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The newly renovated Bubble, which reopened in the fall of 2013.

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You are invited
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Alumni Reunion Weekend
June 6 - 8, 2014

Reunion Moved to June 2014

The Franklin Pierce University Center for Engagement and your Franklin Pierce Alumni Association have announced our "New and Improved" **Alumni Reunion Weekend** scheduled for **June 6-8, 2014**, and "Homecoming Weekend" scheduled for Sept. 27, 2014.

We have heard from many of you that this has caused confusion, and we would like to clarify some of the reasoning behind the switch. Due to hotels at max capacity and tricky weather the last few years, The Center for Engagement has worked with the Conference & Events Department to select the first weekend in June for Alumni Reunion Weekend. By utilizing the dorms, alumni and families will be able to affordably stay right on campus, and hopefully the spring weather will allow for warmer temperatures and a beautiful weekend on campus. Warmer weather will allow for traditions like "Oozeball" to return to Alumni Reunion Weekend as well. Our hope is that you will return to campus and relive your days at Franklin Pierce like it was your Senior Week all over again!

Celebrating Anniversary Years **1969 1974 1979 1984 1989 1994 1999 2004 2009**

Schedule of Highlights:

Friday, June 6, 2014

- Anniversary Dinners for the 4s & 9s
- Evening Entertainment

Saturday, June 7, 2014

- All Alumni Luncheon & Awards
- Afternoon Outdoor Activities
- Dinner & Dancing Under the Tent
- Pioneer Reception

Sunday, June 8, 2014

- Farewell Brunch
- Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, June 9, 2014

- Alumni Association Golf Tournament at Keene Country Club

For more information visit:
www.franklinpierce.edu/alumni/reunion

President's Message



As I write this, I am looking out over the Peterson Manor lawn, covered by the 15 inches of snow that have fallen over the last 72 hours. What a beautiful view!

Walking across campus these last few days has been a powerful reminder for me about what it must have taken to launch a thriving University on this site more than 50 years ago. But that is exactly what Frank DiPietro envisioned when he established a liberal arts college in 1962 – a thriving academic community that would enrich the lives of students, faculty, and staff.

As you know, Dr. DiPietro passed away this last December, but his legacy is alive in each of the students who walks by my window, in each of our alumni who bring meaningful contributions to their communities, and in each of us at Franklin Pierce University who contributes to educating the next generation of leaders of conscience. This legacy is a powerful and palpable reminder of what one person can do to advance the improvement of many lives. I am grateful for Dr. DiPietro's vision and commitment, and glad that I had the opportunity to know him.

As Dr. DiPietro witnessed during his 12 years as president, change comes slowly to academic communities, but it comes nonetheless. Change is coming to American higher education faster than ever before. Pressures from the federal government to be more accountable for what we teach, from families who focus more on the cost of education than value, and from competitors who are introducing new instructional delivery models mean that colleges and universities must adapt to newer, faster, innovative ways of educating students.

Franklin Pierce University's academic and administrative departments are busy these days conducting program reviews in order to strengthen our offerings. We will examine what new programs we can offer, as well as make difficult decisions about programs that no longer draw students as majors. These decisions will help Franklin Pierce better confront the challenges that lie ahead for all of higher education, while distinguishing our unique brand of education.

As always, I encourage you to make a visit to Franklin Pierce and take advantage of the interesting lectures, thoughtful performing and visual arts programs, and exciting athletic events. All of these activities are enriched by the presence of our alumni and friends, so please come "home" when you can. And remember our offerings as an academic institution are enriched by alumni financial support. If you have not yet supported Franklin Pierce with a gift, please do so today.

Ex Umbris Ad Lucem,


James F. Birge, Ph.D.
President

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Remembering

Frank Samuel DiPietro
(1926-2013)



Entrepreneur, Leader, Educator

By Lisa Murray, Editor

Frank Samuel DiPietro, Ed.D., was the founder, first president, and trustee emeritus of the beloved institution we now call Franklin Pierce University. When Dr. DiPietro passed away on Dec. 6, 2013, he left behind thousands of students, faculty, staff, and community members touched by his vision to found Franklin Pierce College back in 1962.

The Beginning

Dr. DiPietro was born in Fitchburg, Mass. He graduated from Fitchburg High School and enlisted in the U.S. Navy, serving on the USS Hughes in the World War II Pacific Forces Operations, for which he received several campaign medals. Following his time in the U.S. Navy, Dr. DiPietro began his life in higher education, earning the following degrees:

- Associate Degree in Business Administration, Sampson College
- Bachelor of Science Degree, Syracuse University
- Master of Arts Degree, Columbia University
- Doctor of Education Degree, Boston University
- Doctor of Humane Letters (Honorary), Schiller International University
- Doctor of Law (Honorary), Franklin Pierce University

The Dream

Dr. DiPietro became the president of Stevens Business College before obtaining a charter from the State of New Hampshire to embark on his dream to open a small, liberal arts college. He founded the private institution with four partners, each contributing \$10,000 to start the endeavor. Thus Franklin Pierce College was born, named after the 14th president of the United States who was a native of New Hampshire. Dr. DiPietro served as president of Franklin Pierce from 1962 until 1975, and chancellor from 1975 through 1980.

