, found safety with an aunt at a refugee camp in Gatumba in the bordering country of Burunda. The tent city, which was operated by a UN agency, housed 1,700 refugees.

Two months later, on the night of August 13, armed rebels, mainly associated with the Forces for National Liberation, attacked the sleeping camp with guns, torches, and machetes. They continued through noon the next day. In all, 166 men, women, and children were slaughtered, with another 116 burned, injured, and maimed.

Makopa was 11 years old at the time.

"It was ten o'clock at night," he says. "Suddenly I heard a step, and then I started hearing gun shots. After a few minutes, I heard a baby crying for its mother—then nothing. It went on for hours and hours. We ran. When we came back the next day there were dead bodies everywhere, and many injured people."

Antoine was elsewhere, but soon heard about the Gatumba massacre. Just 12 years old, he didn't know Makopa was there, but walked three days to reach the camp to search for survivors. They lived in refugee camps until a missionary with the International Organization for Migration (IOM), an intergovernmental agency, asked if they wanted to go to the United States. "Of course, we said yes," says Makopa, who today laughs at the irony of such questions.

In 2007, they arrived in Concord, New Hampshire, speaking no English. Antoine worked at a local Walmart; Makopa flipped burgers at Wendy's. Both attended Concord High School. There they met Zach Emerson, who was then Concord's track coach at the time. Both boys joined the team.

At first, neither did very well. Antoine ran with folded arms. Makopa quit because he hated the cold. But with the same courage and determination they used to survive the Congo,

they quickly improved. Antoine expressed a desire to go to college. Coach Emerson challenged him to run faster, as that was a possible path. So, in his senior year, Makopa won the New Hampshire state championship.

After high school, both Antoine and Makopa briefly attended another New England college. In 2011, Emerson joined Franklin Pierce as the men's track coach. A few months later, in January 2012, while his wife was giving birth to a new baby, Emerson received a phone call from the Franklin Pierce admissions office. "There are two young gentlemen here filling out paperwork," they told me. "They want to come to Franklin Pierce to run for you," Emerson recalls with a smile. "It was a big surprise, but a good one."

After being accepted to Franklin Pierce, Antoine and Makopa joined the track team, but had to sit out a year due to NCAA regulations. Since then, they've each consistently helped to propel each other and the team toward victory.

They've also found academic success. Makopa carried a 3.1 GPA, an impressive achievement for someone who learned English only a few years ago. On top of that, both also held jobs.

**Antoine worked at a local Walmart; Makopa flipped burgers at Wendy's.**

"They're both extremely lucky just to be alive," says Emerson. "I'm blessed to be part of their journey. They taught me a lot about coaching." Emerson quickly adds that Bill Costa, their faculty advisor, really has helped them a lot, especially with English. "Bill had them read books aloud in his office to fine-tune their pronunciation.

He's one of the big reasons they graduated this May."

Antoine was first to become a U.S. citizen in April 2013. Makopa followed in September 2014. While Makopa's parents emigrated with him to Concord, Antoine discovered just a few years ago that his parents had survived the Congo wars. Refugees in both Kenya and Ethiopia, they're now waiting for asylum.

After their 2015 FPU graduation, Antoine, a mass communications major, hopes to work for ESPN. Makopa plans eventually to start a foundation to build a school for children in the Congo. They credit Franklin Pierce for helping them start new lives.

"We really love it here," says Antoine. "Franklin Pierce people are so kind. They really care about you here. And they help you when you need it. We'll really miss this place when we leave."



**Journey**

## A FAR THROW FROM HOME

**W**hen Brian Kirn '16 was a high school junior, he attended an archaeology conference in his hometown of San Antonio, Texas. There he saw a Franklin Pierce anthropology major give an atlatl demonstration.

"I was hooked immediately," says Kirn. "I wanted to be an archaeologist back then, so seeing students hurl an ancient weapon that was tens of thousands of years old, well, I knew right then that this the school for me."

Being 1,700 miles from home may feel like the other side of the world, but Kirn couldn't be happier with his decision or his major, anthropology.

"Anthropology teaches you very valuable skills, especially analysis and research, which is vital in business," he says. "You also learn to read people, to understand their lives, their social relationships." After a pause, Kirn adds, "You also learn patience."

Kirn didn't have to be patient earning fieldwork time, as FP anthropology majors receive extensive hands-on training in archaeological excavation starting freshman year. Kirn currently works on the largest dig site in New England, a huge dig site along the banks of the Connecticut River in

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Walpole, NH, searching for Native American artifacts that date back thousands of years. It's part of Professor Robert Goodby's Monadnock Archaeological Project.

"Brian's an excellent student, one of the top people in the major," says Goodby. "He's serious about his work, but brings a great sense of humor. He's also very accomplished. I can hand him part of our Walpole project, and ask him to execute it, and he'll do it. He also instructs freshmen in the process, and does it very well. I think of Brian as a real Renaissance guy, with lots of gifts and talents."

Among them is music. A bass baritone, Kirn sings with Franklin Pierce's Choral Union, and Lachrimae, the FP musical group dedicated to medieval music. Kirn currently is performing in "Cautionary Tale: A Junk Opera" by Professor Robert Lawson, which was chosen by the Kennedy Performing Arts Center for recognition. An avid outdoor enthusiast, Kirn also volunteers as adventure trip leader for rock climbing expeditions, and leads freshmen on hiking and kayaking trips during pre-orientation.

He also gives atlatl demonstrations, including at the Museum of Science in Boston, and he competes in events like the Atlatl Championships in Vermont. On a good day, he can throw the ancient dart more than 100 yards.

At the end of every academic year, Kirn travels the 1,700 miles back to San Antonio for summer break. Besides family and friends, he misses authentic Mexican food and Texas barbecue. "It's hard to find good Mexican food here," he says. After graduation, Brian wants to work in the artifacts department of a museum, creating exhibits that demonstrate the importance of archaeology projects. He has no doubt that Franklin Pierce has prepared him well for this career.

"I know Professors Goodby and Welsch very well at this point," he points out. "Through them, I have a professional network that goes back generations and spreads across the country. That's a nice advantage that a school like Franklin Pierce can give you. It opens doors for students. I can't imagine going to a school where you don't know your professors on a first-name basis. It's what makes Franklin Pierce special."



Above:  
Makopa  
Rugabirwa  
'15.  
Below:  
Antoine  
Gisore '15.







**FORMER WHITE HOUSE  
CHIEF OF STAFF,  
ANDY CARD, TAKES THE  
HELM AT A CRITICAL TIME.**

# THE RIGHT STUFF

BY AMY CRAWFORD

PHOTOGRAPHS BY KATHLEEN DOOHER

PROFESSOR GERALD BURNS is the coordinator of Franklin Pierce's American Studies program, and, as it happens, something of an expert in the recent history of the United States. His popular class, "America & 9/11" examines the terrorist attacks and their far-ranging consequences for American life, culture, and public policy. Of course, this year's students have only vague recollections of that terrible day, and most are not old enough to remember the famous photo of President George W. Bush at a Florida elementary school as his chief of staff, Andrew Card, leans in to inform him that the nation is under attack.





**This page:** President Card interacts with students on a daily basis, often showing up in the cafeteria at 7:30 for breakfast.

**Facing page:** President Card meets with Provost Kim Mooney '83 and Vice President of Advancement, Lisa Murray, during his first day in office.

Still, Burns calls it “an iconic image of 9/11,” and Card, who became Franklin Pierce’s fifth president in January, will always be tied in many Americans’ minds to that fateful moment. Today, the photo serves as a sort of visual shorthand for his five and a half years in the White House—war years that required difficult decisions, an awe-inspiring poker face, and fortitude under inconceivable pressure. So of course, when Pierce trustees announced last fall that Card would be the University’s next president, Professor Burns thought he knew what to expect.

But then he ran into the new president on campus. “I saw him and I was very formal,” Burns recalls. “I said, ‘Oh, President Card!’ And he was very informal—almost gushing! I was thinking, ‘This is the former chief of staff of the White House?’ I never imagined him to be so voluble and, well, bouncy. I was expecting a sort of stern gatekeeper, but he’s very human.”

Burns’ surprise has been echoed across campus, by faculty and students alike.

“He’s very fun, very energetic,” says Alyssa Borelli '15, a mass communication major who met the incoming president when he made the rounds of student organizations just hours after taking office. (Card asked members of the Pierce Media Group for Twitter advice, she says.) “When I heard he was a former White House chief of staff, I was blown away. I was surprised he would come to Franklin Pierce after serving such an important role.”

It’s true that Card’s résumé was already more than complete by the time he took the helm at Franklin



Pierce. After all, he has enjoyed a forty-year career, with prestigious appointments in both government and the private sector. But, in an early morning interview from his new office in Peterson Manor, Card explains that the emotional reasons for taking the job were compelling. Here was the chance, he says, to be a transformational leader, to guide Franklin Pierce through a rocky era and to ensure that it continues to be an institution that fosters student success.

“Franklin Pierce has a lot of young people who are here to do noble things,” he says. “They come with lofty dreams and expectations. If you go to Amherst, Williams, Yale, Harvard, Bates, Bowdoin, you’re kind of living the American Dream. If you come to Franklin Pierce, you’re finding your American Dream. I think there’s a greater contribution to what makes America a great



nation at Franklin Pierce than even at these other institutions.”

Card’s connection to Pierce goes back many years. The Massachusetts native, who was also a key White House staffer during the administrations of Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush and then U.S. Secretary of Transportation from 1992 to 1993, served on Pierce’s Board of Trustees from 1996 to 2000, at the invitation of then-President George Hagerty, a hometown friend. And it was Card who recruited Marlin Fitzwater, his old White House colleague, to the board, beginning a fruitful relationship that led to the founding of the University’s Marlin Fitzwater Center in 2002. Nearly two decades later, Fitzwater returned the favor—it was his idea to bring Card back to Rindge.

“He has all the right skills and experience that Franklin Pierce needs. We were looking for someone who would be able to make tough decisions, and Andy has the right stuff,” Fitzwater says before adding, “And I knew he would love the students.”

Fitzwater, who lives in Maryland, happened to be with Card in Washington, D.C., when he heard that

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**—PROFESSOR GERALD BURNS**



President James F. Birge would be stepping down. He knew Card, who had recently completed a stint as acting dean of the Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M, was being actively recruited by a few other universities, but he asked him to think about taking over at Franklin Pierce instead. No pressure, Fitzwater told his old friend. “I knew if he was interested, he’d say so.” Card promised to mull it over.

A couple of weeks later, Fitzwater got an email from Card, and it had an attachment: a photo of Card and his wife in front of the Fitzwater Center, pointing up at the name and smiling. They had decided to stop in Rindge on their way home from a vacation in Maine. “I thought that was a pretty good sign!” Fitzwater says.

“Andy clearly had many choices,” says Michael C.J. Fallon, chair of the board of trustees, who took over the recruiting effort once Card had signaled his interest. “I was impressed that he wanted to do it for the right

reasons. And I figured, if he could run the White House, he could run Franklin Pierce.”

Card knew it would not be an easy job. Franklin Pierce has faced great financial pressure in recent years, which culminated last summer when Moody’s downgraded its bond rating. The struggle is perhaps most apparent in the toll it has taken on the campus itself.

“Ravencroft Theater was one of the original buildings on campus,” Card says. “But that building is condemned. There are no lights on inside. That does not send a good signal. Then Crestview Hall—it looks okay, until you realize the snow is plowed up in front of the doors. I wish there were a sign on one of those buildings that said ‘Future home of...’ Because the students are not here to celebrate the past.”

Franklin Pierce is not the only university facing tough times. In March, administrators at small, liberal arts-focused schools across the United States were shaken when Virginia’s Sweet Briar College announced that it would close after the spring semester, due to “insurmountable” financial troubles. “The terrible recession starting in 2008 put a strain on a lot of institutions of higher education,” Card says. “Every small college and university is struggling with the realities of the economic changes that we went through.”

Card notes that Pierce, founded in 1962, is too young to have built up the sort of endowment that many

universities were able to rely on during the recession, and that means that one of his main tasks as president will be fundraising—tapping into the vast network he has built up over four decades working with powerful people and by reconnecting the University’s 18,000 alumni with the school’s history and mission. “I run into alumni in the most unexpected places,” he says. “Tokyo, Moscow, Washington D.C.... Many of them say ‘Oh, I loved Franklin Pierce.’ But they haven’t been back. They haven’t contributed. They haven’t been asked! The alumni of Franklin Pierce are really the legacy that will make a difference.”

Beyond guiding the University through tough financial times, Card also hopes to transform it into the sort of institution that the 21st century demands, one that provides students with a strong foundation in the

**This page, top:** Marlin Fitzwater, who was once recruited by Andy Card to serve on the Board of Trustees, had the idea of bringing Card back to Rindge.

**Bottom:** President Card talks with media during a campus press conference.



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liberal arts as well as more concrete skills. That will mean tough choices. Card believes liberal arts schools need to strengthen their value proposition.

“It used to be that you could be trained in liberal arts and move into diverse paths,” he says. “Today our economy demands more specialization. Health Sciences. Physical therapy. Business courses. That’s what we’re doing. We’ve repositioned the University so that it will always be relevant to the success of our students.”

It’s a high pressure mission, but Card says his White House years were excellent preparation for the challenges he faces today. Chief of staff to the President of the United States is an all-encompassing commitment, he explains. “It is a great privilege, but you also carry a big burden. The chief of staff has to decide what the President needs to know. If you don’t tell him something he needs to know, there are big consequences.” The role also demanded long hours: Card’s day began at 5:45 a.m. and ended only after the President went to bed—and sometimes not even then. “The job was seven days a week,” Card says. “I did it for five and a half years. I had one vacation in five and a half years, and on day two of the vacation Hurricane Katrina hit.”

Card is still an early riser, although his schedule at Pierce is a little more relaxed. He likes to arrive on campus around 7:00, beginning his day with a visit to the dining hall, where students are having breakfast. He relishes the chance to connect with students, whose

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youthful enthusiasm energizes him—and reminds him of what’s at stake. One recent encounter was especially moving, he says.

“It was 7:45 in the morning, and I was going over to the dining hall, and there was a young student walking by,” Card says. “I said ‘Hey, you going to breakfast?’ He said ‘No, I’m actually going to meet with a professor.’” Card was impressed—first, that a professor had volunteered to meet with a student that early, and second, that the student actually seemed excited about his early morning meeting. Card asked the young man what had brought him to Rindge, and he shared that he had Asperger’s, a syndrome on the autism spectrum. As he was searching for a college, he learned about one of Franklin Pierce’s most celebrated alumni, the animal behaviorist and autism activist Temple Grandin ’70. He figured if Pierce had been a home for her, it would be a good fit for him as well. “And I’m so glad I came,” the student told Card. “It’s changing my life.”

Upon hearing the student’s story, “I puffed up with all kinds of Pierce pride,” Card says. “My motivation comes from the students. It’s their passion and their success that drives me. It’s a phenomenal gift, I think, to the American people to have a place like Franklin Pierce.” 

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“Everyone said it would never happen,” Henry Ellis ’69 recalls with the knowing laugh of history as hindsight. “People won’t come to Rindge. It will be an embarrassment.”

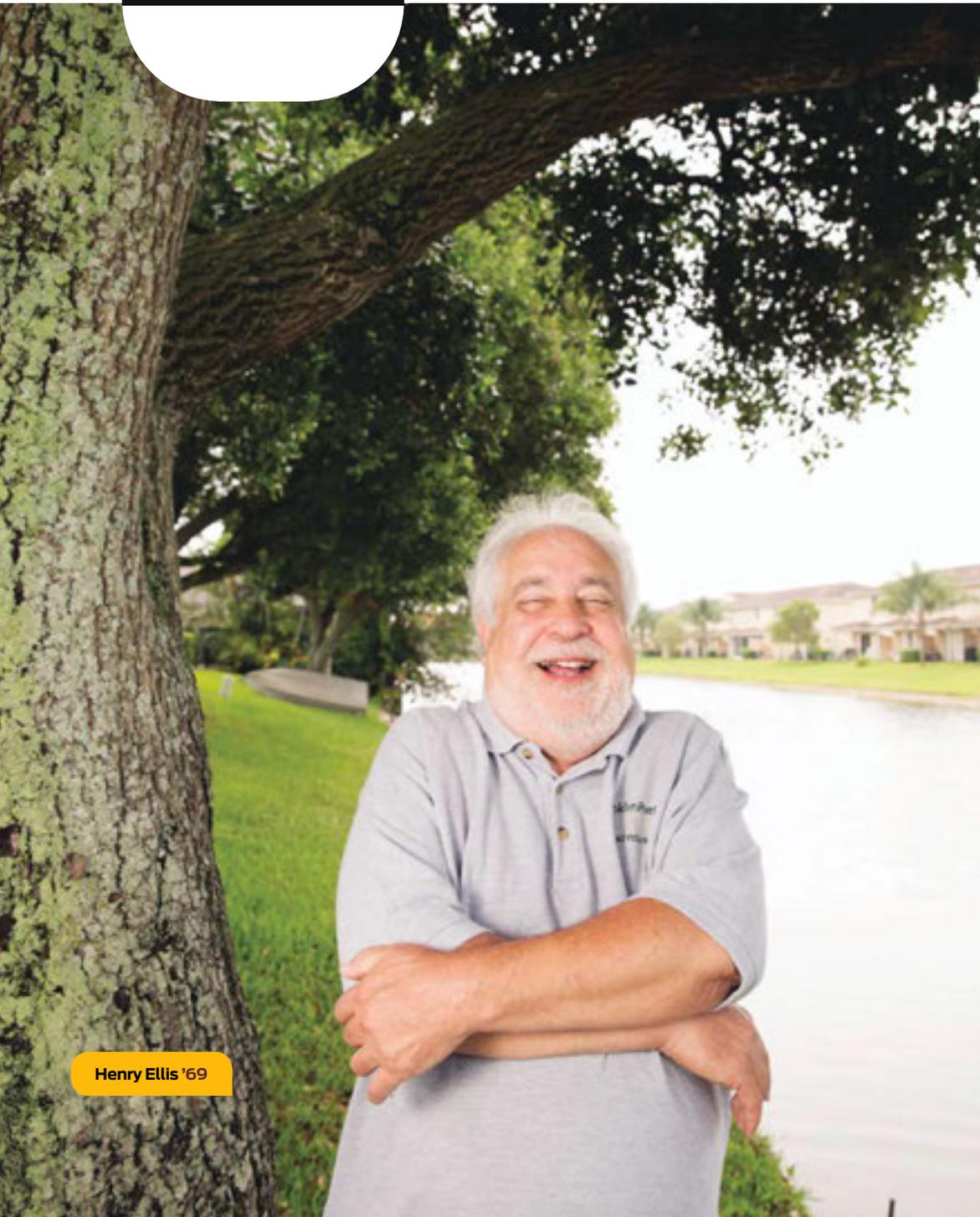
On February 8, 1969, following San Francisco’s “summer of love” and New York’s Woodstock phenomenon, Henry Ellis ’69 and fellow Franklin Pierce classmate Rick Falconi ’69 pulled off their own music miracle. And they did so in the dead of winter, just as a Nor’easter rolled in.

It was Winter Carnival, the annual mid-semester break when students packed up en masse and headed home, much to the chagrin of the administration. Until ’69, that is, when every Franklin Pierce student stayed, joined by thousands of other music lovers, who converged on tiny Franklin Pierce College on a frigid February evening to hear the headliner, Janis Joplin, rock Rindge like never before.

“I learned that night that you can do anything you want if you put your mind to it,” says Ellis with just a hint of pride in his voice.