Under Dr. DiPietro's leadership, Franklin Pierce College became an accredited liberal arts college; Franklin Pierce Law Center was also established, which was subsequently sold to UNH. Dr. DiPietro's unflagging determination to give young people better access to a college education, his business sense

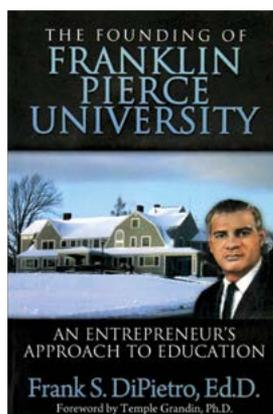
and capabilities in starting a higher education entrepreneurial venture, and his ability to enable others to embrace his vision and contribute to it with their own energy, expertise, and funds gave Franklin Pierce the foundation it needed to grow and prosper.

President James Birge remarked, "The entire Franklin Pierce University community owes a debt of gratitude for the life of Dr. DiPietro, who was dedicated to providing educational opportunities for others, and to the vision of providing a close mentoring relationship between those who learn and those who teach. His idea to launch a college in the 1960s was not only visionary, but it also has stood the test of time. While other colleges that were chartered in the 1960s have closed, Franklin Pierce University remains a vibrant institution of learning that has educated more than 20,000 students. I am grateful for Frank's vision, for his leadership, and for his support of Franklin Pierce over the years."

The Legacy

Lloyd Astmann, former chairman of the Board of Trustees at Franklin Pierce and graduate of the class of '69, reflected on what Dr. DiPietro meant to him: "To the pioneer students, he was a savior. He had a concept, an understanding that not everyone was ready for college at age 18. There were people who had the ability to succeed in college and beyond college, but who hadn't yet demonstrated that. Many of us had limited options at the time, and Dr. DiPietro gave us an opportunity to make something of ourselves – and we did. I am deeply indebted to him for that."

In Dr. DiPietro's book, *The Founding of Franklin Pierce University; An Entrepreneur's Approach to Education*, he chronicles the challenges, growing pains, and ultimate triumphs of starting an institute of higher education.



"I founded Franklin Pierce College in 1962, on the assumption that a liberal arts college that emphasized the process of learning how to learn would meet the educational needs of the times. ... I envisioned that Franklin Pierce College would provide a relevant *living* experience for those students who wanted to learn how to learn and learn how to live."

Michael Fallon, chairman of the University's Board of Trustees, said, "Franklin Pierce University is a shining testament to the vision of Frank DiPietro and to his commitment to men and women with a desire to learn. The Board of Trustees and generations of students are indebted to him for his commitment."

Dr. DiPietro's mission in life was to help people live meaningful lives; education was the means he saw of furthering that goal. He was successful in meeting his goal, and for that and so much more, we are all very grateful.



Top: Dr. DiPietro and Gov. Walter Peterson.
Bottom: Dr. DiPietro and wife Theresa at Franklin Pierce's 50th Anniversary.



Gifts may be made in honor of Dr. DiPietro by making a donation to:

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Study Abroad



The Rathaus (City Hall)



Top: Schönbrunn Palace Above: St. Stephen's Cathedral

Pierce in Vienna

The study abroad program in beautiful Vienna, Austria, offers students a chance to live and study side by side with people from a different culture in the heart of Europe. The full-semester program is designed to take advantage of the rich historic and artistic heritage of the city. Last fall, 11 students participated in this exciting program.



Changing of the Guard

The Board of Trustees is vitally important to Franklin Pierce University, a nonprofit institution that is governed by its 24-member Board. Lloyd Astmann '69 served the University well as the Board of Trustees chairman for the past three years. Last October, he turned over those responsibilities to Franklin Pierce's new Board of Trustees chairman, Michael C.J. Fallon. Astmann remains on the Board as a member and chairman of the Advancement Committee.



Fallon, who has been a member of the Franklin Pierce Board of Trustees since his election in 2008, brings much expertise to his new role on the Board. A resident of New London, N.H., he is an advisory board member of the firm of Miller Fallon Dennehy Associates. With more than 40 years of experience in the real estate industry, he most recently served as president of The Southwood Corporation (a subsidiary of Pennichuck Corporation) in Merrimack, N.H. Prior to this position, he owned and operated Fallon & Associates, LLC, a private real estate investment, consulting, and advisory firm. Fallon previously served as president and COO of United Properties Group, Inc. in Montvale, N.J., and was senior vice president of Cushman and Wakefield, Inc. in New York City.

A graduate of Siena College, Loudonville, N.Y., Fallon earned a business administration degree in marketing in 1968, and then served as a captain in the U.S. Army from 1968 to 1970. He has served on a number of corporate and nonprofit boards, and is currently chairman of the board of The W.C & A. N. Miller Development Company of Bethesda, Md., and co-chair of the Advisory Committee of Miller Fallon Dennehy of New York, N.Y.

"Mike's insight and commitment to Franklin Pierce have been very helpful to the University and to me as the president," said Dr. James Birge. "I look forward to working with Mike to further advance the University and to enhance our academic reputation."

In discussing his election, Fallon said, "I am honored and delighted to be asked to chair this distinguished board and to have the opportunity to work with President Birge as the University advances into the second half of its first century."





Bringing History to Life

By Nancy McComish, Senior Writer

Carly Boerrigter first heard a Holocaust survivor speak when she was 10. She was captivated by his story, which awakened a thirst for more knowledge about that part of history, particularly for the personal stories of other survivors. Carly started reading about the Holocaust, and because she lived outside of Los Angeles, she spent many hours at its Museum of Tolerance (MOT). A December 2013 graduate of Franklin Pierce, Carly majored in History with a double minor in Public History and Anthropology; she recently completed a museum internship at the MOT as one of the Public History requirements and could not be happier to have become an insider there.

Behind the Scenes

Over 250,000 people visit the museum annually to learn about the Holocaust and all forms of prejudice, discrimination, and intolerance in historical and contemporary contexts. Carly's internship has given her valuable behind-the-scenes work experience in visitor services, the archives, museum education, and special events. "You can study the museum world, but once you are on the inside, you see how it really runs. You get to see things firsthand," said Carly.

Carly and other interns were the first to tour a new Anne Frank exhibit and provide feedback to museum staff to enhance the experience for visitors. She has helped put on special events, like recent movie screenings of *Twelve Years a Slave* that included the director, Steve McQueen; *The Book Thief* with lead actor, Geoffrey Rush; and *The Dallas Buyers Club* with actor Jared Leto. Carly keeps notes on the stories of survivors who visit the museum, whether they were hidden children or survivors of concentration camps, and has contributed a few biographies to the museum's collection. "Everyone's story is incredible," she said.

While working in the archives, Carly has come across intriguing items, such as a condensed milk can with the name of a girl, her school, and her grade written on it. This can, along with many other canned foods, was sent

to children in Europe from a parochial school in Louisiana during World War II. The boy in Europe who received this particular can was eventually able to find the girl who sent it from the information on the can. The two wrote letters to each other, and the girl continued to send him items long after the war. Years later, the boy, now a grown man, was able to retrieve his grandmother's necklace, hidden behind a brick in the fireplace in the family home. He sent the necklace to his friend to thank her. Carly said, "This collection – the can, the letters, the necklace – they tell a story."

Passion & Preparation

The academic field of public history, sometimes referred to as applied history, strives to make history relevant and useful to the public. Carly has no doubt that her internship at the MOT has provided her with exceptional professional experience in public history. She also credits her academic preparation at Franklin Pierce, and in particular her history classes, as giving her the skills and confidence she needed to be successful at the museum.

"The small size of my history classes and my professors' encouragement for all of us to participate in class discussions and to share our opinions helped me feel confident at the museum and able to offer my opinion when it was asked for," said Carly. "I relied on the research skills learned in my history classes as well," she added. Carly brings plenty of her own enthusiasm for history, but she does not hesitate to mention the passion her professors demonstrated for their subjects and how inspiring that has been.

Carly has advice for anyone contemplating an internship: Do it! She recommends applying to multiple organizations, and stresses the importance of being knowledgeable and passionate about each institution and its mission. After the MOT internship, Carly's plans included a three-month internship at the prestigious National Folklore Collection at the University College Dublin, Ireland. From there she hopes to stay on in Ireland to work and travel before returning to the U.S. to apply to graduate school.



If you can provide a high quality internship for a Franklin Pierce student please contact Rosemary Nichols, Director of Career Services at: nicholrm@franklinpierce.edu.

Women in the Arts

Women in the arts was the subject four Franklin Pierce University students chose to work on for their “Introduction to Women’s Studies” class project. Seniors **Michele Desabrais**, **Rachel Lofgren**, and **Emma Priester**, along with sophomore **Seanna McNary** organized a display of works of art by female students, faculty, and staff members last November. The exhibit was held at the University’s Lakeside Education Center and was enjoyed by the Franklin Pierce community, as well as the general public.

“Introduction to Women’s Studies” is taught by Humanities Professor Donna Decker. “I’m very proud of these young women,” said Professor Decker. “Women have been marginalized in the art world, as they have been everywhere. These students provided an opportunity to showcase the creativity of women in our own community.” Visual art works on display included paintings, photographs, sculpture, drawings, pottery, and works in glass. Through the use of laptops, the exhibit also included a rap song and other creative writing.



Idea leuconoe, photograph by Alexandra Memhard '14



Solar System Window, stained glass, Katie Larkin '16



Ceramic Bowls, Paige Smelley '15



Gold, circular oil painting, Vanessa De Zorzi '16

The Best of Nursing

CGPS's nursing program is filling a crucial need to provide higher education options to this vital sector of healthcare professionals. The undergraduate R.N. to B.S. in nursing program, the R.N. to M.S.N. completion program in Nursing Education or Nursing Leadership, and the Certificate in Nursing Education program provide nurses from all clinical and academic backgrounds with a spectrum of educational opportunities.

Lisa Hogan, DNP, CRNA, Director of Nursing Education, said, "What makes our programs work so well for active nurses is the tremendous amount of flexibility built into them. Nursing students can get a combination of classroom and online learning and may access the program at any of our New Hampshire CGPS Centers. Or if it's more convenient, they can do the program entirely online." Besides the ease of attending classes online and/or in Manchester, Portsmouth, or Lebanon, students may enter the program in a track that is tailored to their educational level and goals – whether they have an associate degree, baccalaureate degree in nursing, or a non-nursing baccalaureate degree.