### Warming Up

The Joplin story actually began the previous winter when Franklin Pierce’s founding president, Frank DiPietro, approached the 20-year-old Falconi, Ellis’ friend and colleague on the Student Social Committee. DiPietro was expressing his annual lament about the mass exodus of



Henry Ellis '69

students from campus during the winter break. “You need something ‘going on’ to make students stay,” Falconi told the president.

So it fell to Ellis (chairman of the committee) and Falconi to get something “going on.” It would take some money to attract talent to the Winter Carnival, which, in the past, was highlighted by a rather stodgy off-campus formal dance. Falconi and Ellis worked with the administration to add a Student Activity fee to the '68/'69 school year. The new fee raised \$35,000, and, as luck would have it, that summer the Franklin Pierce Fieldhouse was completed. They now had the money and a venue. Seating capacity: 800.

“The administration didn’t encourage us to spend it all on one big event,” laughs Ellis, “but they never said we couldn’t either. It was called the ‘Student Activity Fee’ so we assumed it was ours to spend.”

They had tested the concert business in the fall of '68 when Country Joe and the Fish were booked to play the first public show at the Fieldhouse. But by 5 p.m. on the evening of the big event, there was no Country Joe, and no Fish. A call from Keene Police Headquarters confirmed that the band had been arrested for smoking marijuana during their flight to Keene.

“What are we going to do?” Falconi remembers saying. “We had already sold a lot of tickets!” Falconi informed Di Pietro, who, he recalls, said something to the effect of

“Good. Let them stay there.” But after explaining that a rather large crowd was ready to rock, and might damage the new Fieldhouse if the show cancelled, the president directed Falconi to “discreetly get a campus van, drive to the Keene Police Headquarters, park in back, and go fetch that damn band.” DiPietro called Keene’s chief of police and a deal was made. Falconi was to deliver Country Joe and the Fish back to jail immediately after the concert. The show started only five minutes late and, to forestall their return to jail, Country Joe and the boys played an extremely long set. “Then I drove them back to jail,” Falconi says with a rueful smile.

### Star Search

Having dodged disaster, Ellis and Falconi began planning for an even bigger Winter Carnival the following year—1969, their senior year. They polled the student body, which returned big names like The Doors, The Temptations, Simon and Garfunkel. But as Ellis remembers, “They answered our survey but students still thought we were crazy. They didn’t believe that a big name would ever come to Franklin Pierce.” And they were right. Weeks rolled by with no big names tempted by an offer from Rindge, New Hampshire. In February.

Ellis and Falconi, along with fellow Social Committee members Tad Boyce '69 and Sharon Bornstein '70, went to see a Boston booking agent, a

Ellis and Falconi aggressively marketed the concert, which led to an overflow crowd of several thousand and a huge traffic jam in tiny Rindge.

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**In Memoriam**



“That very brief moment I held her hand and led her on stage, I was in awe.”

shot in the dark that paid off. The agent called a colleague in New York. “He was talking on the phone and then turns to us and says ‘How about Janis Joplin?’” recalls Falconi. “It was a matter of being in the right place at the right time.”

Joplin had already taken the country by storm. Richard Goldstein, writing for *Vogue* magazine, said that Joplin was “the most staggering leading woman in rock . . . she slinks like tar, scowls like war . . . clutching the knees of a final stanza, begging it not to leave . . . Janis Joplin can sing the chic off any listener.”

Ellis, who wasn’t a Joplin fan at the time, could tell by the way his classmates were wildly jumping around the promoter’s office that they had found their headliner.

Joplin had just broken up with her backup band, Big Brother and the Holding Company, and was about to begin a tour with her new Kosmic Blues Band. Their first “preview concert” was scheduled for February 9 in Boston and the group needed a place to test sound equipment before the big premiere. Legendary rock manager Albert Grossman, Bob Dylan’s manager, believed this preview concert was critical to Joplin’s future success going solo after her rocky breakup with Big Brother. He was later quoted as saying “We were looking for the most obscure venue we could find.” They didn’t want a large audience. Rindge, New Hampshire seemed a safe bet.

The Paul Butterfield Blues Band was touring with Joplin and would open the show. Ellis and Falconi also booked an up-and-comer named Richie Havens to perform the



Rick Falconi '69



## The opening act, the Paul Butterfield Blues Band, rocked the house for all of 15 minutes before blowing every fuse in the building.

following day and close out their dream weekend. Total price for Joplin, Butterfield, and Havens? \$32,500. Tickets were \$10 for Joplin on Saturday, and \$5 for Havens on Sunday. (Havens' performance was unfortunately cancelled due to a blizzard rolling in the night of Joplin's show.)

Ellis and Falconi easily agreed to Joplin's two requests: she wanted to arrive early, around 5 p.m., in order to test sound equipment. And no one was allowed in the building before the 8 p.m. start time. Roadies arrived early and were finished setting up before 5 p.m. Two hours later, 7 p.m. rolled around and no Janis. "Oh boy, here we go again!" thought Falconi. They had not counted on the sheer attendance numbers (estimated to be between 3,000 and 4,000) that would quickly clog the few roads into Rindge. In addition to radio promotions, a \$950 extra-large ad in the *Boston Globe Sunday* entertainment section may have had some impact, Falconi confesses.

"There were many things about the show that fell under the heading of 'we had no idea what we were doing,'" he recalls with a hearty laugh. "That ad, for instance. It brought in a lot of people from Boston. Way more than we anticipated." A Woodstock-like traffic jam ensued. In spite of the freezing weather, people were lining the streets or standing in front of their homes to watch the massive procession. "They had never seen so many cars filled with hippies."

Joplin finally arrived just minutes before 8 p.m. and she was livid. Not only was there no time for the sound test, but, due to the freezing weather, students had opened the huge fieldhouse doors. The floodgates had opened, and the masses crammed into the 800-seat capacity fieldhouse. Students were literally hanging from the rafters. Ticket taking was impossible. Fortunately, Joplin had calmed down by the time Falconi delivered her customary bottle of Southern Comfort just before show time. "The concert turned out to be her sound test," Ellis says.

The opening act, the Paul Butterfield Blues Band, rocked the house for all of 15 minutes before blowing every fuse in the building. "We hadn't counted on the huge amount of power needed for all the sound and lighting equipment." A marathon drum solo covered the mishap while fuses were

replaced. The show went on. When Butterfield finished, Ellis took Joplin's hand and led her on stage. Falconi had taken his seat in the front row. Clutching her bottle of Southern Comfort in the other hand, she approached the microphone, took two swigs, placed the bottle down by her feet and proceeded to deliver an electrifying and soulful performance, unlike anything Falconi had seen before or since. "I really had never seen a big-time performer like that up close before," he says. "There was sheer joy in her face as she performed, but there was anguish, too."

Somehow the night all came together. "Despite the huge crowd, we didn't have any mishaps," Ellis says, "and nobody had any complaints about the sound, or especially the performance. She was amazing."

The College had been kept in the dark about the price tag until contracts had been signed and it was too late to turn back. Despite

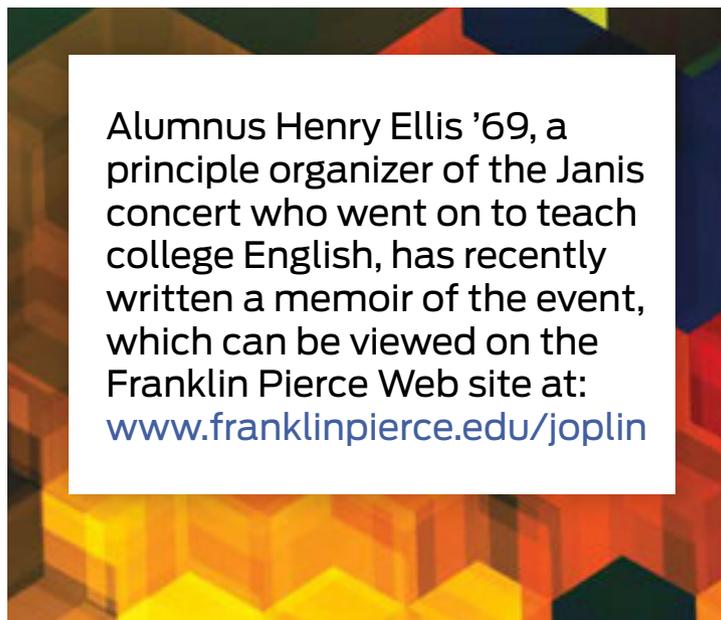
the Social Committee's "apologize later" tactics, the administration wasn't exactly unhappy with the outcome.

"They didn't come out and say it, but I think the administration was as thrilled as the students. That concert put Franklin Pierce on the map," Ellis says. "Remember, Franklin Pierce was only 7 years old back then, so we didn't get mentioned much. After Janis played here, we had it 'going on.' We were the cool school. Everybody talked about Franklin Pierce."

Ellis went on to a career teaching English in Florida, while Falconi put his business degree to use by running the family heating business in Boston. They reconnected decades later at Alumni Weekend and later both joined the Alumni Committee. "I still think Franklin Pierce is one of the most beautiful campuses I've ever seen," says Falconi proudly. "And Franklin Pierce still knows how to make a real difference in a young person's life, which is why I stay involved."

Janis Joplin, by most accounts a sensitive, shy and lonely girl from Port Arthur, Texas, who found a powerful way to express herself by what she called "getting under the music," would end her arc of fame less than two years after her Rindge performance from an accidental overdose of heroin. "That very brief moment I held her hand and led her on stage," Ellis recalls, "I was in awe. She had a very light and soft touch, not at all what you would expect."

In the end, the concert that everyone said could never happen was one for the history books. **P**



**Alumnus Henry Ellis '69, a principle organizer of the Janis concert who went on to teach college English, has recently written a memoir of the event, which can be viewed on the Franklin Pierce Web site at: [www.franklinpierce.edu/joplin](http://www.franklinpierce.edu/joplin)**

# THE ROAD TO ESPN

MASS COMM  
GRADUATES FIND  
THEIR CALLING AT  
THE WORLDWIDE  
LEADER IN SPORTS

BY JOHN SHAW





It's probably premature to rename ESPN's nightly news show the "FPUCenter," but if the pipeline from Rindge to the network's headquarters in Bristol, Conn., continues to grow at its current pace, it may not be that preposterous.

Fourteen Franklin Pierce alumni currently work at the Worldwide Leader in Sports, as ESPN bills itself. And while you won't see many Ravens in front of the cameras, they show up throughout the station, ensuring that every telecast lives up to ESPN's Emmy Award-winning standards.

As associate manager of production operations, Rich Goode '96 directs 17 separate ESPN control rooms comprised of some 130 technical directors, camera operators, video editors, audio editors, and media technicians. Several Pierce alumni, including former roommate Todd Coleman '96, Jay McCormack '95, James Misarti '96 and Chris Vicente '96, are part of Goode's team that keeps the Teleprompters™ running and the highlight clips flowing 24 hours a day.

"Rich is a good leader and knows how to manage his team's many responsibilities," says Francis Legros, senior director of production operations and Goode's boss. "In fact, all of the Franklin Pierce alumni are passionate about working at ESPN. They have a great attitude. They say 'yes' to any project and they get it done."

Goode compares his ESPN work to the HBO series, *The Newsroom*. "It's extremely fast paced, just like that show portrays. Putting together a breaking story, with video highlights, in less than 10 minutes is not unusual. It has to get on the air. When it comes to sports, we want people to get their news from us."

You might think Goode is a sports maven who can cite the starting lineup for the 2004 Red Sox from memory—well, he actually can, since the Sox are his favorite team—but when he's at the office, it's all business.

"We have people on my staff who don't care that much about sports, and that's actually fine," says Goode, who has traded the adrenaline rush of being in the production trenches for a management role in which his days are filled with meetings. "There's so much work to do that you really can't get caught up in being a fan. That's not part of the work."

#### WILD SIDE OF SPORTS

It was at ESPN's Winter X Games that Erik Barone '95 decided he had a special job. He was holding 70 pounds of camera equipment while sitting on the back of a snowmobile, keeping the camera running while he and the driver successfully cleared a 150-foot jump. He just doesn't remember which X-Games event it was, because he's covered every one of them between 2002 and 2012.

But here's what he can't forget, the adrenaline rush. "It's awesome. I love it," says Barone, the Mass Communications graduate, who also counts being in

**RICH GOODE '96 DIRECTS 17 SEPARATE ESPN CONTROL ROOMS COMPRISING A TEAM OF SOME 130 TECHNICAL DIRECTORS, CAMERA OPERATORS, VIDEO EDITORS, AUDIO EDITORS, AND MEDIA OPERATORS.**

**Previous spread:** Jason Potterton '07, Rich Goode '96 and Erik Barone '95 on the set of ESPN, the Worldwide Leader in Sports.

**This page:** This isn't his first rodeo. Erik Barone '95 sees the action up close and personal.

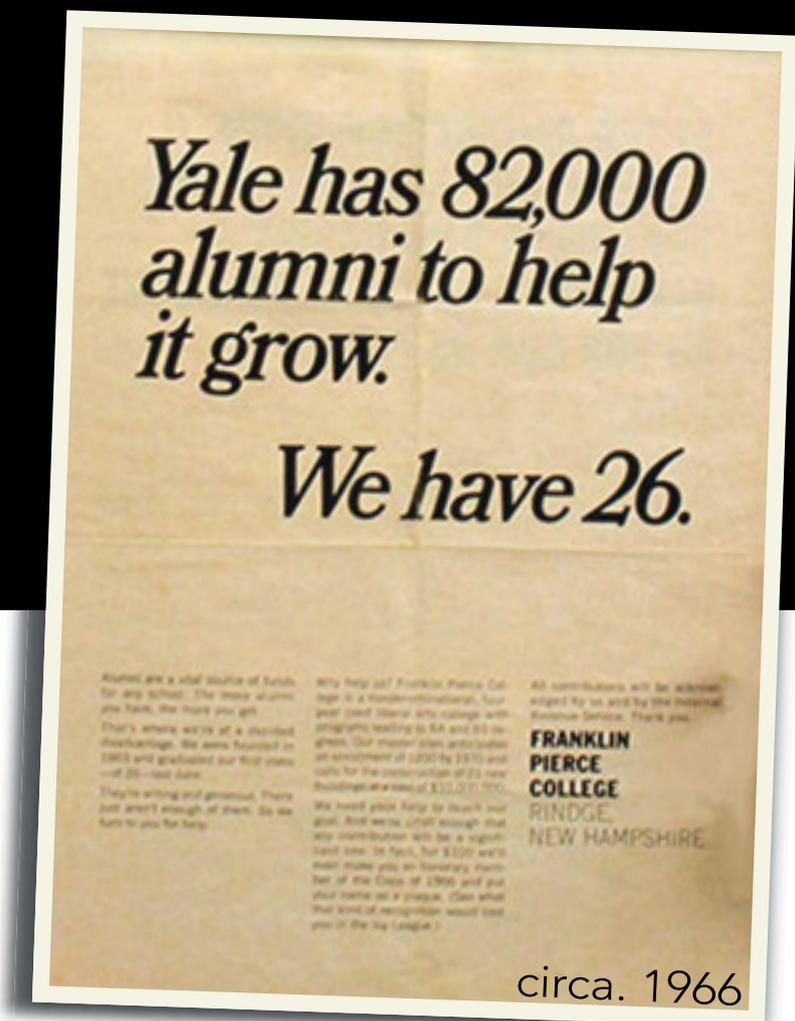


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## AT THE FITZ

The Marlin Fitzwater Center for Communication is a long way from the facilities where Erik Barone '95 and Rich Goode '96 learned their skills in the 1990s.

"We were in the basement of the [DiPietro] library, and it was pretty cramped," laughs Barone, who recently joined Goode and other ESPN alumni as part of an on-campus panel discussion with Pierce students. "Visiting the Fitzwater Center, I was struck by the facilities. Today's students have much more to work with than we did, and that's great to see."

The Fitz, as it is known on campus, is home to the university's radio and television stations, audio production facilities, and houses online journalism labs as well as the student newspaper, the *Pierce Arrow*, and a new online student newspaper, *The Exchange*.

"The Fitzwater Center's mission is to help every student find his or her voice in the public discourse," says Dr. Kristen Nevious, who became the Center's director in 2004.

"When it opened, the Fitzwater Center added a whole new focus and depth to the department," adds Professor of

Mass Communications Phyllis Zrzavy. "And, it really raised the profile of the university."

Named for the legendary press secretary and long-time Franklin Pierce University trustee, Marlin Fitzwater, the Center operates as an academic laboratory for students studying the relationship between the presidency and the press.

Part of that student experience includes regular visits from Fitzwater himself, who served as White House Press Secretary for six years under two different presidents, (Reagan and George H.W. Bush), making Fitzwater one of the longest serving press secretaries in American history. "We are very fortunate that Marlin has been very involved with the Center since the beginning," says Nevious. "He's very student oriented and many students here consider him their mentor."

Fitzwater was on campus last December when news broke that his friend, Andy Card, the former chief of staff for President George W. Bush, would become Pierce's fifth president. Fittingly, he was speaking in Zrzavy's class which focuses on how to position a big news story in the media.

The Fitzwater Center encourages students to take an interest in media and politics. During recent presidential campaigns, student photos, videos, and reports were used by prestigious news outlets, including WMUR-TV, New Hampshire Public Television, the *Union Leader*, and Dan Rather Reports. These reports were culled from students covering presidential debates, attending the Democratic and Republican conventions, covering the first-in-the-nation presidential voting booths in Dixville Notch, and even attending President Barack Obama's 2008 inauguration.

"And they weren't given a free pass to these prestigious assignments, either," says Nevious, noting that students enrolled as English, History, and even music majors joined Mass Comm majors on these teams. "The students earned these media credentials because of their hard work. They were treated like professional journalists

because of it and it shows up in their work, which was very professional."

The Fitzwater Center's national reputation has grown over the past 13 years, and it's now a regular stop for presidential candidates, including John McCain in 2008, and John Huntsman and Mike Huckabee in 2012.

With a wide-open 2016 presidential race, the Fitz is once again to be the nerve center of the university's political focus and an important part of maintaining the American commonwealth.

"The Fitzwater Center recently signed an exclusive partnership with the *Boston Herald* to cover the 2016 presidential primary," says Nevious. "We'll conduct important political polling around New Hampshire's First-in-the-Nation primary, and our students will follow and report on candidates and the issues right along side the *Herald's* staff. It will be a tremendous learning experience for our students."

**PART OF THAT STUDENT EXPERIENCE INCLUDES REGULAR VISITS FROM FITZWATER HIMSELF, WHO SERVED AS WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY FOR SIX YEARS, AND FOR TWO DIFFERENT PRESIDENTS.**





**ERIK BARONE '95 REMEMBERS HOLDING 70 POUNDS OF EQUIPMENT WHILE SITTING ON THE BACK OF A SNOWMOBILE, KEEPING THE CAMERA RUNNING WHILE HE AND THE DRIVER SUCCESSFULLY CLEARED A 150-FOOT JUMP.**

speeding cars and hanging off the side of mountains among his assignments. “Experiencing these things in person is a thrill. It takes camera work to a whole different level.”

Barone, who credits Goode with helping him get his foot in the door at ESPN, has filmed scores of ESPN events, from college basketball games, to the NBA celebrity all-star game, to Monday Night Football.

But ESPN’s Winter X Games is what the avid skier holds most dear. “I get to develop relationships with the athletes, guys like [two-time Olympic gold medal winner] Shawn White, who always gives me a fist bump when he sees me. That part of the job is pretty cool.”

During his 18-year career at ESPN, Barone has won three Emmy awards—the pinnacle of achievement in the television industry. Interestingly, two of the Emmys were for non-sporting events: “This is Sports Center” in 2002, a behind-the-scenes documentary about how the network’s signature program is put together; and for his coverage of the 2005 NBA draft. Barone’s third Emmy came in 2012, when he and his team took home honors for coverage of the Winter X Games.