Patricia (Trish) Clark '14 is a prime example of a student who has taken full benefit of the flexibility afforded by Franklin Pierce's Nursing program. Trish has worked at Wentworth Douglass Hospital in Dover, N.H., for 39 years, first as a nurse's aide, then for seven years as an L.P.N., followed by 29 years as an R.N. She earned an associate degree 30 years ago, raised two sons who have graduated from college, and then registered at Franklin Pierce to work toward a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree while continuing to work at Wentworth Douglass. Trish is rightfully proud, as is her family, that at 60 years of age, she is reaching this milestone.

"Everyone at Franklin Pierce has bent over backwards to help me achieve this goal," Trish said. "Nursing has been such a rewarding

career; going back to school has allowed me to continue to grow in a field I love and has renewed my desire to be in this profession. It's made me a better nurse."

Trish cited the constant changes in how health care is delivered as motivation to go back to school. "There are always new procedures and technological advances to learn," she said. Furthering her education has allowed Trish to retain the agility she needs to be able to assume new nursing roles in response to all the changes. "Going back to school has helped me to better myself and my patients."



Photo by Sandy White

Trish's family and patients are not the only ones who appreciate the effort she has invested to advance her knowledge and develop leadership skills in her field; Trish's colleagues at Wentworth Douglass nominated her for the New Hampshire Nurses' Association (NHNA) Direct Care Nurse of the Year Award. The prestigious NHNA annual awards program recognizes outstanding performance by six registered and student nurses.

Franklin Pierce's Nursing program is fully accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing and is proud to educate students such as Trish, who exemplify the passion and dedication that are hallmarks of the best in nursing.

For more information about the Franklin Pierce University Nursing program, go to: http://www.franklinpierce.edu/academics/ugrad_adult/programs_of_study/nursing.htm.

At Franklin Pierce University, not everything is learned in the classroom. Students who spend their time at Rindge as an undergraduate immerse themselves in the culture at Pierce, where strong friendships are made, hands-on experiences provide unique opportunities, and dreams are not only discovered, but they are guided toward realization. The College of Graduate & Professional Studies offers students who have a clear vision of their future career an opportunity to capitalize on the small class sizes, personal attention from talented professors, and the chance to work in their career prior to graduation. The Doctorate of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.) program at Franklin Pierce University attracts hundreds of students each year who vie for these competitive placements. A determined, poised, competitive, and intelligent young woman, Alexandra Chouramanis '10, D.P.T.'13, is just one of the amazing students who learned the ropes at Franklin Pierce, both inside and outside the classroom.

Alexandra, better known as "Aleka," grew up in the small town of Mont Vernon, N.H., with her parents and four siblings; she is the oldest of two sisters and a brother. "Being the oldest taught me a sense of responsibility," said Aleka, who served as a role model for her siblings.

Aleka Chouramanis '10, D.P.T. '13

Living the Dream

By Christina Young, Director of The Center for Engagement



*“Tell me and I forget,
teach me and I may remember,
involve me and I learn.”*

~ Benjamin Franklin

Aleka's passion for health and fitness was ignited from the moment she joined a martial arts program at age 11. When she was a sophomore in high school, Aleka got her first gym membership and read about workout routines and diets. She quickly put what she was learning into practice and found that she enjoyed helping others with their diet and exercise questions as well.

When the time came to explore colleges, Aleka's father searched online for a D.P.T. program in New Hampshire and discovered Franklin Pierce. They went to visit Franklin Pierce together for a tour and to speak with professors. "I knew from the start I wanted to be in the D.P.T. program, so I decided Franklin Pierce would be a good choice – plus, the campus was beautiful!" she said. One of the benefits of doing undergraduate work at Franklin Pierce is that there is a clear track for motivated students to the D.P.T. program – the only D.P.T. program in New Hampshire.

Getting Involved

Aleka's experience as an undergraduate was filled with classes, rugby, and multiple part-time jobs. Working multiple jobs taught Aleka time management, but also showed her how much she enjoyed working and communicating with different types of people and personalities. As many students realize when they reach the "real world" after graduation, many transferable skills were learned during their time at Franklin Pierce outside the classroom. "Being able to manage my time in a busy clinic without getting overly stressed is crucial on a day-to-day basis," Aleka said.

In addition to many friendships with classmates, Aleka also formed bonds with staff and faculty during her time at Franklin Pierce. One of her favorite professors, Harry Davis, also served as her advisor and mentor. "Aleka was very competitive," Harry recalled, "not just on the rugby field, but also in the classroom." Harry shared that one of his favorite memories was how she and a particular classmate would study together, constantly attempting to outperform the other. "The minute a test had been handed in, they were eager to know the results," he said, "and Aleka usually came out on top."

Rosemary Nichols, director of Career Services, also expressed how impressed she was with Aleka. "Working with Aleka on her career planning and goal setting has always been a delight. Even as an undergraduate, she exhibited an extraordinary sense of professionalism, focus, and determination, and I have no doubt her contributions in the professional arena will be equally impressive."

Freedom to Learn

Aleka went on to thrive in the D.P.T. program. "I met incredible people and professors," she said. After graduating in May 2013, Aleka secured a position at Bay State Physical Therapy in Boston, feeling well prepared for post-graduation life. "With the amount of independence I had during my clinicals, working in the real world wasn't a staggering transition for me – except for the fact that I sign my own documentation." Aleka cites this freedom and the ability to make important clinical decisions every day as the two most significant differences between being in the program versus being in the working world.

When asked what advice she would give to students about to go into an undergraduate or graduate program at Franklin Pierce University, Aleka said, "Work hard and apply yourself. At Franklin Pierce, I felt that all of my professors were easily accessible, so take advantage of that. If you don't understand something, don't hesitate to seek additional assistance."

Every day in the United States, nearly one million people are helped by a physical therapist. As essential participants in the healthcare system, physical therapists diagnose and treat people of all ages as well as promote fitness and health. Graduates of the D.P.T. program at Franklin Pierce University are skilled and compassionate clinicians who partner with patients to make their lives healthier and more enjoyable. The employment rate of Franklin Pierce graduates has been 100% within six months of passing the licensing exam. We congratulate Aleka on joining the ranks of this valued component of our healthcare system.



Monadnock Institute of Nature, Place & Culture

From Trails to Film

Fifty new campus trail signs arrived this fall! The Monadnock Institute, in partnership with the Environmental Science department, has produced laminated signs that focus on natural objects and historical details along trails on the Rindge campus. These signs were designed and written by undergraduate students in courses taught by Drs. Catherine Koning and John Harris. They will be installed during the spring semester, and students, faculty, alumni, and visitors are encouraged to walk the four campus trails this summer and beyond. The information included in the signs will also be available on the campus mapping site: eTour of Campus Lands, available on the Franklin Pierce eRaven intranet site.

On the film front, the Monadnock Institute, in partnership with the Harris Center for Conservation, sponsored a screening of the Reflections Project documentary film, *The Hurricane of 1938*, to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the devastating storm. More than 120 individuals attended the showing at the Putnam Theater on the Keene State College campus. The Monadnock Institute is now engaged in a similar documentary project designed to tell the story of the Nubanusit watershed, following the March 1936 Flood and September 1938 Hurricane in Peterborough and surrounding towns. Research intern **Anna Milne** has catalogued photographs and written a detailed chronology of the events before and after these two catastrophic storms. Interviews with local residents who experienced the Flood and Hurricane will be completed this spring.

If you have a story to share about these events along the Nubanusit or Contoocook Rivers, or if you know someone who does, please contact Monadnock Institute Director John Harris at harrisjr@franklinpiercedu.

~ By Dr. John Harris, Director

The Marlin Fitzwater Center for Communication

Accolades for a Fitzwater Alum

Trent Spinner '07, a Fitzwater Center alum, was a Pierce Media Group Fellow. It is no surprise that he was selected to be one of the "40 Under Forty" professionals honored by the *New Hampshire Union Leader* in recognition of New Hampshire's brightest young achievers who have contributed significantly to their field, their community, or the state.

In 2007, Trent was presented with the Medallion for Leadership in Public Communication, the highest honor bestowed on a graduating senior by the Fitzwater Center. Trent dedicated his energies as an undergraduate to *The Pierce Arrow* newspaper, championed the adoption of new technologies, and emerged as a champion of free speech. His talents as a leader were evident, and his generosity in mentoring the next generation of Granite State citizens has followed.

Trent's assistance has been vitally important to the continuing success of the Fitzwater Center's PoliticsFitzU program, which

engages students in the Presidential Election cycle in a way that can only happen in the home of the First-in-the-Nation Presidential Primary. In 2008 and again in 2012, Trent tirelessly mentored students as they chased candidates across the state and filed stories, photos, and video packages with local media and the Fitzwater Center's own outlets. The students earned media credentials, and in this last election, they distinguished themselves by covering the election for the New Hampshire Primary, through both the Republican and Democratic National Conventions, the vote at Dixville Notch, and the 2013 Presidential Inauguration.

We are so pleased that Trent is receiving the honor of being named to this year's class of "40 Under Forty." Not only is Trent making New Hampshire a better place to live, but he is serving as a Fitzwater Center role model for generations to come.

~ By Kristen Nevious, Director



New England Center for Civic Life

A Living Code

During the first decade of the 21st century, the American Association of Colleges and Universities (AAC&U) called for a reconsideration of what higher education should offer students. In *Greater Expectations*, they characterized “a liberal education” as one where students would develop “just those capacities needed by every thinking adult: analytical skills, effective communication, practical intelligence, ethical judgment, and social responsibility.” Building on these ideas, the AAC&U’s more recent *Liberal Education and America’s Promise* challenges traditional practices which provided a liberal arts education for some students while others were constrained to a narrower and more professionally oriented course of training.