Barone now works behind the scenes as an operations specialist where he’s helping to improve ESPN studios in Los Angeles, Brazil, Argentina, and Mexico. That work is something he never could have predicted when he arrived in Rindge in the fall of 1991. “I thought I might be a marine biologist, but really had no idea what I wanted to do. I liked Pierce because of its small size,” recalls Barone. During his freshman year, Barone helped two seniors, John Perry ’92 and Jason Lassen ’92, with a movie project they were doing. “After helping with that movie, which I really enjoyed, I thought ‘This is what I want to do’—and the rest, as they say, is history.”

**FOCUSING ON THE GAMES**

This past January, Jason Potterton ’07 looked at photos of the first NCAA national football championship playoff game. In fact, he looked at about 8,000 photographs of the game. As photo editor for ESPN, it’s part of the job. It’s also a considerable challenge, as he had to narrow those 8,000 photos down to about 36, where they were eventually used for the network’s magazine, website, social media, and mobile properties.

“A photo editor has to think about what each property is looking for,” says Potterton, who chose to follow his passion for photography over working in the video department. “So the selection process can be complicated.”

Potterton is a third-generation Raven. He followed in the footsteps of his mother, Cynthia (Conover) Potterton ’77 and his godmother, Karen (Fletcher) Galletly ’77. He also still finds time to shoot his own photos during work assignments. “Having an extra camera at a sporting event is always a good idea, so it’s been gratifying that some of my own shots have been used,” he says.

Potterton, who won an Emmy in 2008 during his first year at ESPN for his photo work on Super Bowl MVPs, has been all about sports since he was a kid. “Growing up I told all my friends I wanted to be either an athlete or work at ESPN, so I guess that worked out.”

He credits the faculty at Franklin Pierce, particularly senior lecturer Katherine Cronin, along with working on live shows and other assignments at Pierce, for giving him the knowledge and skills to pursue his dream job.

“I received a lot of hands-on training at Pierce,” says Potterton. “Being put into high-pressure situations, which is what happens to students in the Fitz, is really valuable. It gets you prepared for professional work. I learned a lot at Pierce and it led me to ESPN, which was a dream come true. And that’s pretty cool.”

**This page:** ESPN has taken Erik Barone from the slopes of the X Games to the sidelines of the National Football League.

**Facing page:** Marlin Fitzwater (pictured with President Card) takes a keen interest in the students at his namesake, the Fitzwater Center for Communication aka The Fitz.

FACING PAGE: CHRISTOPHER EVANS.



**ALUMNA  
ELIZABETH LICHTENBERG M.Ed. '13  
NEW HAMPSHIRE'S 2015  
TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

**LIKE A  
SAINT  
OR  
SUPER  
HERO**

**BY IAN ALDRICH**



n a pristine mid-September morning last year, Elizabeth Lichtenberg, M.Ed. '13, an elementary school teacher at New Hampshire's Alton Central School, arrived at work around seven, and began preparing for a day she knew was going to be disjointed. The biggest curveball in the schedule was an all-school meeting in the gymnasium to go over the construction work taking place on the campus. Lichtenberg was a reluctant partici-

pant and as she made her way to the gathering

she kept wondering, why are we meeting about this?

The answer came as soon as she stepped inside the gymnasium, where excited students and teachers sat in the bleachers, while school and state education officials milled about near a podium. The construction announcement had been a ruse. The 38-year-old Lichtenberg, who inspires the kind of gushing from her principal, Linda Wilman, that's usually reserved for saints or super heroes, had been named New Hampshire's 2015 Teacher of the Year.

"I looked over at the podium and saw some of the people who had interviewed me," Lichtenberg recalls with a laugh. "We had turned in my application in early August and I'd completely forgotten about it. I figured it would never be me. But then I saw some of the people on the committee who'd interviewed me and I knew I was in trouble. I don't like attention. I remember turning to a colleague and jokingly asking her if I could leave."

Amidst a rollicking celebration of cheering students and teary-eyed fellow teachers, Lichtenberg was honored for her work in Alton over the last five years. All the young lives she'd changed. The grants she'd earned. The gardens and after school programs she'd introduced. The honor made Lichtenberg a finalist for National Teacher of the Year, and in April she traveled to Washington D.C.,



## ALL THE YOUNG LIVES SHE'D CHANGED. THE GRANTS SHE'D EARNED. THE GARDENS AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS SHE'D INTRODUCED.

where she and other state winners were honored by President Barack Obama at the White House.

"She's one of the most special people you'll ever meet," says Wilman. "Just a super human being. She's so caring and nurturing and takes her time with every one of her students, no matter what their

## SHE'S NOT ALONE...

Liz Lichtenberg is far from the only teacher who's benefited from CGPS' education program. Between 50 and 100 students each year take advantage of the school's innovative offering. The product of Franklin Pierce's integral role in the recent strengthening of the state's teaching certification rules, the online-only graduate program is the first of its kind in the state. It offers M.Ed. credentials, as well as certification in elementary, middle school, and high school education. Future plans include providing Advanced Endorsements in learning disabilities, emotional behaviors, and intellectual development disabilities.

For the university, it's enabled the school to draw on professors from around the country to teach its courses. For many students, the program's flexibility and versatility have allowed them to pursue a graduate degree that wouldn't have been available to them otherwise.

"There's a lot of live interaction with professors through Skype and GoToMeeting and teachers often set up a virtual classroom where students can check in and talk about their work," explains Professor Alana Mosley, chair of the education department. "For students who live in rural communities it's opened up a lot of possibilities. Especially those who are already teaching. After a full day of work they don't have to then drive a couple of hours to then sit in a classroom for two more hours. They can go home, get on their computer and jump into their studies."

ability is. She knows that every kid is different and isn't afraid to teach at whatever kind of level they need."

In the months since the award ceremony Lichtenberg's anxiety over the attention has long receded. "It was just so humbling to think I've been honored among all these other amazing teachers," she says. "It was a validation for what I do, how I teach. I think it's made me feel more comfortable to share my approach." Lichtenberg then laughs. "Maybe my ideas aren't really that crazy."

## TAKING RISKS

The younger of two girls, Lichtenberg was born in Chicago, but spent her formative years living in southern California, where her father,

Frank Huang, a native of China, who immigrated to the U.S. for college, worked as a food engineer. Lichtenberg attended public high school and then enrolled at the University of California at San Diego, intent on studying biomedical engineering so she could go on to become a pediatrician. That quickly changed.



## LICHTENBERG THEN TRAVELED TO WASHINGTON D.C., WHERE SHE AND OTHER STATE WINNERS WERE HONORED BY PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

“I realized the science wasn’t for me,” Lichtenberg says. “What I was drawn to about being a doctor was working with children. Making a difference in their lives.”

In the middle of her freshman year, Lichtenberg changed her major to cognitive science. She graduated with a BS in 2000 and returned to UCSD the following year to earn her elementary teaching certification. That next fall she started teaching third grade at a public elementary school in San Diego. Lichtenberg remained there for four years before moving east with her new husband, Aaron, where they rebooted their lives as restaurant owners in Newburyport, Massachusetts. After two long years of 70-hour weeks, the burned-out couple sold their business in 2007 and ventured off on a seven-month trek through South America. It’s there that Lichtenberg realized how much she missed teaching.

“Everywhere I turned it seemed, there were these things pulling me back to education,” she says. “I’d see a group of kids excited about something, or I’d be on this incredible mountain and want a class of students to run back and tell them about it.”

When the Lichtenbergs returned to the States, they moved to New Hampshire, first Portsmouth, where Liz taught for two years, and later Alton, where she accepted a job as a second grade teacher at Central School. Today, the couple lives in Alton—“I always feel it’s important to live in the community where you teach,” she says—and Aaron, a farmer, works a plot of land in nearby Gilford.

Lichtenberg’s approach to education is in part driven by her own experience as a student. She was the kind of kid any school would want. She earned great grades, always followed the rules, made sure she never strayed too far from the course that was laid out for her.

“I did everything I was supposed to and I don’t remember a thing I learned,” she says. “I’d absorb something just long enough to remember it for a test but then it was gone. That’s awful to me and it’s a daily battle that I’m still facing.”

For Lichtenberg that kind of segmented education—this hour is math, the next hour is science—fails to inspire kids, she says. It doesn’t get them excited or invested in what they’re learning. The end result, she feels, is students who’ve mastered the system but not the material.

**Below, from top to bottom:** Lichtenberg '13 visiting the White House, where she was honored by President Obama, and employing her unique teaching style both outside and inside the classroom.



Much of Lichtenberg's work involves project-based learning. Sure, the important fundamentals are covered, but it's often rolled together around a single endeavor. This spring, for example, she and her kids studied renewable resources. She covered the necessary textbook ground, but then her students went deeper, looking at inventors and inventions that are trying to address the issues associated with fossil fuel use. Eventually, every single student began planning their own inventions. One student worked on modifying a car tailpipe that filters out pollutants, another drew up plans for a jet engine that only uses biofuel.

"They don't need to get all the science down for what they're doing," she says. "What we're doing is getting the ideas going, building that knowledge base."

But to even get that far, kids need to feel excited about learning and pursuing their interest. Lichtenberg goes to great lengths to create a classroom environment that allows for that kind of passion to develop. Good teaching, she feels, begins with good community building. At the start of the year, before she delves deeply into the textbooks, she builds a lot of meeting time into her classroom sessions, where she and the students talk about what they like, what they want to do in the coming year. Those kinds of bonding sessions continue until school lets out in the spring.

"To take risks in life you have to feel comfortable with those around you," she says. "So a lot of the early stuff I do is just building relationships. There's no point in rushing through something if the kids don't have the headspace to retain it. I've talked to a number of teachers, whom I respect and they'll see my style and sort of be surprised that it will take me a couple of months to cover something they did in a few days. But then they'll say, 'Why aren't these kids understanding their multiplication tables?' Kids need to feel invested in what they're learning. They need context. They need to understand there's a purpose behind these learning exercises."

Linda Wilman, who taught with Lichtenberg for several years in Alton before taking over as school principal, has seen up-close just how much Lichtenberg's students blossom under guidance.

"A few years ago she had this little boy in her class and you could tell he just wasn't getting what he needed at home," Wilman recalls. "He had these needs that were different than the other kids in her class. For example, he insisted on wearing his winter coat when he was indoors. But she let him do what he needed to do, and if he put his head down on his desk, she motivated him to get involved. She allowed him to be who he was, without making him feel different."

Wilman takes a deep breath and begins tearing up at remembering the story. "He ended up feeling really successful," she says. "He made friends. He cared about school again. He went from this disengaged little boy to someone who was ready to be released from the nest at the end of the year."

## COOPERATIVE LEARNING

Lichtenberg's style of teaching isn't some static approach. It's constantly evolving. Wilman says she's the most reflective teacher she's ever worked with. "She's so driven to improve and get better," she says.

Part of that evolution came while Lichtenberg was a student at Franklin Pierce's College of Graduate & Professional Studies, where she received her M.Ed. Lichtenberg enrolled in the program in 2010, while she lived in Portsmouth. For a busy teacher who needed something that could adjust to her pace and schedule, the program proved ideal. She could work at the campus when she lived nearby, and finished the program online after she moved to Alton.

"Because I was already teaching, I could take what I learned from the classroom and apply it immediately to what I was doing," Lichtenberg says. In one instance she had a chance to look closely at a composting program that Professor Marilyn Shepardson had set up at her school in Rochester, New Hampshire. It's now been replicated in Alton, where Lichtenberg's students work with a lo-



**"TO TAKE RISKS IN LIFE YOU HAVE TO FEEL COMFORTABLE WITH THOSE AROUND YOU," SHE SAYS. "SO A LOT OF THE EARLY STUFF I DO IS JUST BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS."**

cal pig farmer to collect the school's waste as feed for his animals. In return he donates meat and eggs to local charities in the name of the school.

On a grander level, Lichtenberg says CGPS "revolutionized" her entire approach to teaching. A lot of her project-based learning is rooted in what she learned at the University, and for her thesis she researched cooperative learning, where the emphasis is placed on students working together, rather than individually, to learn material. "Students feel more empowered," she says, "more in command of what school means to them."

After working with an assortment of behaviorally challenged students in Portsmouth, Lichtenberg began the CGPS program determined to find a different way to help those kinds of kids and make them better students. She found it at Franklin Pierce and with cooperative learning.

"We sometimes forget the human aspect of kids," she says. "We forget who they are, what they might really need. It's about getting them to learn without restraining them. Building that trust in the classroom so they feel like they can take chances. And be who they are. When you give a student the kind of time and space they require, everything changes. They can overcome anything."

Just like a saint or super hero. **P**



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## Memoriam

# In Memory of **RICK FALCONI** 9/19/45 – 9/9/15

*“There is no man who embodies what Franklin Pierce represents better than him.”*

That fitting tribute, expressed by a double alumnus from the classes of 2012 and 2014, was for Rick Falconi, a member of the Franklin Pierce College class of 1969. Another alum, from the class of 1969, said, “Rick was a fixture at Franklin Pierce College/University for 50 years. He was always so giving and such a great person. We have all lost a dear friend.”

As an undergrad, Rick was Senior Class President and, with a classmate, will be remembered for bringing Janis Joplin to campus for an unforgettable concert in the Franklin Pierce Field House in 1969.

Upon graduation, Rick stayed very active with Franklin Pierce, being one of the founding members of the Alumni Association. While on the board, he served as Membership and By-laws Chairman, Alumni and Reunion Weekend Chair, and Chairman of the 50th Anniversary Committee.

A consistent contributor to the University’s Annual Fund, Rick was one of the founders of Clifford Coles Hall Fund. A few years ago, Rick started to work on the school’s archives, preserving Franklin Pierce history for generations to come. In recognition of his long-time loyalty and dedication, he was presented the 2012 Alumni Participation Award.

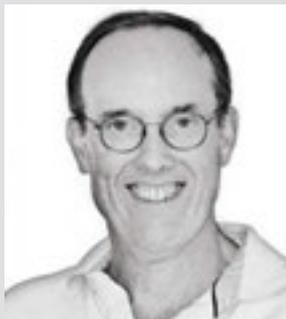
Well liked by all those who came in contact with him, a mentor and role model to alumni from all classes, Rick truly was one of the best and will be missed by so many. He made Pierce the family it is!

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The Franklin Pierce Alumni Association Board of Directors (AABOD) oversees efforts to advance, support, and foster lifelong bonds between alumni, students, and the University. The AABOD is composed of volunteers who demonstrate service, leadership, and Pierce Pride, along with a strong understanding of the mission of the Alumni Association and University.

The AABOD works closely alongside the Director of Alumni & Parents Relations to plan Alumni Reunion Weekend, Homecoming, and other Pierce events held on any of our five campuses or throughout the country. This group of dedicated volunteers also oversees the Alumni Scholarship Programs, Alumni Service Awards, and supports current students with career mentoring and networking opportunities.



**PRESIDENT  
Bob Riley '82**

**VOLUNTEER:** 2007 – Present

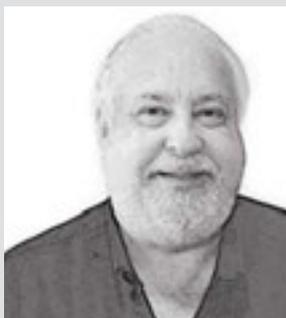
Bob joined the board to reconnect with the University. "I had a great experience at Franklin Pierce and still consider Pierce a special place. Volunteering allows me to share my job experiences and career skills to help and give back." Bob is the newly elected President of the Alumni Association; his main objective is to advance the mission of the Association by supporting the interests of the University and fostering strong lifelong bonds between the University and its alumni body.



**VICE PRESIDENT,  
ACADEMIC RELATIONS  
Marcy (Pollock) Fink '73**

**VOLUNTEER:** 2006 – Present

Marcy joined the board because she felt it was important to support and give back to the University. She was the Associate Program Manager for foreign military sales for the Program Executive Office of the U.S. Army's Electronic and Intelligence Warfare, Product Manager Radars. Marcy retired after 40 years of service to the US Army in 2012. She happily retired in Lewes, Delaware, with her husband Art '72.



**VICE PRESIDENT, MEMBERSHIP,  
BY-LAWS, & ELECTIONS  
Henry Ellis '69**

**VOLUNTEER:** 2005 – Present

Henry got involved with the AABOD as a result of the fact that Franklin Pierce "has a connection to almost every aspect of my life, from meeting my wife to my work as a teacher. I doubt that I can ever pay back completely what I believe I owe Franklin Pierce, but I intend to keep trying." Henry has served on the Alumni Association Board of Directors for the past 10 years, three of which he served as the President. In his current position, he is making the by-laws easier to work with and bringing new members to the Alumni Association Board of Directors.



**VICE PRESIDENT,  
EXTERNAL RELATIONS  
Nicole Torday '98**

**VOLUNTEER:** 2004 – Present

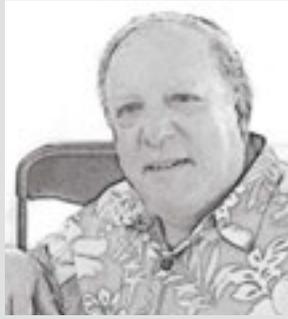
Nikki joined the board because she wanted to give back to the University that gave her so much. Through local chapters, she hopes to encourage all her fellow alums to come back to see what is going on with the University they know, love, and that gave them so much. Nikki also wants to show the current students what they have to look forward to when they graduate, and what the alumni can do for them. Nikki works as a nursery school teacher; her Franklin Pierce education is put to good use every day on the job. Nikki also volunteers with the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation, and The Gift of Life Bone Marrow Registry.



**VICE PRESIDENT, REUNION &  
HOMECOMING WEEKENDS  
Jennifer Scott Forry '04**

**VOLUNTEER:** 2012 – Present

Jennifer joined the board to give back and stay connected to Franklin Pierce. She is the Assistant Dean of Students at Newbury College. Jennifer is a past President of the Boston Area College Housing Association (BACHA) and is the incoming President of the Massachusetts College Personnel Association (MCPA). She lives in Boston with her husband and two sons.



**DIRECTOR**  
**Scott Babitts '73, P'09**  
 VOLUNTEER: 2006 – Present

Scott wanted to give back to Franklin Pierce and got involved with the AABOD to do that. He got into sales in the pharmaceutical industry upon graduation, and then joined a family business 35 years ago. He is now the President of Stewart Howard Interiors, a wholesale manufacturer of draperies and custom window treatments. Scott and his wife Katie have two sons; one is a 2009 graduate of Franklin Pierce.



**DIRECTOR**  
**Danny Becker '70**  
 VOLUNTEER: 2015 – Present

Danny was voted onto the Alumni Board this past June and is excited about this new volunteer opportunity. He wants to “preserve the legacy of Franklin Pierce College for all the past and future alumni. Giving back is the best way to help others like myself, who was not the best student in high school. Pierce gave me the opportunity to pursue my goals and career.” Danny resides in Haverhill, Massachusetts, with his family.



**DIRECTOR**  
**Kimberly (Cook) Neher '89**  
 VOLUNTEER: 2015 – Present

“Joining the Alumni Board was an opportunity to reconnect with Pierce and help shape its future. I want to lend my support by planning successful events, promoting the University, supporting its staff, and engaging fellow alumni to ensure the continued success of Franklin Pierce. We gained so much more than an education from our days in college. Giving to Pierce is a way to say thank you and to help support the next generation. I want others to have the life changing experiences that I had at Franklin Pierce.”



**DIRECTOR**  
**Arthur Fink '72**  
 VOLUNTEER: 2006 – Present

Arthur joined the Board “to repay Franklin Pierce for my wonderful experience as a student. This is my way of saying thank you.” Arthur worked in manufacturing for 40 years and has retired with his wife, Marcy '73, to a new home in Delaware. They are enjoying their new life and staying active in the Alumni Association. Arthur keeps active with home improvement projects and with his classic cars.



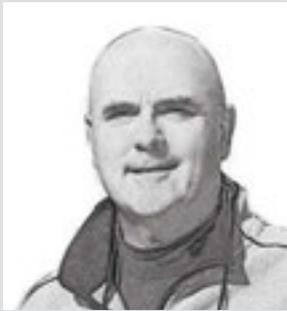
**DIRECTOR**  
**Chris Holman '99**  
 VOLUNTEER: 2012 – Present

Chris, a.k.a. CJ the DJ, has a long history of community involvement and was elected for a three-year term as Selectman for Fitzwilliam in 2014. He is involved in numerous local nonprofit and civic organizations. While attending Franklin Pierce, Chris worked for the library and began a part-time career as a private DJ. Chris hopes to create an FPU Business Networking Group. He lives close to campus and would love to meet you when you are in the area.



**DIRECTOR**  
**David Masse '83**  
 VOLUNTEER: 2013 – Present

David joined the Alumni Board to give back to the University. “Franklin Pierce gave me a solid foundation and I hope to encourage past and future graduates to participate in alumni events.” David is currently an IT Manager for Schneider Electric. He is the Senior Warden at St. Augustine’s Episcopal Center at the University of Rhode Island, is the coach for Chariho Little League Baseball, and is a member of Ocean State PMI as well as Rhode Island Men’s Senior Baseball League.



**DIRECTOR**

**James McDonald '75**

VOLUNTEER: 2014 – Present

Jimmy said Franklin Pierce gave him the opportunity for an excellent education and prepared him well for a career. Early on, he decided that he would head back to Franklin Pierce someday to get involved. Jimmy enjoyed a 32-year career with United Technologies, where he worked in a variety of positions. Jimmy recently retired and enjoys fishing, tying flies, hanging around the marina, and driving his jeep with a smile – “Thanks to Franklin Pierce.” Jimmy also volunteers at a Veteran Homeless Shelter, as well as with the Special Olympics and a local church, which ministers to elderly and handicapped individuals.



**DIRECTOR**

**Kim (Lewis) Riley '83**

VOLUNTEER: 2007 – Present

Kim joined the Board to give back to the University for all the support and encouragement she received as a student. She loves being a volunteer, meeting other alumni across class years, and making new friends. “I’m supporting Franklin Pierce, which has a special place in my heart. I feel I’m helping to make a difference.”



**DIRECTOR**

**Josh Sigsworth '07, G'10**

VOLUNTEER: 2015 – Present

Josh joined the Alumni Association Board of Directors in June because he wanted to give back to his University, which provided him with an excellent education and opportunity “to live the life I have always dreamed of. I find it important to give back to Franklin Pierce because of the experiences I have had, the friends I have made, and the education that has provided me with an amazing career.” Josh is a physical therapist and resides in Braintree, Massachusetts, with his wife Anna.



**DIRECTOR**

**Merrill Vaughan '12**

VOLUNTEER: 2015 – Present

Merrill is a first generation college graduate from an immigrant family. “Running for a position on the Board of Directors was a way for me to pay back to the Alumni Association for a scholarship that I won, and to work for the non-traditional students and alumni from CGPS.” Merrill is a veteran and a high school substitute teacher. “Pierce gave me something that I first tried to obtain back in September 1967: a college education. There was a war on and I was waiting for my time to go into the service. When I entered Franklin Pierce as a CGPS student in 2008, I had the chance to finally achieve my dream of becoming a college graduate.”



**DIRECTOR**

**Tara Wilkinson '97**

VOLUNTEER: 2015 – Present

Tara is also new to the Board, as of this past June. She joined the Alumni Association Board “to honor the history of Franklin Pierce while advocating for the value, purpose, and pride of our institution in the future. The greatest resource of any community is the people who have been fortunate enough to be part of it. I have a responsibility to show my gratitude for the experience by sharing my time, talent, and treasure.” Tara resides in Birmingham, Alabama, and is the Vice President of Administration for Capstone on Campus Management.

**DIRECTOR  
ALUMNI & PARENT RELATIONS**

**Julie Zahn**

RETURN. RENEW. REFLECT

As the Director of Alumni & Parent Relations, Julie is excited about the opportunity to engage and connect with Alumni, Parents, and Friends of the University. She is committed to the mission of the Alumni Association and honors Pierce’s past while building lifelong relationships for the future.

Contact her at:  
**zahnj@franklinpierce.edu** or  
**(603) 899-1159.**

**VOLUNTEER**

For more information about your Alumni Association Board of Directors and how you can volunteer, please visit [www.franklinpierce.edu/alumni/alum\\_assoc.htm](http://www.franklinpierce.edu/alumni/alum_assoc.htm).

# HE GIVES LECTURES IN HOOKSETT

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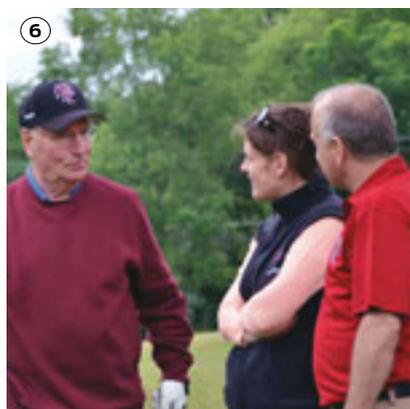
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# EVENTS



## 2015 ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

More than 100 alumni, parents and friends, gathered on Monday, June 8, at the Keene Country Club in Keene, N.H., to play in the 26th Annual Franklin Pierce Golf Tournament, the proceeds of which support the Don and Judy Schriefer Scholarship Fund. This fund provides financial assistance for non-scholarship student-athletes, as well as general athletic operations at the University. Over \$27,000 was raised in support of these important scholarships.

**Save the date!** 2016 Annual Golf Tournament: Monday, June 13. For more information, please check the University website.

① (L to R) Don Pyke '81, President Card, and Roland Pillsbury ② The Melissa D. Bisaccia Scholarship Golf Team ③ (L to R) Peter Panopoulos '10, David Chadbourne, Dave Panopoulos, Jayson King ④ (L to R) Mike Fallon, Reverend Card, and Bob St. Jean ⑤ (L to R) Board Chair Mike Fallon and alumnus Don Pyke '81 ⑥ (L to R) Don Schriefer, Julie Zahn, Kelly Dodge ⑦ (L to R) John Burke '66, Dave Wilson '77, Don Schriefer, and Dave Groder '66 ⑧ (L to R) Dave Wilson '77 and Don Schriefer



**ALUMNI REUNION WEEKEND 2015**

Close to 200 alumni, parents, faculty/staff, and friends came back to Rindge on June 5-7 for three days of reuniting and reminiscing. Alumni enjoyed rekindling friendships with classmates and roommates, as well as meeting Franklin Pierce's fifth President, Andrew H. Card, Jr., and new Director of Alumni & Parent Relations, Julie Zahn.

**Save the date!** Alumni Reunion Weekend 2016 is June 24-26. For more information, please check the University website.

- ❶ (L to R) Maggie Birge, Lisa Birge, Dr. James Birge, and Siobhan Birge
- ❷ (L to R) Connor Mahon and Frank Blais '05
- ❸ (L to R) Reverend Kathleene Card and President Card
- ❹ (L to R) Theresa (Whelan) Holahan '91, Ericka Monteiro '91, and Cathlyn (Cattaneo) Helmar '91
- ❺ (L to R) Board of Trustee Chairman Mike Fallon and Dr. Birge
- ❻ (L to R) Pamela Sanderson '98 & '08, Merrill Vaughan '12, and Julie Zahn, Director of Alumni & Parent Relations
- ❼ (L to R) Cecilia Maliangos, Dennis Maliangos '70, Charlene Hulten '69, John Borino '69, Robbie Williamson '71
- ❽ (L to R) Conrad Farnham '10 (in the front white shirt) shows Carleen Farrell '71 and other alumni and friends how to line dance.

# EVENTS



## ANNUAL RED SOX GAME 2015

On Saturday, July 12, 100 alumni, parents, and friends gathered in Fenway Park cheering for their beloved Boston Red Sox or New York Yankees! Guests who came in their Pierce Proud apparel were entered into a raffle. Congratulations to Gary Appleton '69 for winning a Fire HD6 and Paula Cheatwood '80 for winning a Fit Bit (all raffles were donated by Liberty Mutual).

Before the start of the game, President Card was invited on the field where he and Franklin Pierce University were announced and thanked for their support. We look forward to keeping this tradition alive and hope you will join us next year!

- 1** (L to R) Katie Babitts P '09, Scott Babitts '73 & P '09, President Card, Andrew Babitts, Erin Babitts **2** Back Row (L to R) Art Fink '72, Scott Babitts '73 & P '09, Kimberly (Cook) Neher '89, Marcy (Pollock) Fink '73, Chris Holman '99. Front Row (L to R) Bob Riley '82, Kimberley (Lewis) Riley '83, Nicole Torday '98. **3** (L to R) Gary Appleton '69, Reverend Kathleene Card, Joann Appleton **4** (L to R) Lily Neher, Kimberly (Cook) Neher '89, Christopher Neher **5** (L to R) Jennifer (Sackett) Park '02, Michael Park '00, and two of their children **6** (L to R) Alicia Copatch '14, Kaylee Flint '14, and Nicolas Thistle '13 **7** (L to R) Judy (Raposa) Leach '82 & P '13 & P '15, and Larry Leach '82 & P '13 & P '15 **8** (L to R) Kimberly (Morris) Derby '90, Karen (Kreusch) Zurcher '91, Michael Zurcher '90, and Kevin Derby

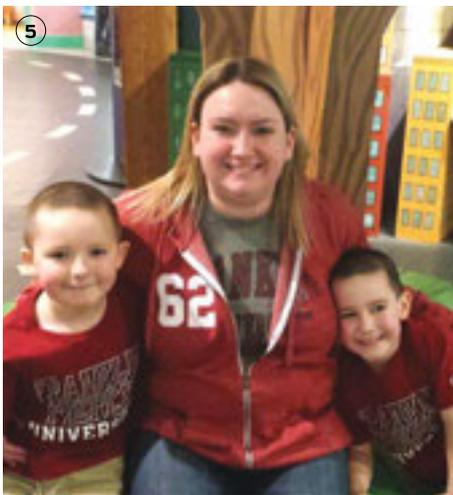


**CGPS 2014 HOLIDAY RECEPTION AT MILLY'S TAVERN IN MANCHESTER**

Alumni gathered at Milly's Tavern in Manchester to celebrate the holidays! A great time was had by all.

- ❶ (L to R) Taylor Jones '16, Kim Youngs-Grand '16, Karolina Kozlova '16, Kayley Nolan '16, and Karin Stalter '16.
- ❷ (L to R) Justin Ternes '17 & Lindsey Grom '16
- ❸ (L to R) Michael Tyrone Brown, II '12, Susannah Batchelder '13 & '14, Brett Bosley '14, and Michelle Barbeau '11 & '13
- ❹ (L to R) Kelsey Colpitts '17, Charles Carville '17, Brett Hermans '17, Pete Smith '17, Chesney Silmon '17, Frank Helfst '17, and Megan Quigley '17.

# EVENTS



## BOSTON CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OUTING

Alumni and their families gathered at the Boston Children's Museum on a cold Saturday in February for a morning of adventure and education. While alumni caught up with classmates, their children enjoyed making new friends and experiencing all that the Museum had to offer.

- ① Amy (Foley) Thompson '04 with her son.
- ② Justin Haapala '11 with his daughter.
- ③ Jenn Forry's kids with Amy Thompson's son.
- ④ Nicole Torday '98
- ⑤ Jenn (Scott) Forry '04 with her sons.



## AABOD MEETING IN MANCHESTER

In March, the Alumni Association Board of Directors met for a weekend of Association meetings at the Manchester Campus. Guests included President Card, Mike Fallon, Chairman of the Board, and Julie Zahn, Director of Alumni & Parent Relations.

Standing (L to R) James McDonald III '75 (goes by Jimmy), Henry Ellis '69, Art Fink '72, John Borino '69, Marcy (Pollock) Fink '73, Nicole Torday '98 (goes by Nikki), David Masse '83, President Card, Rick Falconi '69, Scott Babitts '73, Ray Schank '69, Katie Babitts, Bob Riley '82, Kimberley (Lewis) Riley '83, Pamela Sanderson '98 & '08, Mike Fallon. Front Row (L to R) Chris Holman '99, John Washington, Jr. '83, Remi Francoeur '04, Kyle Provost '05, Merrill Vaughan '12.



## CGPS 2014 HOLIDAY RECEPTION AT RED HOOK BREWERY IN PORTSMOUTH, N.H.

Alumni gathered at the Red Hook Brewery in Portsmouth, N.H., to celebrate the holidays! A great time was had by all.

- ① (L to R) Tammy Perreault, Kelley Taylor, Joyce O'Reilly '12, and Kim Collins
- ② (L to R) Bill Crowley, Adjunct faculty for Business, and his wife.



## PIERCE ALUMNI WINTER GAMES

In November, Pierce brothers gathered at Winchendon School in Winchendon, Mass., to participate in the 2014 Alumni Winter Games. Ice Hockey was the game of the day!

Pierce welcomed back, Trevor A. Clark '09, Joseph B. Fields '08, Peter A. Wilson '08, Charles W. Matthews '08, Brian K. Bator '09, Jeffrey M. Kasper '09, Kyle F. Kruse '09, Shane E. Murphy '09, Robert A. Perretta '09, Edward M. Farinato '05, Jeffrey R. Beattie '08, Shawn M. Dooley '06, Mark Gibbons '06, Christopher E. Pryputniew '06, Stephen M. Della-Calce '10, William P. Dugan '10, Casey M. Goodell '10, Benjamin D. Siok '12, Dean R. Federico '13, Michael F. Carr '13, Tyler F. Cornele '15, Adam D. Dallaire '13, Wesley P. Russell '13, Roscoe J. Sweeney '13, Timothy J. Dineen '13, Kyle K. Craig '14, Theodore W. Walsh '14, Sean F. Dunn '14, Patrick F. Dunn '14, Ryan Carney, John P. Gasparrini '11, Matthew G. McCarthy '11, Sean Woodring '11, Thomas C. Perretta '10, and many more!

A special thank you to Joshua Lupinek '09, Robert Perretta '09, Coursen Schneider '09, Mark Gibbons '06, and Athletic Director, Bruce Kirsh '71, for their help in coordinating the event.

# Planning Ahead to Give Back

By Lisa Murray

**W**hat matters in our life at the end of the day? What do we hope to preserve? How can we make an impact? Making an impact often ties in with who or what made an impact on our own lives, and then considering a way to give back.

Several Franklin Pierce alumni have recently let the University know of their plans to remember their alma mater in their estate plans. These newest members of our **Pioneer Legacy Society** share a desire to give back to Franklin Pierce, where they experienced a strong sense of community and received educational opportunities that helped them fulfill their dreams.

**Bruce Harrington '88** credits Franklin Pierce with stretching him as a person. A shy young man when he entered Franklin Pierce, Bruce was elected class president his Senior year. "It was an honor," says Bruce. "The opportunity gave me confidence. I believe every person has something to offer; one just needs to find it. I want kids to have opportunities like I had." Bruce recollects shared meals more than anything else. "We would plan when to meet and eat all our meals together, every day – all six or eight of us. We would just sit and talk. We're still friends today."

Bruce recalls being "shocked" during his first weekend at Franklin Pierce, when President Peterson climbed up Mount Monadnock with the students. The climb took perseverance to get all the way to the top. "When I made it to the top, I realized that I could get my degree," says Bruce. "Franklin Pierce taught me that the career wasn't as important as the role I would play in my community. It's unlike any school I know of. It's a fabulous place where students can become the person they were meant to be and be confident and successful. All the alumni I know have become better people and have bigger hearts because they went to Franklin Pierce."

Bruce got his degree in anthropology and then earned a Master

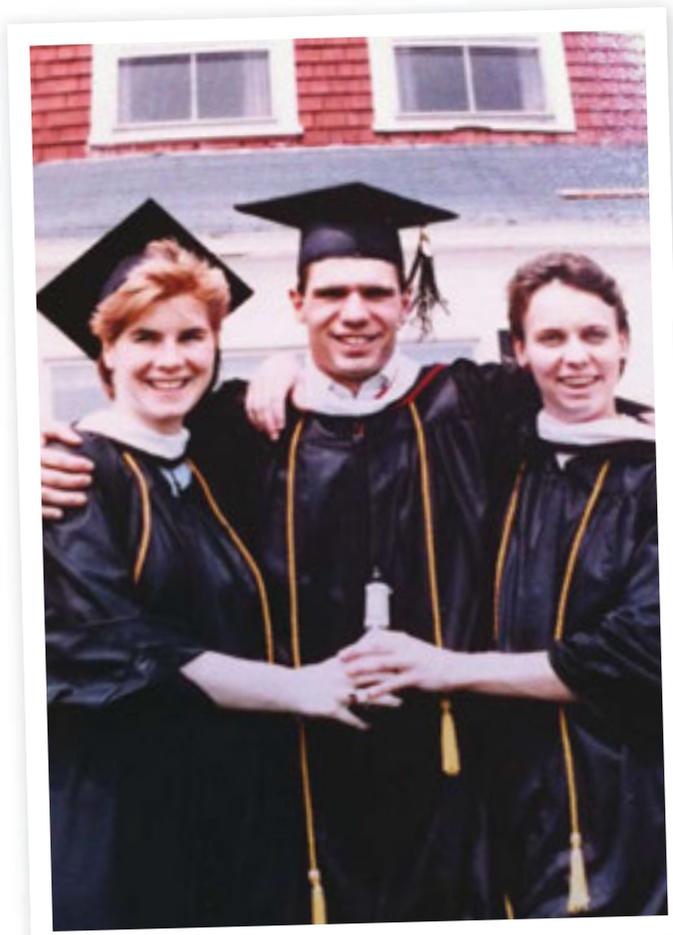
of Divinity degree at Andover Newton Theological School and became an ordained minister. He went on to obtain a Master's in Education and now teaches sixth grade language arts and social studies. "To me, teaching and ministry go hand in hand," says Bruce. "In both, I'm helping people to know themselves." Bruce found the faculty to be "outstanding" at Franklin Pierce and says several made a lasting impact on him as a person.

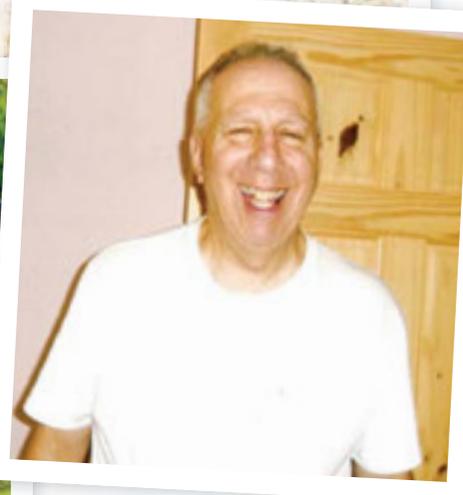
But it was the Franklin Pierce community that made an indelible impression on Bruce. "You spend so much time in community there on the hill, eating and socializing with people who are different than you are. They grew to know me and love me and accept me for who I was—unconditionally. I think there's more sense of community at Franklin Pierce than in any church I've been in. And I've been in a lot of churches!"