Over the past few years, the New England Center for Civic Life has been working on an innovative approach to ethical decision-making which integrates the skills described above within a conceptual framework that demonstrates how individual aspirations inevitably intersect with professional and public life. The result is the *Living Code of Ethics*, an integrated program that includes both workplace seminars and academic coursework. The Living Code is based on deliberative practices that support thought-provoking discussions of ethical dilemmas in business, professional, and educational environments. The goal is to offer working professionals and students opportunities to learn about deliberative ethical principles and to apply them to real-life situations.

Rather than a list of rules or aspirations, the Living Code is a set of questions. It is a useful tool for addressing the tensions and tradeoffs inherent in all ethical decisions. Implicit in this approach is the assumption that ethical decision-making requires us to deliberate. There is no single right answer that applies to every situation. A business, or professional or community organization that regularly engages in ethical deliberation cannot help but be more ethical in its daily operations.

Half-day and 90-minute seminars introduce the fundamentals of deliberative ethics to businesses and professional organizations. While the shorter session is custom-designed to focus on a particular ethical issue, the half-day seminar more generally explores challenges associated with businesses or a particular



profession. Either way, participants grapple with ethical problems through analyzing competing values and priorities as they work toward a well-reasoned and ethically sound outcome.

In collaboration with the American Studies Program, the Center for Civic Life has also developed a 200-level deliberative ethics course, offered twice in 2013. In this hands-on introduction to deliberative democracy and discourse, ethics students explore how their goal of attaining “the good life” connects with and depends on a matrix of private, public, and professional relationships. In addition to learning the principles of deliberative democracy and deliberative ethics, students apply their newly acquired knowledge and skills to problems in public and professional life. Students who have completed the course are eligible for the Center’s Civic Scholar Program, which provides them with opportunities to further develop civic and professional leadership skills.



To learn more or to schedule a seminar for your business or organization, please contact Joni Doherty, Director of the New England Center for Civic Life, at (603) 899-1025 or dohertyj@franklinpiercedu.

~ By Joni Doherty, Director



For the Love of Dance



By Nan Fornal, Writer

Meet an alumna who is a dancer, choreographer, instructor, and community outreach manager

As an undergraduate on the Rindge campus, **Nicole Kedaroe '08** studied both arts management and dance. Her talent and efforts in both fields have led her to a position that speaks to both passions. In 2012, Nicole became Community Programs & Adult Division Manager for Atlanta Ballet and its Centre for Dance Education, where she also teaches creative movement and modern dance.

At age 11, Nicole began to study dance at a Boston studio. By 16, she knew she wanted to immerse herself more fully in the art and enrolled as a junior transfer student in Boston Arts Academy (BAA), the city's public high school for the visual and performing arts. Beginning the program as a junior, "she was slightly intimidated and overwhelmed, but she held her own," said Fernadina Chan, founding artistic dean and chair of the dance department at the academy. "Her genuine way of moving caught the eye of guest choreographer Sean Curran, and he cast her in a piece he was creating for BAA students," Ms. Chan said. "I also cast her in one of my favorite works, 'When the Woman Warrior Meets the Ghost.' She did a beautiful job in the piece."

Once at Franklin Pierce University, Nicole decided to go into the business side of her performance art and majored in Arts Management with a concentration in Dance. Upon graduation, she went to Bates College for a summer dance

program, thanks to a scholarship funded through Cleveland Arts Prize. From there, Nicole became a graduate student and teaching fellow at Smith College, where she taught dance to undergraduates while earning her Master of Fine Arts degree in Dance Performance and Choreography. After her first year at Smith, Nicole received a grant to attend MADE in France (Movement Arts & Design in Europe), a study-abroad program of the Performing Arts Department at Washington University.

Master's degree in hand, Nicole headed back to Boston, where she performed with Anikai Dance and Dance Currents and helped build a new dance company, Spunk and Co., in Cambridge. Having seen Nicole in a Dance Currents performance, Ms. Chan said, "She has turned into a stunning mature dancer."

Teaching dance is one of Nicole's passions, as is choreography. Nicole was an artist in residence at both Franklin Pierce and Providence College, where she choreographed dance concerts. She was also an adjunct faculty member at Springfield College, where she designed a course for senior dance students. In the fall of 2013 she was invited back to Springfield College to stage a jazz piece, "Slap, Clap, Flap, to This Big Band Sound," which she had created for students there in 2010.

But arts administration was never far from Nicole's sights. She worked

at Green Street Studios, where she had interned while a student at Franklin Pierce. After she moved to Atlanta, Nicole danced with several companies in the city, which led her to a position with Atlanta Ballet in 2012. Nicole coordinates community outreach there and works to bring ballet to children through "Kids in Step," which offers discounted tickets to "The Nutcracker" and other dance performances. She also works on programs that offer free dance classes to children.

"In addition to being a working artist," Nicole said, "I make sure that I take dance classes on a regular basis to stay in shape and keep my body performance-ready." She performs in Atlanta with the contemporary company T. Lang Dance.

With the right natural talent, educational background, determination, and hard work, Nicole Kedaroe was able to create a career that combines the things she loves. "Without the foundation I received in arts management and business at Franklin Pierce," said Nicole, "I wouldn't be able to do what I do."



Photo by Kim Kenney; courtesy of Atlanta Ballet Centre for Dance Education

Sustainability

Campus Laboratory

This year, students in the Sustainability Seminar, one of the courses in the Sustainability Certificate program, began exploring the question, “What is a college campus?” Is it limited to the buildings, land, and physical structures upon which learning takes place? What about vehicles, fuel, heating and electrical systems, water, and food? Or the people and places that provide them?