"I always wish I had more to give," says Bruce. "I challenge my fellow alumni to consider giving something to Franklin Pierce in their will. I'm leaving something to Franklin Pierce, but I could never pay back what Franklin Pierce gave me."

Bruce strives to give life the most he can give and hopes to leave the world a better place someday. "I hope that when my time comes, people will remember, above and beyond, that I was a good person."

Bruce Harrington '88





**Mark Goodman '71** claims Franklin Pierce was the only school that would take him and gave him the opportunity to pursue his dream to become a clinical psychologist. "I've always wanted to give back to places that allowed me to have a successful career," Mark says. He did in fact fulfill his dream to become a clinical psychologist, going on for his doctorate at Brigham Young after Franklin Pierce; he has a thriving practice in Kansas.

The small student/faculty ratio and the closeness of the faculty are among Mark's most cherished memories of Franklin Pierce. "The small student/faculty ratio was paramount in being able to develop who I am today. I was able to get a lot of one-on-one attention," says Mark. "I had special bonds with professors like Professor Desrosiers and Professor Moriarity. I loved how tough they were; I loved their high standards and how they rewarded you for hard work."

The quality and dedication of Franklin Pierce faculty is a hallmark of the University that is regularly echoed by alumni, as is the extra help that is often offered to students in times of need. Mark recollected that he was having a bit of trouble in his French literature class at Franklin Pierce. "Professor Desrosiers encouraged me not to give up," he says. "The sacrifices that some of the professors made to help us achieve our ultimate goals were so important. You got to know the professors on a personal level."

Mark Goodman '71

Mark received a Senior year award at Franklin Pierce for the student who "best exemplified the spirit of Franklin Pierce." He's kept that spirit alive since his graduation, coming back to campus many times over the years for visits and attending at least five Reunions. It's in that spirit that he has chosen to remember the University he loves in his will. "I'm trying to set an example," says Mark. "I'm

grateful to Franklin Pierce for giving me the opportunity to pursue my dream to become a doctor in my chosen field to help people who are emotionally disturbed."

Franklin Pierce helped Mark to fulfill his dreams, and he, in turn, has helped many people over the decades while practicing his profession as a clinical psychologist. His planned gift helps to ensure that the institution he loves will continue to nurture students for generations to come, as they pursue their dreams.

**James (Jimmy) McDonald '75** enjoyed a long career at United Technologies. He credits his successful rise up the corporate ladder to hard work and opportunity. Jimmy has lived his life with a couple of old maxims held close to his heart: "Be nice to everybody," and



## PIONEER LEGACY SOCIETY

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### PLANNING EARLY!

**Jill (Astmann) Karol '95** was trained from an early age to not only be generous, but to start planning for the future as soon as possible. Naming Franklin Pierce in her will in her late 20s was a “no brainer,” says Jill, whose parents, '69 alumni **Helen (Ament) and Lloyd Astmann**, taught her by example how to be community minded. “Franklin Pierce was there for me when I needed it,” says Jill, “and I wanted to give back in any way I could. I give what I can year to year, but in the end, I want to make sure Franklin Pierce University receives a gift.”

Jill remembers the strong sense of community she experienced as a student. “At Franklin Pierce, you’re not just a number. Professors not even in your major know who you are,” she says. Some of Jill’s favorite memories were “the long, long nights in Ravenscroft and making runs to Keene just to go to Dunkin’ Donuts!” There may be more Dunkin’ Donuts shops closer to campus now, but the sense of community has not changed and continues to be a hallmark of what makes the Franklin Pierce experience special. “We have a responsibility and obligation to give back for the next generation,” says Jill.



“Never forget your friends or those who had an impact on your life. Franklin Pierce had an impact on my life, so will be remembered in a significant way. You can’t forget that impact is a few rungs up from opportunity.”

“Success doesn’t happen,” says Jimmy. “Success is a choice. Before success, you have to recognize and be presented with opportunity, which historically is seldom labeled and sometimes small. You develop your success through perseverance, tenacity, and moxie. Never be afraid to fail. Drift out of your comfort zone.” During his first three semesters at Franklin Pierce,

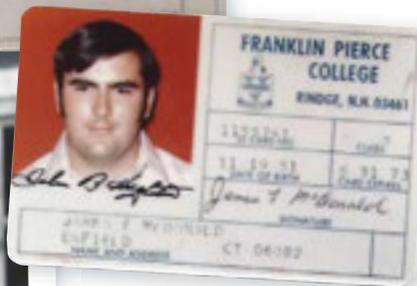
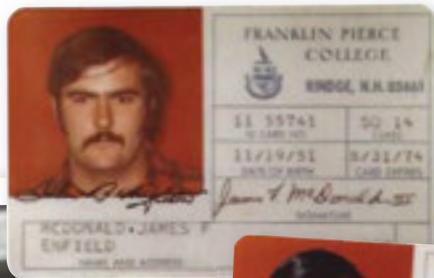
Jimmy went from average grades to barely passing. It was at that point that Jimmy recognized that Franklin Pierce was giving him an opportunity for a quality education and that it was his decision to fail or succeed. He chose success. “But it all starts with opportunity, and then it’s up to you.”

Jimmy enjoys reaching out to as many alumni as he can in his travels. “I enjoy seeing all the familiar faces while attending on and off campus activities. I went to the FPU/Post football game last fall and met a lot of recent alumni and parent of the football players. I always enjoy our get-togethers.”

One of Jimmy’s objectives for retirement is “giving back.” Part of his plan to give back was joining the Alumni Board and making a planned gift to the University. “Franklin Pierce needs all our support to become better and more competitive in the challenging and ever-changing world we now live in,” says Jimmy. “Franklin Pierce can’t move forward by itself. We need to build together, get more support, and be the best. We can’t do that without doing it as a team.”

Jimmy particularly appreciated the natural environment on campus during his years at Franklin Pierce. “A quality environment allows a person to develop,” he says. Having a view of Mount Monadnock was important to Jimmy, who says looking at the mountain helped to organize, relax, and unclutter his mind. “I wasn’t a good student when I entered Franklin Pierce,” says Jimmy. “But Franklin Pierce was willing to invest in me and offered me an environment where someone like me could thrive.” Every year when Jimmy returns to the Rindge campus for Alumni Reunion Weekend, he finds a place to sit and look up at “the Mountain.”

Jimmy is unconcerned with how he’ll be remembered. “If I can create an impact while I’m upright,” says Jimmy, “that’s my priority.”



James (Jimmy) McDonald '75



# CLASS NOTES

## 60's

**Susanne (Henk) Alyce '67** is happily retired from her career as a massage therapist and owner of Riversedge Health Arts Center. She is enjoying a new business venture in alternative green energy and solar with Viridian Energy. Susanne writes, "We are a socially responsible company with a mission that is inseparable from our brand, Power with Purpose!" She would love to hear from classmates, and can be contacted by email at riversedge0@yahoo.com, or through her Viridian website.

**Michael Berman '67** has been writing a consumer tech blog for The Huffington Post since November 2013. The blog evolved out of a dare to write something readable on technology for the Journal of Commerce in 1995. It has appeared in various newspapers and websites since then, including as a column appearing in more than 400 newspapers for the Scripps Howard News Service (now defunct). The blog, itself, appeared weekly on an affiliate website (ScrippsNews) and moved on to The Huffington Post when Scripps was acquired by the McClatchy Corp.

**Dane Hahn '68** writes, "When I graduated in 1968, 50 years was two lifetimes. Yet Pierce has grown so much during those years, as have we all, I suppose. But when I look back it has gone by in a flash. I still occasionally see classmates Jim Calvet and his wife Susan (Staples), and Bill Raymond, who was best man in my wedding all those years ago. My publishing career took my wife Sandra and me from New England to New York and on to Chicago before we came back to spend nearly 30 years in N.H., where we owned a couple of magazines, two retail businesses, and a real estate

company. When the kids moved out and the dog died, we moved to Florida, (it wasn't that simple, but that's what happened). Here in Englewood, Fla., I am the Commander of our Coast Guard AUX Flotilla, and we have wrapped ourselves up in the good work of volunteering with various groups. I am still selling real estate, competing in oil painting exhibitions, and have finished writing three books—two are available through Amazon, the third is not yet in print. Greetings to all."

**Holly O'Neill '68** recently moved into a senior citizens housing apartment complex in Franklin, N.J.

**Kenneth Abramczyk '69** is the retired Commissioner of Mental Health and Office of Aging and Continuing Care in Oneida County, New York. He is also a retired LTC, U.S. Army. He is enjoying retired life with his wife after a long career in the mental health field. Ken is active on several boards, and enjoys spending the winter months in Florida, playing golf and relaxing. "Jerry, Dick, Ken and Bob, how are you? Happy to see how FPU has grown!"

**Henry Ellis '69** in completely enthralled with life as a grandparent to his grandson, AJ. He is thrilled to spend three or four days a week with AJ, watching him grow and sharing in his adventures. "He has become the center of my world and is a constant source of joy and wonder. I hope that when the time comes he'll be the first member of the Class of '32."

**Bill Raymond '69** updates, "After a career in radio broadcasting, the travel agency business, and finally as a town administrator (Dublin, N.H.), I am retired and living with my wife, Martha, in Jaffrey. I am doing what most retired folks do...I am the

Jaffrey Rindge Rotary Club Treasurer, I drive for the Red Cross a couple of days a month, and do some things for my church. I am also the president of our condo association, a job I don't recommend to anyone. Our only son, Christopher, lives in Dublin, and is the owner of Eastern Slope Construction, which does site construction and development in and around the Monadnock Region. We have no grandchildren as of yet. I play a lot of golf, and we travel as much as the budget will allow. I see Marc Tieger from time to time and keep in contact with Dane Hahn '68. I saw Rick Falconi around FPU's 50th, but have basically lost track of the rest of Cliff Coles' boys. Would love to hear from any and all. Got to know Jaimie Birge a bit through Rotary. He is a great guy, and we'll miss him. Looking forward to Andy Card's presidency and hope to see him around Jaffrey. That's it from my foxhole."

**Danny Sansevieri '69** is semi-retired and enjoying life between the mountains in Blue Ridge, Ga., and beautiful Naples, FL. He enjoys riding his Harley and boating on the Gulf or on Lake Blue Ridge. He still dabbles a bit in USDI, but has reduced his level of activity drastically. He has an ongoing passion for the business world and can't seem to give it up entirely. Danny recently acquired his real estate license in Florida, where he sells homes in the exploding Naples market. He would love to help alumni find their dream home in paradise. Danny and his wife Sheila are five-time grandparents and their youngest child is getting married in 2016. Danny writes, "Whew, it's been quite a ride!"

**Tim Sherry '69** and his wife **Laura (Falzone) Sherry '68** are living in paradise on the west coast of Florida. Laura is still teaching

languages at an A-1 high school and loves it. After starting and running four businesses in Vermont for 15 years, Tim and Sherry decided to move to Florida so Tim could retire. He was offered a corporate position with an eight billion RPM company, which lasted the past 16 years. He is now semi-retired, still involved in referral real estate and loving the Florida lifestyle.

## 70's

**Dan Becker '70** writes, "I've only been able to reach a few of my classmates over the past two years to offer photos from our years at Franklin Pierce. Therefore, with the help of the Alumni Association, a link has been made available to the photos from years 1966 to 1970. I hope you will enjoy them." The link: <<http://www.franklinpierce.edu/fpugallery/main.=album&var1=Dan+Becker+-+FPC+Photos+1966-70/>>

**Ronald Dietter '70** has moved from Connecticut to Sebastian, Fla.

**Carleen (Albonizio) Farrell '71** writes, "Happy 2015 to my '71 classmates. I've been retired for five years, and my husband Dan and I enjoy an active life. I do a considerable amount of volunteering and am an avid quilter. We live in Arlington, Mass., and spend the winter months in Delray Beach, Fla. We have two granddaughters, as cute as can be!"

**Allan Stegeman '71** writes, "Life is good! I just retired from New Country BMW in Hartford, and am enjoying the snow from indoors in Manchester, Conn. My wife and I are very fortunate to have good health and are able to spend time with our three daughters and three grandchildren. Looking forward to playing lots of golf this summer."

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**John Yeamen '71** is now retired from Bishop Hendricken High School in Warwick, R.I., after teaching Spanish there since 2003. He is currently working for Standard Parking as a shuttle driver at T.F. Green Airport in Warwick. John requests, "If anyone knows the whereabouts of Cindy Boop, please let me know!"

**Daniel Doll '72** writes, "I arrived at FPC in July 1968. I was told I needed to upgrade my math. There were approximately 40 prospective students taking both math with Mr. Dion and English with Mrs. Proper. Our classes were in the morning so the afternoon was generally used for exploring the Rindge/Jaffrey/Fitzwilliam area. One day, an upperclassman who was taking summer courses brought me and my roommates over to Silver Ranch. It was a delicious find. The following Saturday, me and few others hiked up Mt. Monadnock. It was so clear you could just make out the top of the Hancock Building in Boston. Also nearby, we found Cathedral of the Pines. The temperature was in the 90s that day, but it was much cooler walking around under the huge pine trees. The view of Mt. Monadnock was breathtaking. One Saturday, we went to a quarry swimming hole in Fitzwilliam. The water was azure blue. I was told it was 100 feet deep. Many of the locals enjoyed the quarry also. There were high ledges on one side of the quarry where you could climb up to jump or dive. We also drove to KSC to use their paddleboard courts and pool. One day I went down to the FPC beach front with some friends. We took the row boat out on Pearly Pond. Beautiful. When we returned to the beach front, there was a man and a woman waiting to use the boat. I thought we were in trouble. He was polite, and we helped him turn the boat around. About a week later, I had to go to the administrative offices for some paperwork for the fall semester. When I walked in, I noticed the same man that was at the beach. It was FPC President Frank DiPietro. Well, it was a good start. I met my two freshmen roommates that summer. We were in Monadnock



**Jack Alexander '72** and **Debbie (Peacock) Alexander '71** had a wonderful year in 2014. Debbie travels all over the lower part of South Carolina in support of her Relay for the American Cancer Society. Jack is retired from the steel wire industry, and drives for the Columbia Charlotte Airport Shuttle. He also volunteers once a week for the Disabled American Veterans. Alex (39) and his daughter Ellie (12) moved to Aiken to be closer to his work. Alex works for Georgia-Lina Precast as an estimator, inside sales, and the yard master. Ellie is enrolled in all honors classes and earning straight A's. In June, Maggie (30), her husband Harrison, Maddie (11), Bragan (4), and Roxie Cat moved to Charleston, S.C. Maggie is continuing her medical education with a fellowship in pediatric cardiology at The Medical University of South Carolina. In November, she received notification that she is a board certified pediatrician. Maddie stars in soccer and loves her new school. Her little brother, Bragan, also plays soccer and is making new friends in 3K. Anne Spencer (24) graduated from Winthrop University in 2012, and works for a real estate firm in West Columbia, S.C. She also moonlights with a caterer on the weekends, and belongs to "Extreme Bootcamp" in Lexington. She ran her first 10K race in September, and she's now training for a half marathon. Our family continues to grow with the arrival of a female boxer, Miss Molly. She's a rescue dog and very well behaved (most of the time). Jack writes, "We still live in Lexington, South Carolina, and would love to hear from our classmates in 2015. Come visit us, we would love to see y'all!"

Dorm, room 109, directly across from the dorm mother. I have kept in contact with Ray Forino. I lost contact with Alphonse Bottazzi, Joe Boniuto, Bob van Gorder, Bob Eisner, Joe Curran, Brandt Elkind, and Millie Kafka. I regret not finishing my undergraduate degree at FPC, but, it all worked out alright."

**Charlie Mann '72** is founder and president of Celestial Manna, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization in Derwood, Md., impacting the Washington, D.C. area. Celestial Manna currently provides support to people in dire need of food, clothing, furniture, toys, and household goods. With the help of some

partnerships, they have been able to focus on five special interest groups: victims of human trafficking, veterans, homeless shelters, battered women's shelters and senior community.

**Joe Driscoll '73** recently turned 65 years old, and retired in 2013. He now happily spends his days on the Glenn Dale, Md., golf course where he not only plays, but works part-time as a player assistant. Joe is enjoying life with his two grandsons (10 and 17), while also celebrating his daughter and her husband's 20-year anniversary. His son, Joe III, is living in North Carolina with his two granddaughters, so he doesn't get to

see them as much as he would like. Joe writes, "Overall, LIFE IS GOOD!"

**John Romagnoli '73** retired on June 5, 2014, after a long and successful sales career in the communications industry. Since retirement, he has had time to work on his trap shooting skills, as well working on his golf game and his model (O Gauge) trains layout. He and his wife Sandy plan on traveling, including a stop at FPU for either alumni or homecoming events, and enjoying retirement to the fullest!

Happily married '73 alumni **Alan Schneider** and **Ann (Spiegel) Schneider** are living in Missouri

City, Texas, a town southwest of Houston. Alan is in his 39th year of the practice of psychotherapy. Alan writes, "We have two great kids who have each given us a grandson. This year both couples will give us a granddaughter. Life is good in Texas."

**Art Lisbon '74** writes, "I'm currently employed by Bose Corp World Headquarters in Framingham, Mass., and reside with my wife Kim in Franklin, Mass. I loved playing basketball for Franklin Pierce throughout my years there, and would like to give a shout out to my old teammates, as well as say hi to my student friends I hung out with back in the 70s. My current email is: k.lisbon@aol.com Would love to hear from some old friends!"

**Peter Loden '74** is celebrating 25 years of operating Walker Loden retail stores in southern Connecticut. Our newest location, which opened Labor Day weekend 2014, is at 8 Main St, Essex, Conn. Other Walker Loden stores can be found in Madison, New Haven, and shops at the Madison Beach Hotel and Whitney Center in Whitneyville, Conn. Follow us on Facebook-Walker Loden-for a sampling of what we carry, from ladies accessories, jewelry, wedding gifts, body care products, and antiques. Things Worth Giving, Things Worth Keeping, Things to Make You Smile....

**Ellen Rose '74** is working for Miami Dade County Public Schools as a district administrator, while also looking forward to retirement. She has one son in graduate school, who has been recruited by Macy's executive training program.

**Jeffrey Salgo '74** writes, "I have reached the grand old age of 62 and am still single with no kids that I know of. Having retired from CBS News as a director, I find I am busier than ever. I train for triathlons and am a consultant with my company, Present Yourself, which educates on how to present oneself to clients and trade shows, proposals, etc. I live in Flushing, Queens, and am a die hard Yankee Fan. I attend the

Yankee Fantasy Camp in Tampa, Fla., every year."

**Larry Abramson '75** wants to share that he and his wife are the proud grandparents of their second grandchild, Charlotte Chen, known to all as Charlie. She is now happily sharing her parents' love with her brother, Xander.

**Lisa (Gurwitz) Clements '76** celebrates the major accomplishment of being cancer-free since March 2013. Although her mobility is limited by her health, she always manages to keep in contact with her FPU alumni via Facebook!

**William L. Russell '76** updates, "I am now CFO at Paul H. Gesswein Company in Fairfield, Conn., and a director of their Bangkok, Thailand, company. Gesswein distributes precision tooling to the jewelry and machining industries. I saw Jeff Bolza '75 last summer at my high school reunion at Hoosac School. We both went to Hoosac and then Franklin Pierce in Rindge. I went on to get my M.B.A at Babson College. I am still living by the water in Norwalk, Conn., on Long Island Sound, 27 years later, with my wife, Wendy, and daughter Lauren. I gave up the big sailboat racing for rowing an open water shell around the Norwalk Islands. I have not made it to a reunion in years, but challenge the class of '76 to attend the next one. I hope to be there and share some stories. My 39th class reunion at Hoosac reminded me how the years fly by."

**Peter Crabb '77** was so inspired by great Franklin Pierce teachers like Edwin Dethlefsen that he chose a career in higher education. He is a professor of psychology at Penn State University, where he has taught for 24 years. He and his wife, Tammy, live in an old farmhouse and are permaculture enthusiasts.

**Mary Ann (Maggie) Zadorozny '77** is doing well in Washington, D.C. She will be leaving the National Park Service after 30 years of service in 2017! She looks forward to the next chapter in her life. "Carpe diem, you all!"

**Jonathan Holmes '78** writes, "After graduating with a B.A. with honors in Cultural Anthropology in 1978, my wife, Kathy, and I got married in 1980. I've spent most of my career in personnel management and human resource management, first in Massachusetts and then in Kentucky, after we moved in 1996. As of today, we are both retired and enjoying our home and property, which was recently certified as a wildlife habitat by the National Wildlife Federation, in the beautiful country of rural Kentucky."

**Susan (Sterner) Howe '78** met her husband **Steve Howe '79** at Franklin Pierce, and they have spent over 30 years enjoying their move westward. Susan received her Biology degree from FPU and later received her B.S.N from Montana State University in 1985, followed by her M.S.N in 2007. The pair has worked in Salt Lake City for 20 years, and are ready to retire and move back to Montana where they own 40 secluded acres of land!

**Leslie Kahn '78** planned to change jobs this past year and wound up unemployed and battling cancer instead. "Kicked cancer's butt, and excited about a new job for the fall, either still teaching French or something else in education, as I am finishing up my M.Ed. Living in Epping N.H., where I've been for 26 years now. Would welcome hearing from old friends."

**Terri (Tolchin) Lavin '78** is living in Freehold, N.J., with her husband, Joe. They have been married for 29 years! She has been teaching elementary education ever since she graduated from Franklin Pierce. Terri writes, "I always enjoy seeing my Pierce friends!"

**Russ Needell '78** writes, "I cannot believe it has been almost 37 years since graduation. I still have incredibly fond memories of my time at Pierce, and I miss all of my college friends. I have been married for almost 30 years to my wonderful wife, Wanda. We have two children, both of whom attend universities here in North Carolina. They are pulling excellent grades

and obviously have inherited their mother's intellect and work ethic. I have been practicing law for 33 years and look forward to a well-deserved retirement in a few more years. Life is good!"

Class of '78 Alumni, **Phuong Nguyen** and **Thu Thuy Nguyen**, write, "Since leaving FPU, Thuy Phuong still keeps in touch with a number of alumni of Franklin Pierce. Debbie sends us a note every year from New Jersey to let us know how the kids are doing, as well as business activities. We love to read the Christmas letters. Thuy wrote to her from time to time and exchanged greetings, phone numbers, and pictures. Another is Thuy's roommate who lives in San Jose, California, with a husband and children. She used to attend the annual spiritual seminar here in Houston. After the session was over, all of us went to a vegetarian restaurant nearby to eat lunch, and share what happening during the year. We talked about family, friends and religion. Last but not least, Mr. Tuu Ngo, our classmate, also lives in San Jose with wife and kids. One year he drove with a group of friends to visit people here. Most of his friends were in the Navy before 1975, therefore the meetings were loud with plenty of food and drinks. He also stopped by to see us and shared the video he had taken with friends in Dallas, Texas. We are glad because the school is small and students know each other well."

**"Frenchie" Cynthia (Danboise) Franke '79** and **John Franke '78** celebrated their 36th wedding anniversary this past August. To their great joy, they also added two new grandsons to the brood for a total of four: Mason, Jack, August, and Silas. 2014 was quite a year!

**Kenneth M. Hart, Sr. '79** writes, "In October 2014, for the first time in seven years since I got married, my wife and I went on a vacation to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. We stayed at Sheraton Baganvilas timeshare on the seventh floor overlooking the ocean. The base of the building we were in was about 60 feet from the water, and the sound was

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absolutely divine. We were in shorts on our balcony at midnight with 80-85 degree temperatures. Wish we were back there! Anyway, while there, we went on a evening pirate ship adventure cruise/musical/show/dinner that was the highlight of our trip. On another day, after a monsoon rain storm, we went on a bus tour, which first stopped at a tequila making establishment (with tastings and we sampled at least 10 different tequilas-lost count). Well then, half drunk, we continued on our trip to the "Garden of Eden Restaurant" where the film *Predator* was shot. This part of the trip was a definite lowlight of our vacation! Here we are on a full size bus with holes in the floor and diesel smell infiltrating throughout, on a dirt road complete with washouts, gullies, and mud, going into a mountain area that a donkey cart shouldn't have been on! Needless to say, we both got sick. Other than that nine-hour trip, we had a spectacular time in Mexico. We would go back in a heartbeat just to go on the pirate ship again, and would skip the *Predator* thing!"

## 80's

**Charlotte (Schatzi) Hall '81** is living in Cooperstown, N.Y. She writes, "I've been teaching in prisons for the past 27 years and will be coming to the end of my career shortly. I don't know if I'll make it to the magic 30-year mark. After that, maybe I'll hike the Appalachian Trail or Pacific Coast Trail. Who knows? I recently built a 'tiny house' (16' by 20'), and plan on living there when I retire. I'm trying to sell the bigger house I've had for 32 years. I am growing most of my own food and will be living off grid. I guess I'm always trying to get back to the feeling I had when I walked through Europe in 1979. I think of the walk every day and long for it. I plan on visiting a friend in Japan for two weeks in April. I currently have one dog, four cats, and five chickens."

**Bobbie Bowler '82** is no longer able to work, but this at least gave him the opportunity to do the writing that he always wanted to do. In

2010, he published his first book with Arcadia Press in their Images of America Series entitled *Monmouth*, about his hometown of Monmouth, Maine. He is currently working on a book about the 7th Maine Regiment, and a book about a murder that took place in Winthrop, Maine, in 1925. Bobbie writes, "I have many fond memories of Franklin Pierce and the wonderful professors I was so fortunate to study under."

**Heiko Jansen '82** just wants to send out a "hello" to his friends from the Franklin Pierce class of 1982.

**Larry Leach '82** sends his regards to his fellow classmates and hopes that everyone is doing well. He is celebrating his last daughter graduating from FPU last May by using his travel points with American Airlines to fly around the world! He plans to see his former classmates along the way and to see places he has always wanted to visit. Send Larry an email at [lleachoo@aol.com](mailto:lleachoo@aol.com), if you would like him to visit you during his travels!

**Suzanne Grant '84** writes, "My milestone would be my recent retirement from the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, after 30 plus years of faithful service to the United States Government. I was a team member in the engineering and planning department as a logistics management specialist; defense logistics agency as an inventory management specialist; and many other roles through the years. Working at the shipyard has given me the opportunity to meet and talk to people all over the world, while working together to keep this country safe. It has made me a better person and has opened my eyes through the years to see the dedication around me. I'm proud to say that both my husband and his father also retired from the shipyard. Both of our boys work at the yard to carry on our legacy."



**William Leavitt '82** and his wife celebrated the last of her radiation treatments in her fight against cancer with a seven-day cruise to the Caribbean. "We sailed just before Christmas on the Oasis of the Seas, the largest cruise ship in the world. The weather was great, and we had an awesome time."

**Waverly (Clingman) Knize '83** writes, "I'm a nurse, and I've also had the pleasure of owning my own gardening business-but most importantly, I am a parent to a great young adult!"

**Alan Murray '83** received his master's degree in Design from the Pratt Institute in 1987. He is working as a senior planner at Bayer Health Care, in Whippany, N.J.

**Nestor Soto '83** completed his master's degree in Biblical Literature, with an emphasis on New Testament/Greek, at the Alliance Theological Seminary (Nyack, N.Y.) in 2009. Since then, he has been serving as the lead pastor of the

Peckville Alliance Church, outside of Scranton, Pa. This past September, Nestor was also brought on as an adjunct professor at Nyack's College of the Bible and Christian Ministry, where he is currently teaching advanced Greek classes at Nyack's Manhattan campus, located near Battery Park. Nestor is single and shares his home in Dingmans Ferry, Pa., with his father, his adopted greyhound, and his tabby cat.

**Peter McGrath '84** manages a law firm with offices in Concord, New Hampshire, and Charleston, South Carolina, which was voted "Best Law Firm in Concord, New Hampshire" by that city's largest newspaper, the *Concord Monitor*. McGrath Law Firm was founded by its managing partner, Peter G. McGrath '84, J.D., M.L.S.

**Gordy Steadman '84**, his wife, Natasha, and one of their daughters, Aspen, live in Leadville, Colorado. The couple's other three daughters, Zoe, Maria, and Skye live in Ohio. Gordy and Natasha are coppersmiths, and also make a living gardening as well. They enjoy hiking and rafting in their spare time. Gordy writes, "Franklin Pierce Rocks! Class of 1984, that was fun! Thanks FPU!"

**Justine D. Caudill, Ph.D. '85** has completed her master's degree in Psychology and Ph.D., in Counseling, Education, and Supervision. She lives on Prince Edward Island, Canada, for the most part, but ventures to San Antonio, Texas, when she needs some sun! She lives with her dad, a cat, three dogs, and four horses. She has a private practice in mental health, specializing in equine facilitated psychotherapy, called Riverhorse Ranch. She also teaches, writes, and is an active member of the Canadian Society of Friends (Quakers). She expresses, "I would love to hear from folks, and my farm here on PEI is a great vacation spot, where there is always room. Namaste y'all."

**Perry Bove '86** is employed by TD Bank as the AVP of TD merchant services for VT, NH, and upstate NY. Perry was the ice hockey official for



**Shari (Needle) Matarazzo '87** announces, "2015 is a year of milestones in my home! A big birthday for me and also for my hubby, in addition to our 20th wedding anniversary. My older son is getting his driver's license and looking into colleges as well (maybe another generation of FPC alumnus). My younger one is taking on the world in his Science Olympiad Club, Chess Club, and hip-hop classes. Hope all my Pierce peers are happy and healthy and enjoying life as I am."

over 24 years with USA Hockey and NIHOA. He officiated the Women's 2014 ECAC D III championship game and NCAA 2014 Women's Frozen 4 National Division III Championship in March. He hopes to return again this year. "Hi to all alums of 1986!"

**Linda (Petocz) Mauriello '86** would love to connect with former classmates. "I look forward to catching up on the last 30 years!"

**John and Sandra "Sam" (Muniak) Birkett**, both '86 graduates, have enjoyed the past 28 years together living on Chebeague Island in Casco Bay, Maine. They have two sons (23 and 25) and a daughter (12). John writes, "Time flies, and the 30th reunion is around the corner. Yikes!"

**Lisa (Nason) Francoeur '87** and her husband Dennis will be married for 30 years this April. They have three children, Dennis (Northeastern 2013), Marcella (Husson 2014), and Hunter. Marcella is in the M.Ed. program at Franklin Pierce, and Hunter has been accepted at Franklin Pierce for fall 2015.

**Deborah Godeski '87** is working as a practice administrator for Tina C. Gage, DMD, in Stratford, Conn. She enjoys petsitting, home improvement projects, and taking care of 14 rescue cats in her spare time. She writes, "Pierce taught me that a person can do anything if they try. Hi to Rita and Kimberly!"

**Jeff Woodburn '87** was recently re-elected to the New Hampshire State Senate. He was also unanimously chosen to serve as the Minority Leader by his colleagues. Jeff represents the state's largest, most rural legislative district, encompassing 27 percent of the state's land mass.

**Linda (Bielawski) Clifford '88** is working at Michigan State University recruiting graduate students for the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department. "I have been doing this for the past five years, though I have been in the same department for 13 years."

**Judith Haines-Carter '88** and Christine Haines-Carter currently

live in Camden, Maine. They recently celebrated 23 years together, and have two great kids. Jonah is a freshman at Colby College, and Thia is a junior at Islesboro Central School.

**Hazel Harding '89** is currently teaching and coaching in the Passaic Public School system in Passaic, N.J. She writes, "Hello to all my many friends and teammates from the 80s! Peace and blessings!"

**Martha (Harris) Myron '89** writes, "Since United States graduation in 1989, I served for the next 10 years in various finance-related positions, culminating in ownership of a small U.S. financial planning firm. I also qualified for CPA and CFP certifications and a Series 7 U.S. Securities' broker license. In 1998, my dear husband, Paul, and I relocated to my traditional home of Bermuda, where for 15 years, we were incredibly fortunate in continuing to practice; he, as an international registered pharmacist, and myself, in the international tax and finance industry. It was a wonderful family time as well, with two Bermudian/U.S. grandchildren welcomed to our world. Recently, Paul and I opened a virtual/physical cross border international financial planning consulting firm, after I was awarded a M.S. in Law in International Tax and Financial Services, summa cum laude, at age 69! My husband has had a very significant role in our children's and my university journey, while our strong commitment to continuing education has truly enhanced our lives."

After 25 years in the software industry, ranging from startups to large corporations like Microsoft, **Fernando Rodrigues '89** started his own Dotcom in 2014. He created a travel website that provides the visitor the ability to search for all components of their travel accommodations from one location. Fernando offers all pricing ranges for these accommodations and visitors can also book vacation activities for their trips. Visit Guruscape to book your next vacation experience!

## 90's

**Cheryl Crump '90** received her master's degree in Nursing Education from the University of Phoenix, online. She was recently hired as a nursing clinical instructor at Northwestern Community College in Winsted, Conn. She writes, "I LOVE training new nurses and watching them grow into confident, successful nurses."

**Libby (Depopolo) Hayes '90** joined Wilmington College in August 2014, as their director of human resources. She also holds a PHR certification from the Human Resources Certification Institute.

**Jeannette (Plourde) Passanisi '90** has returned to teaching at the college level at the Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology in Boston. She is teaching in the Computer Technology Department, where students can enjoy taking classes such as web design, flash development, and database management. Jeannette also runs her own web design and curriculum development company at [www.jeannettepassanisi.com](http://www.jeannettepassanisi.com)

**Thomas Walsh '90** currently lives on the upper east side of Manhattan as a single father with a 12-year-old son. He works as a manager of a local appliance repair shop. While not working, he enjoys practicing and playing guitar with a guitar practice circle, making art, and spending time with his son.

**Michelle Balon '91** is a divorced mother of two wonderful boys, Zachariah (23) and Bryce (16). She has lived in Deerfield, N.H., since 1999. She recently celebrated 25 years of service with DHHS, working on The New Hampshire Employment Program in Manchester, N.H. Michelle is an employment counselor specialist on a mandatory welfare-to-work program, specializing in refugees. She assists low-income clients with their integration into the community, and self-sufficiency by providing life skills for employment, job readiness skills, job referrals, childcare resources, referrals to counseling,

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educational, legal, support services, and other social service programs. Michelle writes, "I have had many accomplishments with the state. I was the first ECS to make the mandatory federal participation requirements in the State of N.H. for work benefits and have maintained a high participation rate. I have been a guest speaker at many state conferences and trainings. I was given an award from the State of N.H. in 2004 for Outstanding Humanitarian Award: presented by John A. Stephen, DHHS Commissioner and Terry R. Smith, DHHS/DFA Director. I was inducted as an honorary queen of the refugees for the South Sudan Dinka Tribe on April 16, 2011, at the post celebration of the south Sudan referendum at the St. Anselm College's N.H. Institute of Politics Center with all of the lost boys in attendance for my years of work assisting refugees. I am also a justice of the peace and notary public."

**Susan (Allen) Jacobs '91** writes, "Since graduating in 1991, when Franklin Pierce was still a College and not a University, I've experienced many 'life events.' I moved back to my hometown in East Brookfield, Massachusetts (1992); got married (1998); started working full-time with my husband in his sign/vehicle lettering business, both designing layouts on the computer and doing the bookkeeping (2000); and moved back to my old neighborhood of Podunk (2008). We then adopted a senior chihuahua, Canela, who we lost to renal failure in April of last year—she was most likely 16 or 17 years old. I was so lost without her that a month and a half later we adopted another chihuahua, a rescue from Texas. Sofia is about three years old, and an absolute sweetheart! Through her adoption, I've become involved in volunteering some time to do computer updates for a new rescue group, Save One Soul Animal Rescue League. So many good, sweet dogs find themselves abandoned through no fault of their own. It's such a good feeling to play at least some small role in helping these dogs find their forever homes. "Adopt! Don't shop!"

Your new best "furiend" is waiting for you! I know mine was!

**Tom Jatulis '91** has left his position at Bank of America after 19 years to explore a new opportunity with Accenture Financial Services. He is currently a content delivery operations manager, working on the mortgage solutions platform in their Charlotte, N.C., delivery center. Tom added a furry friend to his family, when they adopted a lab mix from a rescue organization this summer. She is full of energy, and accompanies Tom on his early morning runs.

**Michael Robertson '91** and his wife Nora have been living in Jacksonville, Florida, since 2002. The traveling couple just got back from a trip to San Francisco, and are planning a getaway to Costa Rica in April. His daughter Ashley is 14, and growing up way too quickly. Michael sends, "Hello to everyone at Franklin Pierce!"

**Andrea (Freeman) Smith '91** lives in Irvington, N.J., and is currently working as a contracts paralegal at Celgene Corp in Summit, N.J. She is married to Shawn Smith, a U.S. postal mail carrier, and they have two beautiful children, Shawn II,

who plays football, basketball, and baseball, and Shanel (24), who is currently in graduate school in Georgia. Andrea writes, "I'm looking forward to taking Shawn II on a college visit at Pierce to see the basketball and baseball teams play—perhaps he'll consider being a Pierce alumnus like mom. Be blessed all—miss you Nat, Brad, Erin, Age, Carla, and 007!"

**RJ Bibby '92** works at NetApp, an industry leader in technology. [www.netapp.com](http://www.netapp.com). The Bibblast Network: a social networking and ideas site is located at [www.bibblast.com](http://www.bibblast.com) and on Twitter @Bibblast.

**Elaine (Jubar) Sampson '92** and her family recently took a whirlwind tour of New England. Nine days, seven states, and too many hours in the car to count. The family stopped at Franklin Pierce so Elaine could show the campus to her children, and also have a bite to eat at Pizza Haven. Elaine recalls, "Many things have changed, but the water is still the same."

**Chris Wittenberg '91** writes, "I traveled to the Outer Hebrides of Scotland. I live in Loudon, N.H. I work for the State of N.H. I have a beagle

named Duncan. I also just returned from a wonderful trip to Florida."

**Karen (Eintracht) Cohen '93** is currently living in New Jersey, right outside of Philadelphia. She is working at JCC in Cherry Hill as the assistant director during the school year, and as the camp director during the summer. Karen writes, "Stop by and say hello!!"

**Heather Barry '94** writes, "It's been a great year! I was promoted to graphic production manager at Access TCA. We also added to our pack with Daisy, the coon hound mix, rescued from Arkansas."

**Robert Cappucci '94** was certified to teach communications in Massachusetts and worked for daycare, grade and middle schools, and secondary education. After several years of teaching, he joined the U.S. Army Reserves, and was honorably discharged in 2008. He currently works in the medical device industry manufacturing laser scalpels for surgeons around the world. Robert is an avid political activist and has worked for many successful candidates, and has been a candidate himself for local and state level offices. He lives in Medford, Massachusetts, with his faithful best friend, a black lab named Joey.

**Philip Johnson '94** has written a book and self-published it. The book is entitled *The Hampden Railroad, the Greatest Railroad that Never Ran*, and tells the story of the construction of this railroad and ultimate failure to operate. It was built in 1913 from Springfield to the Bondsville section of Palmer, Mass., to connect two railroads and provide passenger traffic from southern New England and New York to the vacationlands of New Hampshire and Maine. The book is available from the author, on Amazon, and Barnes & Noble online, as well as a few booksellers specializing in railroad books. Phil can be reached at [Philjohnso@gmail.com](mailto:Philjohnso@gmail.com).