Challenged by this question posed by Sustainability Coordinator Ms. Jess Gerrior, students practiced looking at the Rindge campus not as a static collection of concrete, wires, trees, and soil, but as a living laboratory – a dynamic teaching tool and testing ground for ideas. Beginning with a guide called “The Campus as a Living Lab: Using the Built Environment to Revitalize College Education,” published by the US Green Building Council’s Center for Green Schools and the Sustainability Education & Economic Development (SEED) Center, students designed their own campus tour that included landmarks where sustainability was the focus. Among the elements were engaging the right campus participants, integrating sustainability into the curriculum, and engaging support beyond the campus.

Students researched their chosen landmarks and presented them to classmates. Along the way, they explained why each site – whether a natural feature, an office, technology, or other point of interest – either embodied sustainability or offered an opportunity to learn more about it. Some sites were highly visible, such as the silos containing wood pellet fuel. The students discussed how the wood fuel is locally sourced, which cuts down on green-house gas emissions from fuel delivery, and how it burns efficiently, thus reducing the demand for non-renewable fossil fuels. Single-stream recycling bins, which many students cited as increasing recycling rates on campus, were also highlighted.

Other sites were not as obvious and required students to think creatively about how sustainability becomes a socially oriented practice in their “living laboratory.” Students identified the campus



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garden, the green bulletin board in Marcucella Hall, and the dining hall in the campus center as places where community members could gather and exchange information or engage in action. The students described possibilities for how these campus features could provide opportunities for community service, experiential education, and finding out how their classroom learning relates to larger regional and global issues.

Aside from the student-designed sustainability tour, a collaborative project of the Sustainability Center and the Fitzwater Center for Communication is another example of how the Rindge campus is becoming a living lab. “Voices: Engaging Communication for Sustainability” is a year-long media campaign, funded by a New England Campus Sustainability Forum mini-grant, that is helping students “find their voice” in campus sustainability. Through public forums and communications “boot camps,” and radio, television, and print media, students are developing the knowledge and professional skills needed to exercise their voice in the campus sustainability movement.

The Sustainability Certificate program and the “Voices” campaign are just two of this year’s sustainability successes. The Sustainability Council also saw new growth both in terms of the number of attendees and the level of student leadership. The Sustainability Center continues to build relationships with facilities, dining services, athletics, residential life, and academic programs. For more information, call (603) 899-4175, send an email to sustainabilitycoordinator@franklinpiercedu, or receive updates at [Facebook.com/SustainableFPU](https://www.facebook.com/SustainableFPU).

~ By Jess Gerrior, Sustainability Coordinator

University Roundup

Around the Rindge campus ...

Rindge Hall was officially renamed **Clifford Coles Hall** at a dedication ceremony during Alumni Reunion Weekend last fall. Dr. Coles came to Franklin Pierce as the Dean of Academic Affairs in 1964. He was an administrator, teacher, and member of the Board of Trustees, and was sometimes referred to as “Mr. Franklin Pierce.” According to Vicky Rank ’02, G’05, “He helped shape the lives of hundreds of students, faculty, and staff while serving here.” Dr. Coles, who died in 1992, had an innate knack for making each individual feel that she or he was his only concern.



Four generations of the Coles family from the Seacoast to Fitzwilliam, including the three Coles daughters, gathered at the dedication, many of whom are connected to the University. Dr. Coles’s daughter Nancy began her Franklin Pierce career as a switchboard operator and rose to become bursar; granddaughter Cyndie Martin is the textbook manager of the University bookstore; grandson David Nye and great-granddaughter Samantha Wattendorf both graduated from Franklin Pierce. Samantha and student Mariah Wattendorf have both worked in the bookstore; and granddaughter Cathy Mills was employed in the Registrar’s Office.

Donors who made this honor possible to date, include: Anthony Abatino, Nicolas Albonizio, Diane Albonizio, Joseph Alessi, Susanne A. Alyce, Gary R. Appleton, Lloyd and Helen Astmann, Danny L. Becker, Sheila Bergeron, John Borino, John T. Burke, Joseph Cafaro, James P. Calvet, Brant A. Elkind, Henry G. Ellis, Stephen Faccidomo, Richard E. Falconi, Carleen Farrell, Art and Marcy Fink, John S. Flood, Stuart Fried, Carmine Giangreco, Temple Grandin (Grandin Livestock Handling Systems), Richard Green, David B. Groder, James Hoag, Charlene Hulthen (ABC Disposal & Recycling), David Irwin, Clifford Lattin, Harold M. Levy, Dennis J. Maliangos, Al Marulli (Amco Property Management), Diane Parvin, John Popp, Daniel F. Sanseverio, Raymond G. Schank, Mary Jane Sheldon-McKenzie, Sharon Lyn Stein, Marietta Stone Anastas, Marc Tieger (Tieger Realty Company), Angela Waldron, Les Weitzman, Howard Wohlander, Joseph and Arlene Wzorek, and Joseph Zampino.