**Winshell Laguerre '94** got married in March 2014, and is currently residing in Stoughton, Mass.



**Tim "Red" Morgan '89** and **Chris "Rize" Reisner '89** got together in Newport, R.I., for a mini reunion (and Rize's b-day!).

**Corey Pine '94** is living in Jupiter, Fla.

**Jim "Skip" Rocheleau '94** writes, "I was recently promoted to senior technologist for the kidney stone department at LabCorp. This past Halloween, my family moved to Elon, N.C. We're enjoying this transition, and looking forward to many campfires in our new backyard."

**Jackie Copeland '95** has been living in southern Maryland on the Chesapeake Bay for the past 10 years. She has a 9-year-old son named Patrick. Jackie is currently teaching second grade and has been teaching in an elementary school for almost 10 years. Lastly, she recently experienced the joy of purchasing her first home in December!

**Beth Morse '95** started a new job in April 2014, at the National Bank of Middlebury as a teller in Middlebury, Vt. In addition to working at the bank, Beth enjoys giving back to the community through her local Grange. She is on several committees through the Grange, and helps to organize open forum meetings between local state government and townspeople in her county.

**Myrna Vashaw '95** writes, "Hard to believe that 20 years has passed. I have so many good memories of my years at Pierce evening division in Concord. Was teaching at Concord High School at the time and still am. I truly value my experience at FPU."

**Ed Fleming and Sue (Conway) Fleming '96** have two daughters, Laura (13) and Emily (8), and they live in the suburbs of Philadelphia. They run a family business, and for the past 14 years have operated sci-tech and videogame summer camps. They currently have 10 campuses up and down the Northeast, and will host over 2,500 campers in the 2015 summer. In the off season, Sue teaches, and Ed runs Meetings and Adventures, a corporate event planning firm. They also wanted to note that their daughter Laura was selected to

have a video game she designed (The Cat Rescue) included in Math Alive!, a traveling museum exhibition. For the premier of the exhibition, their family was invited to Washington, D.C. to see the game (and exhibition) debut at the Smithsonian Institution.

**Richard Johnson '96** is living happily in the Bay Area doing digital advertising and technology space. He recently joined Conversant Media as the head of programmatic media & strategic partnerships. He is based in San Francisco, but gets to travel to Chicago and New York often. He is happily married, and his wife works at Oracle. Richard's daughter Emilie (12) loves volleyball and soccer, and his son Max (9) plays baseball and flag football. The Johnsons are big fans of Oakland Athletics.

**Lori Oleskewicz '96** is living abroad in Italy for a year. She is exploring Europe and taking a break from a hectic schedule in the states!

**Damon Peter Rallis '96** is currently living in Mattituck, N.Y., and celebrating his 14th year as a municipal employee for the Town of Southold. The year 2014 marked numerous milestones for Damon. In April, he married Joanna R. Land, of Mattituck, N.Y. In October, he celebrated his first year of sobriety. He has become active in his community as a church leader and scout leader, and in 2015, he will be running for political office. He has two children, Luca Owen Rallis (10) and Destin Elijah Rallis (7).

**Timothy Slavin '96** writes, "My life has been up and down as of late... but that's the life of a Slavin! lol"

**Carrie (Cutler) Brown '97** writes: "In September 2014, I accepted a position as a high school science teacher at The Victor School in Acton, Mass. I'm enjoying working with the wonderful staff and students!!"

**Jamie Dunst '97** fondly reminisces, "I'm looking out my window at the snow falling, and it reminds me of all of the heavy snow fall when I went to

Franklin Pierce." He has been doing a lot of freelance work in New York. He lives with his wife, Jennifer, and his daughter, Adina, in West Orange, N.J.

**Kristen Jaccodine '97** writes, "Dear Pierce Friends...I don't remember when I last updated you and the school of my daily adventures, so I thought I would do so now. I can't say that I'm doing anything exciting. I am half way through my 11th year as a school counselor at a high school in N.J. Dealing with teenagers on a regular basis is challenging-yet rewarding. I work with a great group of people, and am grateful for that. A couple of years ago, I self-published my first children's book, *Magic Stones*, and am working on my second. For those of you that know me, my ultimate goal is still to be a writer. One day! Other than that, I look forward to spending my summers in Maine with my sister, brother-in-law, and my nephews! Hope all is well with everyone!"

**Matthew Melillo '97** is in the process of having three books published this year, with the first *Caston's Revenge*. More information can be found on his Facebook page.

**Mandy Mills '97** is currently a medical biller in Rhode Island. She just finished her second marathon (26.2 miles) this past November in Cocoa, Fla. She completed it in 5 hours and 57 minutes, which was a personal record! She is planning on doing her next full one in 2016. Until then, she has plenty of races planned to get her ready!

**Scott Beausoleil '90, G '98** writes, "I can tell you that today it is extremely cold down here in Boston (Beantown), as it is -5 degrees (with the wind chill). Hopefully this finds everyone trying their best to keep warm!?! As you may know from past notes, I have been working here in Boston at my prior office (Office of the Chapter 13 Trusteeship) that I worked at for much of the 1990s. After having been laid off from the banking industry in New Hampshire back in 2002 and working (underemployed) in the retail industry for longer than one would

like, God saw fit to bless me with an opportunity to get back into the legal field, first as a bankruptcy analyst, and now as a case administrator/paralegal. I am currently in my eighth year being part of the Justice Department's Chapter 13 Trusteeship, and I can tell you that the wonderful world of bankruptcy is both crazy busy and extremely rewarding at the same time. I should note that my time spent back in the retail industry was also a blessing unto itself. First, because I believe that what we learned at Franklin Pierce University shows through—even when life throws us a curve! We get up, dust ourselves off, and have at it again. We do what we have to in order to make ends meet and survive. Second, a Raven never quits! I remain a single male trying to take care of both my mother and my godmother (we lost my uncle approximately two and a half years ago). The flip side to this is, that given my commute (taking the train from Lowell, Mass., into Boston everyday) I have met and made many friends, some even becoming what we call 'Train Wives' (believe me... it's a long story). So, life keeps me busy, puzzled, and always striving to move forward with a smile! Recently, I have been getting more involved in local (municipal) politics and happenings around my hometown of Nashua, N.H., and I find that very rewarding in itself. Having an M.B.A in Leadership from FPU probably has had a hand in this. I believe that many issues facing us as a nation no longer allows any of us to just sit around and complain or do nothing. Decisions are made by those who show up! My uncle always used to say, 'Scott, act, don't react!' I try to keep this advice close and when it comes to my hometown, my state, or my country—a Raven tries to make a difference! I bid all of you at Franklin Pierce University and around the country a heartfelt happy and safe year! Be well!"

**Rich Berube '98** has succeeded in getting his wife on a kayak after two years! They have been married for three years now. He enjoys mountain biking, kayaking, and being with his

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wife and friends. If he's not outside, he will be inside geeking out on a Windows laptop, Linux, or Mac doing various web, print or video projects, or just playing with code. Rich writes, "I have been working for our alma mater for four years now, still absolutely love it...still weird (in a really good way) to be working at Pierce with all the memories of also attending Pierce. I wouldn't mind reconnecting with my fellow classmates and finding an extra mountain biker, kayaker, or design/computer geek to hang out with in the southern N.H. area."

**Rick Cecchetti '98** is the first outreach program manager at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, after spending 29 years in the engineering department. His new position includes responsibility for STEM outreach and technical hiring for the almost 5,000 employees in Kittery, Maine. The Cecchettis celebrated 30 years of marriage, and now have their oldest working on her film career in Brooklyn, N.Y., and their youngest working on his Ph.D. in Environmental Engineering at UC Berkeley.

**Natalie Landry '98** will be retiring from EMD Millipore Corporation-Jaffrey, N.H., after 10 years of service. "It has been a great experience working as a senior buyer for the procurement group in Jaffrey. I will now go on to a new phase and new adventures. It is scary, and also very exciting, as I have worked most all of my life, with the exception of having my children."

**Joanna (Peptis) Mayer '98** updates, "I moved from Cleveland to Columbus, Ohio, in 2013, and took a position as manager of global benefits with McGraw-Hill Education. In May 2014, my fiancé Steve and I bought a home in Pickerington, Ohio, and got married in June in New Hampshire. My husband had never been to New England, can you believe it!? We were married in Jackson, N.H., at The Christmas Farm Inn and Spa, followed by a week-long tour of New England that included Mt. Washington, Boston, Salem, and Marblehead, Mass., and



**Dominick Miciotta '91** had a great year in 2013! He not only became a proud, stay-at-home dad to his son Leo, who was born in July, but also got married to Jason J. Smith, Esq., in October. Before becoming a full-time parent, Dominick worked in the entertainment industry in Los Angeles, and spent 12 years in higher education developing an expertise in enrollment management and marketing. He has helped over 30 education providers nationwide optimize and organize online learning programs. Dominick earned his M.Ed. from Northeastern University in 2011. The Smith-Miciotta family relocated to Huntington, N.Y., in July 2014, so Jason could begin his new position as Partner at the Law Firm of Meltzer, Lippe, Goldstein & Breitstone, LLP.

Portsmouth, N.H., as well as a tour of none other than Franklin Pierce. He instantly fell in love as I had so many years ago with my first visit to campus. We are having a happy and healthy 2015, which started off with a trip to the Bahamas last February to scuba dive with great hammerhead sharks!"

**Jared Rehberg '98** has joined Besen & Associates as a marketing manager. Besen & Associates is a full-service, real estate firm in New York City.

**Libby Richardson '98** is the events manager for United Way of central and northeastern Connecticut in Hartford, Conn. For the last 10 years, she has spent much of her free time crewing for hot air balloons in Cheshire and Southington, Conn., and at festivals throughout New England. She often sees Lina (Strimavicius) Balcom, who was a resident director at Pierce from August 1995 through June 1997. Lina received her hot air balloon pilot's license in 2014, and lives in Vermont.

**Wendy Bergeron '99** spent the month of July working as the teacher-in-residence at Fort Ticond-

eroga in Ticonderoga, New York. She worked with teachers from around the country during three weeks of teacher institutes that focused on the Northern Frontier of the American Revolution. She also spent a week conducting research and finding primary documents on the French and Indian Wars for next year's teacher institute.

**Christopher J. Holman '99**, a local alumnus and member of the of the Alumni Board, also known as CJ the DJ, has recently been honored with the WeddingWire Couples' Choice Awards® again for 2015, as determined by reviews from his clients. The Couples' Choice Awards recognizes his business as being among the top 5% of wedding professionals nationwide within the WeddingWire Network who demonstrates excellence in quality, service, responsiveness, and professionalism. As a Fitzwilliam Selectman who is involved in many community organizations, he has been very busy analyzing the effects of the newly proposed southern New Hampshire natural gas pipeline, and encourages the FPU community to become informed and to get involved. Anybody who

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

**Bill Houghton '99** writes to let us know, "I've been working for the past 11 years with Dydacomp Development Corp. in N.J., in the IT field, and living in Bloomfield, N.J. In my spare time, I am an avid reader of English literature, as it was my major at Franklin Pierce. I write poetry and fix computers. I still love to visit N.H., and try to go up as much as possible. One day I will make it back to Rindge to see how much has changed and stayed the same."

**Assunta (Moberg) Kerr '99** is a graduate of the Keene campus. She updates, "I am a salaried professional with Robert Half International under their accountemps division. Basically, I am a permanent employee who is sent on assignments to different companies in need of accounting help. This is a very rewarding job, as I can go in and solve the problems of different organizations in different industries. I have learned so much from each of my assignments, and I can put to good use all of what I learned during my time at FPU."

**Mikey "X" Wierzbicki '99** writes, "Just been chillin' in Vermont, managing a local skateshop and park. You can catch me on the weekends teaching little groms how to skate so that one day they will annoy society. Other than that, just playing music in a couple local hardcore bands and one metal band. Oh, and destroying my body skating. Keep it edge!"

## 00's

**Melissa (Hebert) Gendreau '00** updates, "I had some jobs along the way, but landed one with PC Connection in early 2005. Hitting my 10-year anniversary there in March. I finally settled down and married my husband, Jason, on 04/30/11. Together we had a son, Vincent, born on 1/1/12—yes, a New

Year's Day baby, and he was the first in Nashua that year! He just celebrated his 3rd birthday...time flies too fast. My husband was previously married and has two kids, who are now my step-children. Emma is 13 and Jaxon is 10. This rounds out our family of five."

**Michelle (Belleau) Russell '00** has been married for 13 years with two kids. She ran her own business, but recently closed it after eight years. She is still living in New England and fondly tells her kids about her times at FPU! Michelle's son is going to be attending a baseball clinic with Jayson King. She plans on showing her kids the campus while she's here!

**Scott A. Spencer '00** recently joined the Law Offices of John J. Bonistalli in Boston as an Associate. His practice will be concentrated primarily in civil litigation, insurance defense, and defense of self-insureds.

**Wendy (Gooden) Spillane '00** writes, "Hello Franklin Pierce! I wanted to drop you a quick note to let you know what I've been up to since graduation in 2000. Wow, was it really 15 years ago? With my bachelor's degree, I was able to secure a full-time job at a salary significantly higher than it would have been without it. This was essential since, as a single mother

at the time, I wanted to provide a comfortable lifestyle for myself and my four children. The convenience of your night classes made this possible. My bachelor's degree also made me eligible to apply to law school, which I did in 2009. I've since graduated from Massachusetts School of Law, and passed the bar in both Massachusetts and New Hampshire. I opened my own law firm with offices in North Andover, Mass., and Nashua, N.H. I have done a lot of pro bono work for veterans, single parents, and those in danger of foreclosure. This has allowed me to 'pay it forward' so to speak, for the assistance I received as a struggling single mother prior to my degree. This all started with a sit down conversation in the registrar's office, where I was warmly welcomed and encouraged to believe my goals were attainable. Franklin Pierce gave me the tools and confidence I needed on my road to success!"

**Christie (Carrier) Tamayo '00** writes, "After college, I moved to Florida, started my career in graphic design, bought a house, and got married. I worked as a designer in the agency and corporate world for 10 years, and then had a baby. Having our little one made us want to be closer to family, so we moved back to N.H. in 2014. We are slowly

getting settled in, but so happy to be back in New England."

**Sarah Kucsma '01** began flying for Southwest Airlines as a flight attendant in June 2014.

**Heather O'Dell '01** married her husband, Adam, on June 12, 2011, and recently adopted an adorable rescue dog named Daisy Mae. Heather was promoted to supervisor of three pre-trial services offices in 2012, for the State of Conn.-Court Support Services Division. She also coordinated fundraiser charity events to support cancer research in memory of her mother, who passed away of colon cancer last fall. Heather is a licensed zumba instructor, and enjoys motivating others to be happy and healthy.

**Kristin (Ciccarelli) Augusta '02** was recently promoted to senior consultant, learning and development, at John Hancock Financial. She continues to employ her Franklin Pierce M.B.A education to create eLearning for John Hancock and its parent company, Manulife Financial.

**Hilary Shaw '02** married Michael Finkelstein on September 7, 2013, in Boothbay Harbor, Maine. Also in attendance from FPC were Lauren Faretta '02, Shaun Hoffman '02, and Gary Levy '02. They honeymooned in Paris, France, and Barcelona, Spain.

**Ken Gowell '02** is currently living in Grafton, Mass., with his two daughters, Nia and Brynn. He is working for Metabolix in Cambridge, developing technology for the production of sustainable, biobased plastics and other polymers.

**Rich McClane '02** went to Big Belly Deli on Friday, October 10, 2014, in Newport Beach, California, and had a decent sandwich.

**Melissa (McConnell) Quinn '02** got married on December 27, 2014. The pair live in Sonoma County, California. After teaching for 11 years, Melissa left the classroom and began working in a management position writing curriculum for

beginning teachers in northern California. She currently writes curriculum for the six northernmost counties in California, so that beginning teachers can clear their teaching credentials with the state of California.

**Matt Collier's '03** will be working at Merrill Lynch for 10 years in 2015. He is currently a VP division sales manager overseeing retail sales teams in Hopewell, N.J., Jacksonville, Fla., and Chandler, Ariz. Matt and his wife, Colleen, welcomed their first child to the world on 8/14/14. Cambridge Cecelia Collier is a healthy and happy little girl. They currently reside in Yardley, Pa.

**George Gardei '03** is living in Cincinnati. George writes, "I have paid off all my credit card debt (totaling over \$20,000), which I had accumulated prior to moving to Cincinnati in 2008. In January 2013, I left my job at God's Bible School and College, and I now work as a software engineer at Framework MI, Inc. In July 2013, I paid cash for a house, and in June of 2014, I adopted another dog. I have two dogs now, Eskimo (Husky-Corgi mix), and the new guy is Bojangles (a Chihuahua mix).

**Stephanie (Caswell) Tellier '03** writes, "I've been married now for 11 years to Matthew Tellier, and we are currently expecting our fourth child in July. We have three beautiful girls (10, 7, and 4), and are anxiously awaiting the call from the doctor to tell us the gender of this baby! We live in Fitchburg, Mass., and I'm a stay-at-home mom, and my husband just finished his paralegal degree."

**Eric Feldbaum '04** updates, "I am living in Concord, N.H., with my fiancé and my dog, Daisy. I am the director of community recreation for the N.H. Division of Parks and Recreation (state parks)."

**Remi Francoeur '04** won the N.H. State Senate campaign he was managing. He will end his campaign management record at seven and seven.



**U.S. Army Major Chad Henderson**

'96 recently got engaged to U.S. Army Captain Sarah Thompson. They currently live in Alexandria, Va., and will be married in September 2015, near Binghamton, N.Y.

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**Kim (Cavallari) Kowalski '04** married her husband Tom on November 1, 2014, at Old Sturbridge Village in Sturbridge, Mass. Franklin Pierce alumni in attendance at the wedding included Clint Daggan, Kristin (Stoll) Daggan, Jennifer (Mummenthey) Siemaszko, Christine (Morchausser) Morin, Chad Jones, Matt Labbe, and Aaron Steinfeld—all class of 2004.

**Dan Gouthro '05** was recently recognized by his employer, Matter Communications, for running one of the national agency's most successful PR campaigns of 2014.

**Sarah (Stevens) Leonard '05** and her husband Allen Leonard welcomed new daughter, Lucie Elisabeth Leonard, on December 18, 2014. Lucie joins big brothers Brody (6) and Caden (4).

**Matt Naffah '05** and **Kristen (Bartini) Naffah '05** are looking forward to celebrating their 10-year reunion this upcoming spring. Currently, Matt and Kristen are living in Andover, Mass., with their two children, Olivia (4) and Lincoln (2). They also adopted a puppy last year, named Hunter.

**Vicky Rank '02, '05, '12**, writes, "This past May I handed my daughter, Madison Rank, her diploma from Franklin Pierce. This was one of my proudest moments! It was made even brighter because her best friend, Amber Ciarcia, also received her FPU diploma on the same day. Armed with their bachelor degrees in marketing, they are both excited to be employed and using the skills they've learned at Franklin Pierce."

**Talesha L. Caynon, Esq. '06** got engaged on March 1, 2014, and married on May 30, 2015.

**Luke Healy '06** and **Dana (Frazao) Healy '06** had their first child, a little girl, on February 13, 2015. Luke has gone back to school for a food science degree, and Dana was recently promoted to executive director of Danvers Community Access TV.

**Sarah (Bascom) Hussey '06** writes, "Since I have graduated from Franklin Pierce with a B.S. in Business Management, I have helped my husband to start up a business. He runs the machine shop and works with the customers and vendors, and I run the office. I do payroll, hiring, benefits, accounts payable and receivable, and anything else to do with the office. We make a good team! I hope everyone is doing well!"

**Frank Morrill '07** writes, "Hey there to Graduate & Professional Studies Alumni of Keene, N.H., Class of 2007. After completing my bachelor's in Criminal Justice in 2007 as a Sgt. for the Rindge Police Department, I made my way to a promotion to Chief of the Rindge Police Department. I retired from that position in May of 2014 after 24 years in law enforcement. I married in 2009, and my lovely wife bought and settled in a new home in Peterborough, N.H. What am I doing now? Well, working as an assistant to the director of security at Monadnock Hospital. To keep up my law enforcement certification, I am currently working as a part-time police officer in Bennington, N.H. Will I go back to school for my master's? Good question, still

contemplating that for sure. I would love some day to work at the Rindge campus with many of the staff, faculty, and students I have come to know as a police officer."

**Trent Spiner '07** was hired as executive editor of the *New Hampshire Union Leader*, where he manages all print and digital coverage for the state's largest newspaper. POLITICO named him as a "must-follow journalist on the ground" in New Hampshire ahead of the 2016 presidential primary. He was also elected president of the New Hampshire Press Association. He lives in Concord, N.H.

**Sarah (Blake) Ward '07** graduated from UMASS Amherst in May 2014, with an M.Ed. and a 4.0 GPA. She bought her first house in July 2014, and began teaching social studies for grades 7-12 at Sacred Heart High School in August 2014.

In March 2014, **Brett Wilson '04** and **Juliana (Spence) Wilson '07** purchased *Cider Mag*, "The NH and VT Entertainment Authority". Currently *Cider Mag* is a monthly music and entertainment digital magazine that can be found at [www.cidermag.com](http://www.cidermag.com), which also

hosts a live music calendar and a blog with up-to-date information on the local music scene. If any FPU alums would like to submit a story idea, press release, calendar date, or their own album for review, email Juliana at [editor@cidermag.com](mailto:editor@cidermag.com).

**Jason Archambeault '08, G '10** has been putting his education to work! In 2012, Jason and his business partner Greg purchased Granite Air Center, an aviation services company located at the airport in West Lebanon, N.H. As if running a business isn't enough, Jason has also produced several stage musicals and has even starred in one. On August 23, 2014, Jason married the love of his life, Dawn, whom he met in the Franklin Pierce undergraduate degree program. Jason writes, "Without a doubt, all of the best parts of my life have been made possible by Franklin Pierce!"

**Martha Dickey '08** and her husband built a new house in 2014, and are settling in nicely and enjoying it. "We have been entertaining a lot and spending quality time with friends and family making new memories. I am also currently taking my seventh class



**Tom Cruickshank '00** writes, "My wife Elisa and I had our first baby on January 27, 2015, during the blizzard on Long Island! Her name is Angela Kathleen Cruickshank, and she is 7.5 ounces and 20 inches in length. Go Ravens!!!"

towards an M.B.A in Leadership (at FPU)...that's exciting."

**Christine (Donahue) Gauvain '08** writes, "My husband and I both went to Franklin Pierce. He graduated in 2007 when it was still Franklin Pierce College. I graduated in 2008, when it became a University. James Gauvain, Jr. and I were married October 9, 2010, in Newport N.H. We currently live in Nashua, N.H. with our daughter Natalie, born April 12, 2014. My husband is a medical equipment technician at REQ in Manchester, N.H. I recently left my position as a psychiatric rehabilitation specialist at Greater Nashua Mental Health Center in order to take care of our daughter."

**Joshua Jacques '08** has been continuing work with the state of Maine Office of Information Technology since the day after graduation from Franklin Pierce. "I recently received a promotion to programmer analyst and take part on working on many different applications to support the citizens of Maine. These include unemployment benefits, job search tools, and college degree research tools for Maine schools. It is currently -15 degrees here without the wind chill, and it is giving me reminders of walking across the quad to class in the middle of February."

**Cristal Pinnix '08** started a new position with Dallas Independent School District's Student Initiatives department in October 2014. She also started an online radio station (Vagrant Variety Radio) in May 2014.

**Beth Tedeschi '08** writes, "I graduated from Franklin Pierce in 2008. I have experienced many wonderful and unexpected adventures in the seven years since graduation. I am the very happy and proud mother of a brilliant 3-year-old beauty, Fae Autumn, and welcomed another baby girl in April. I share the joys of parenthood with my talented and handsome fiance, Scott. I received a B.A. in English on the writing track with a double minor in Creative Writing and Print Journalism. I currently work in the

field of social services, quite a leap from where I started off, but happily so. My career at the RI Care Management Network is as a care manager of out of home placement, which entails working with and supporting youth that are placed out of their home and into state care. It is a difficult, yet rewarding, position. I was reunited in this position with a fellow 2008 alumni, Sarah Therrien. I still harbor my passion for writing, which is easily done with all the beautiful inspiration life has offered me so far."

**Sarah Therrien '08** currently resides in East Greenwich, Rhode Island. She has been working with the non-profit, Child & Family, for the past five years as a social worker. This past fall she was promoted to work for Rhode Island Care Management Network (C&F affiliate) to oversee transitions & permanency efforts for youth in DCYF custody who are in residential, therapeutic foster care, and out of state placements. She was excited to be reunited unexpectedly while interviewing fellow alumna, Beth Tedeschi '08' to be her co-worker. Sarah enjoys spending as much time as possible with her one and a half-year-old nephew, Liam!

**Kristen Bean '09** bought a house last August in Boscawen, N.H., and got engaged to Andrew Warren in April 2014. He proposed while they were spring skiing at Gunstock! The wedding is planned for September 2015. She also switched positions from environmental consulting at Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. to teaching at Bedford High School. She is still in transition while completing the Education Conversion program at NHTI of Concord, N.H.

**Jennifer Croce '09** graduated summa cum laude with a Master of Social Work degree from the University of Southern California. She works as a clinician with Emergency Mobile Psychiatric Services of United Community and Family Services Inc. in Norwich, Conn., providing crisis intervention and brief therapeutic treatment to children and adolescents.



**Amy (Renczkowski) Erhart '04** and Jeffrey Erhart celebrated the first birthday of their daughter, Isabella Emily Erhart, who was born on January 11, 2014. They had a cupcake-themed birthday party for her.

**Jeff Cornell '09** updates, "I graduated FPU in 2009 and moved straight to New York City, where I got a job as a post-production assistant on the Paramount Pictures film, *Morning Glory*, starring Rachel McAdams and Harrison Ford. I was able to fly out to London twice during the film to help make the editor's and director's cut of the picture. After the movie wrapped up, I worked on a few small films as a director of photography, and then worked on a show for The Weather Channel called *Breaking Ice*, before landing a gig with fellow 2009 graduate and roommate at the time, Justin Martell, at MTV working as a logger/assistant editor on the popular shows *16 & Pregnant* and *Teen Mom*. After a few seasons, I moved on to be the assistant editor on a show called *Crowning New York*, which was for the Smithsonian Channel and Discovery International about the finishing of rebuilding One World Trade Center in New York City. Back in 2011, I started my own wedding videography business called JF3 Productions with another 2009 graduate, Frank Raimo. We have filmed over 60 weddings since in the tri-state area, and a few of them were Franklin Pierce alumni! Currently, I am working on season six of *Teen Mom 2* while preparing for another busy wedding season this year! I reside in Brooklyn, N.Y. with my longtime girlfriend, Meghan, of almost seven years."

**Kara (Costin) Coutu '09, G '11** met her now husband at FPU. Although he wasn't a student here, they met through mutual friends. It took them

one year to finally meet. They were married in November 2012, have a 17-month-old son, a 3-year-old pitbull mix, and they live in Greenfield, Mass.

**Steven Dodrill '09** writes, "I've been living in Hanson, Mass., and currently working in guest support/consumer care at Dunkin' brands in Canton, Mass., the parent company of the well known national brands of Dunkin' Donuts and Baskin-Robbins. I'll celebrate my two years at the company in March. This fall, I earned a promotion and was named a senior coordinator of loyalty support for Dunkin', supporting the DDPerks loyalty program, Dunkin' mobile app, and Dunkin' card."

It's been a wonderful year for the Ferreras as 2009 alumni **Jake Ferreira** and **Jessica Summers** tied the knot ("FINALLY") on July 5, 2014. They bought their first home together and couldn't be more thrilled. In addition, they recently got a basset hound puppy and named him Dewey. They can't wait to see what the rest of 2015 has to offer!

## 10's

**Conrad Farnham '10** received his 15-year service award as a Dartmouth College employee. He has been busy working full-time as the arts & sciences senior finance center specialist, responsible for all faculty payroll. Conrad is also the manager to one of the most successful country bands in New England, The Shana Stack Band. The Shana Stack

## CLASS NOTES



**Melissa (Dunsing) Poisson '07** and **Joshua Poisson '07, G '11**, got engaged in Zermatt, Switzerland, overlooking the Matterhorn on 5/31/2014, during a two-week trip to 14 cities/towns in Switzerland. "We are looking forward to more trips that lead us to naturally beautiful places." Melissa is a rail asset manager for Clean Harbors in Norwell, Mass. Joshua is an IT support supervisor for Boston Beer Company in Boston. P.S. "With my two semesters experience as an undergraduate and a graduate assistant in the former FPU Vienna study abroad program, and two semesters as graduate assistant in the former FPU Athens Greece study abroad program, I was very confident in my abilities to plan and navigate in a foreign country; which made our experience in Switzerland very rewarding. I always encourage college students to take advantage of opportunities to study abroad since it drastically improves their confidence to reach out further in the world around them. Melissa and I are starting to plan our next trip. It's a toss up between southern Spain/Morocco or Peru for a hike up to Machu Picchu."

Band has won numerous awards including Country Act of the Year by the New England Music Awards. The band will be opening for Little Big Town at the Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion at Meadowbrook on September 5. This will be their fifth year back to Meadowbrook. The Shana Stack Band performed at Alumni Reunion Weekend 2015, and Conrad taught line dancing during the event. Conrad takes great pride in both of his positions.

**Peter Brodie '10** reports that he recently accepted the position of Montgomery County Constituent Coordinator for New York State Senator Geroge A. Amedore, Jr. (R-46). His job duties include responding to constituent concerns

and engaging in proactive outreach to constituent and civic organizations.

**Julie (Sebert) Gray '10** graduated with a B.S. in Management. "Since then, there have been TONS of new things! I got a new job, a new dog, got married, got my accounting degree, passed my CFE, and am now studying for the CPA test! I now work for the WV State Auditors Office in the accounting division. Thanks FPU for helping me achieve my goals!!!"

**Katie Ristow '10** left her position at FIU (Miami, Fla.) in June 2014, and moved to Malibu, Calif., to start a new job at Pepperdine University as the marketing & events manager for athletics.

**Steven Cantwell '11** writes, "Hello FPU class and alumni. Just a brief note to update what is going on in my life. I graduated with a B.S. in Business, and a friend recommended that we take a trip to Brazil to celebrate my commencement. We decided to go for two weeks to a country full of rich culture, and we both developed strong friendships with great people. The best part of the trip was that I met a local beauty the first Friday I had visited, and we have been together since. We still do not understand how we conversed, as she only spoke Portuguese, and I only spoke English. I guess we used the "language of love!" We just recently celebrated two weddings (USA and Brazil). We decided the next wedding will be in Las Vegas this March! LOL I am a poor man now (LOL) as marriage can do that, but we are very happy in life now. Oh, I think it is important to note that soon after my graduation, I found a better job (due to my degree) telecommuting from my home! Best.Job.Ever! Thanks FPU!"

**Valarie Gauthier '11** welcomed the new year by getting engaged to the love of her life, Scott Tetreault!

**Frank Martino '11** took a job with the largest independent insurance wholesaler in the U.S.: All Risks, Ltd. Working out of the Austin, Texas, satellite office as an insurance broker for oil and gas risks.

**Lizz Sheridan '11** got engaged on September 27, 2014, to Joshua Lewis. They are currently living in their wonderful apartment in Vernon, Conn. Also, they both currently work for Whole Foods Market. Lizz is taking classes at Manchester Community College, and will be going to University of Hartford for a master's in Elementary Education. Everything is going well for Lizz!

**Nathan "Woody" Wood '11** will be graduating from Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in May 2015, with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree.

**Chelsea Martin '12** writes, "Hey FPU! I am working back in my hometown school district as the data specialist and school registrar. I also got engaged to my fiancé Tyler in November. We have a wedding planned in August."

**Dr. Margaret "Meg" Morse-Barry '12** is the special education coordinator at South Range School in Derry. She is the president of the Derry Teacher Association, and is an advocate for education and the state.

**Merrill Vaughan '12** writes "Since graduating in 2012, I have become a dedicated substitute teacher for PMHS. While the middle school might be the toughest to handle, it is my love of teaching that sees me through each day. Is middle school a challenge? Yes it is, but my classes with CGPS prepared me for the position I now have."

**Kelly Walter '12** states, "Graduation was awesome, but I soon missed school, and lost my job at the law firm I was at. I decided that in order to be more marketable as a paralegal, that I would enroll in FPU's Paralegal Certificate program. The professors are great, the online medium allows me to work, and just being enrolled in the program was compelling enough to land me another law firm job. I will be done in March, and I feel much more competent for having taken these law courses!"

**Heather Allard '13** has been promoted to provider relations specialist at Beacon Health Options in Woburn, Mass. She will assist in managing Beacon's behavioral health provider network, including: provider event planning and participation, network access monitoring, and recruitment.

**Amanda Saab '13** writes, "Hi! After graduating in May 2013, with degrees in Sports Management and Accounting, I was lucky enough to land a job right away at Lasell College in Newton, Mass., as the assistant women's basketball coach. At this time, I relocated closer to Boston, and got my first apartment in the city! In addition, I continued my education and immediately started



**Adam Castiglione '13** married Michelle Gilmore on October 12, 2014, in Averill Park, N.Y. They met through Bianca LaPointe '10, '13, and their love of Franklin Pierce runs deep, even though Michelle didn't attend there. Michelle visited Bianca at FPU undergrad, and then frequently visited both Bianca and Adam at DPT school in Concord, N.H. All of Adam's DPT classmates became fast friends. Adam and Michelle were a big part of M. Syed Hussain '14 and Amber (Chowdhri) '14 Hussain's wedding in August. Adam practices as a DPT at a school for children with autism spectrum disorders, and also works at an outpatient manual physical therapy clinic. Michelle is a registered nurse in the emergency department. In the photo above, from L to R: M. Syed Hussain FPU DPT '14, Amber Hussain (Chowdhri) FPU PA '14, Devin Zylak FPU DPT '13, Adam Castiglione FPU DPT '13, Michelle Castiglione (Gilmore), Elizabeth Kolator FPU '08 and FPU DPT '13, Bianca LaPointe FPU '10 and FPU DPT '13, and Jeanne Callahan FPU DPT '13. Also in attendance, but missed the photo: Cheryl Botelho FPU DPT '13.

taking graduate classes online with Franklin Pierce University. I am on track to receive my M.B.A in Leadership this coming May. After a year coaching at Lasell College, I decided to try something different-I ended up taking a job at Andover High School in Andover, Mass., head coaching the girls' JV basketball program and assisting with the varsity program as well. In addition to the coaching jobs, I worked part-time in the school's athletic office. I am very excited for what the future has in store for me, and very eager to wrap up my last couple of graduate courses over the next several months! I miss Franklin Pierce more than words can describe, but I am very fortunate to have had the opportunity to get a Franklin Pierce education, and play basketball for the University for four years."

**Hilary Scruggs '13** says "Hi to everyone at the Lebanon Campus! I graduated from the 2013 RN to B.S.N program. I continue to work at DHMC in cardiology. I miss seeing my classmates, but have been able to keep in touch with many of them who work locally. My

oldest daughter is a senior in high school this year, and is interested in attending Franklin Pierce in the fall! She has been accepted, but has not come to a final decision yet. We attended a college tour over the summer which was a lot of fun. Rindge is a beautiful campus. My other daughters are both at the local high school now and it is wonderful to see them all grow up and become young adults. I want to wish everyone at the Lebanon campus a great year!"

**Bianca Acebron Peco '14** updates, "After graduation, and through my work in politics, I was able to meet President Barack Obama, Vice President Joe Biden, and former Secretary of State/ Former First Lady Hillary Clinton. I just recently accepted a position with the admissions office at Franklin Pierce. I have achieved much success because of Franklin Pierce, and all of the support I was given. I'd like to thank the Political Science Department for asking me back multiple times to share my journey with current students, faculty, and staff."

**Shirley Dawson '14** writes, "Although I graduated with my associate's, I am still a Franklin Pierce student, pursuing my bachelor's in Health Care Administration. So, although I haven't climbed Mount Kilimanjaro (or Mount Monadnock for that matter), my life is busy and full of learning, which I enjoy immensely."

**Bruce Ruotsala '14** got a job as a staff accountant at Melanson Heath, a public accounting firm in Nashua, N.H.

**Katie Jackson '14** moved back to Denver after graduation, and obtained a job with Pearson Inc. as a level 1 software developer. She writes, "As you may know, FPU currently uses Pearson's old platform for their online undergrad and graduate classes. I am currently involved with working on Pearson's new online portal and online material for higher education, which Franklin Pierce might end up using in the future. When I am not working, I like to visit many of Denver's craft breweries, snowboard, and hike."



**Miranda Mantello '13** writes, "After graduating, I went on to work at The Children's Museum in my hometown as an animal curator in their wildlife sanctuary. Although I am no longer full-time, I continue to stay affiliated with them by doing outreach programs and special events. I decided to pursue a new field in hopes of getting a feel for the education world. Currently, I am an associate instructor at an elementary school! Since graduating I also got to welcome a niece into my life, spend more time with my nephew/family, friends, and I was able to reconnect with the love of my life! Needless to say, I'm one happy and proud Raven!"



**Kim Ruth '09** has been living in Sydney, Australia, since December 2011. In 2014, the *Pierce Arrow* team was reunited when Carol Pennamacour ('07) became her roommate for six months. Kim also traveled to Asia for the first time this year, where she met up with Yoko Hisada ('09) in Japan for some amazing karaoke. If anyone comes to Sydney for a visit, make sure to say hello and she can show you around.

Please send your news and notes to [classnotes@franklinpierce.edu](mailto:classnotes@franklinpierce.edu) for inclusion in a future issue of *Pierce*.

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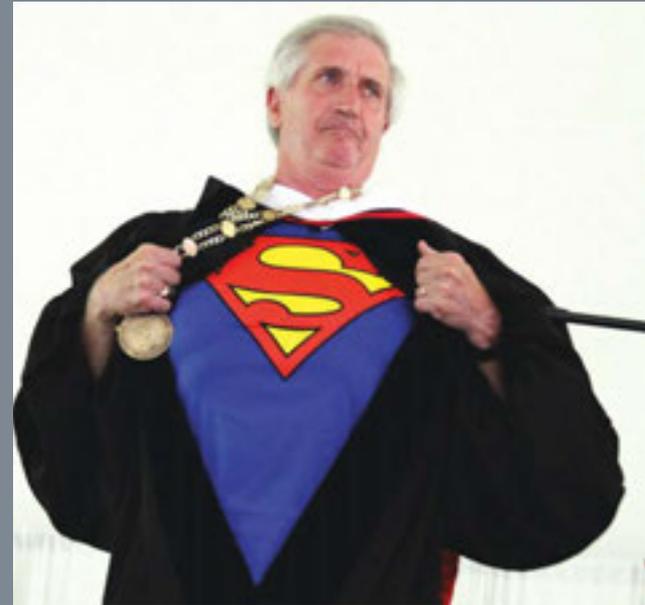
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