Mike Fiorello and Ethan Bird of **Securitas USA**, which provides security services to Franklin Pierce University, visited the campus in July 2013 and presented a donation to be used for scholarships. Pictured here are Campus Safety Director Maureen Sturgis; Mike Fiorello and Ethan Bird, both of Securitas; Director of Communications Lisa Murray; and Vice President for Student Affairs Jim Earle.



The **2013 Fry Lecture Series** was sponsored by the Marlin Fitzwater Center for Communication last fall. “The Fitzwater Center named the lecture series for **Stanley and Cheri Fry** in recognition of the endowment fund for programming at the Center,” said the Center’s director, Dr. Kristen Nevius. Christopher Nixon Cox opened the series in November. A grandson of former President Richard Nixon, Cox spoke of his trip to China in May 2013, during which he and his wife retraced the path of his grandfather’s historic 1972 trip to China. Cox said he was “amazed at the speed at which China has developed.” He emphasized how the new Chinese regime wants to “engage with the world,” giving Cox “hope for a bilateral relationship between China and the United States.”



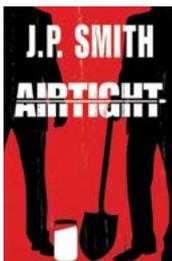
In December, the lecture series welcomed Rita Cosby, special correspondent for CBS’s *Inside Edition*. The author of two bestsellers, *Blonde Ambition* and *Quiet Hero: Secrets from My Father’s Past*, Cosby spoke about wounded veterans and their families, whom she calls “quiet heroes.”



Alumni in the news ...

A profile of **Gene Schiavone '69**, former trustee of the University, appeared in *The Huffington Post's* Arts & Culture blog (search "Gene Schiavone" on www.huffingtonpost.com). In the post, "Gene Schiavone – One of Ballet's Top Photographers Explores New Realms," the co-authors call Schiavone "one of the very best of an elite cadre of photographers." They also claim, "He is also a legend within the dance world for his easygoing kindness."

J.P. (Jay) Smith '70 is a novelist and screenwriter who has recently published his sixth novel, *Airtight*. You can learn more about Jay's fascinating career on his website: www.jpsmith.org, or search for him on Amazon's website. Jay's mentor as a writer was the late John Morressy, who was chairman of the English Department (as well as the Humanities Division), and remained one of Jay's closest friends.



Robin Picard '82 is on a two-year community development assignment in Ukraine with the Peace Corps. In addition to her Franklin Pierce degree in Social Work and Counseling, Robin earned a master's degree in Higher Education Administration. A former alumni relations director at the University, she has also worked in micro-business development support and for humanitarian organizations, including Doctors Without Borders. Robin is writing about her experiences in Ukraine; you can read about them here: <http://robinp823.wordpress.com>.

Theresa Hillery '92 returned to campus in the fall to participate in a panel presentation on Health and Science careers. Theresa is a senior associate scientist at Biogen Idec, a biotechnology company based in Weston, Mass. She specializes in mass spectrometry-based techniques for analysis of a variety of substances, including lipids and proteins as well as small molecules and metabolites in serum, plasma, and other biological matrices.

Jason Lassen '92 headed off to Hollywood a month after earning his degree. While waiting to make it big, he gave

studio tours, did sketch comedy, worked in mailrooms, and took other jobs that came along. One involved dressing up as Barney to substitute for a friend at a child's birthday party. That gig, Lassen told an interviewer from the *Valley News*, launched his career in birthday parties. His memoir, *Hollywood Clown: An inside look into the competitive and political world of children's birthday parties of Hollywood's rich and famous*, is now available in paperback and Kindle versions.

Michelle Giard Draeger '95, who holds a J.D. degree from the University of Maine School of Law, is assistant United States attorney for the District of Maine. Based in Portland, Michelle litigates civil financial fraud cases in federal district court. She manages and oversees civil fraud investigations carried out by a number of federal agencies, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Internal Revenue Service.

Triangle Credit Union of Nashua promoted **A. Scott MacKnight '98** to vice president finance/controller in October 2013. Scott, who holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from CGPS and a master's degree from Rivier University, is responsible for budgeting, cash management, financial analysis, and auditing controls at the credit union. He is president of the board of Nashua's Great American Downtown and has been a trustee of Hunt Community Building and treasurer of Salvation Army of Nashua.

T.S. Krupa, a.k.a. Tara Schollenberg '04, has published her first novel, *Safe & Sound*, which follows the yearlong journey of love, loss, friendship, and conquering the unexpected. Tara is working on her Doctorate of Education from North Carolina State University; she plans to graduate in May 2014.



Brett Bilodeau '07 and his wife **Jennifer (Russo)**, who attended Franklin Pierce during her freshman and sophomore years, had a baby girl named Gabriella on Nov. 23. They seem to be keeping all things "Franklin Pierce;" November 23 is President Franklin Pierce's birthday as well!

Ashley Saari '09 and **Alyssa Dandrea '11** were among the winners at the fall 2013 New Hampshire Press Association awards banquet. Saari, a reporter for the *Monadnock Ledger-Transcript*, a semiweekly regional newspaper based in Peterborough, N.H., took home a first-place award and six others; she majored in English and Mass Communication at Franklin Pierce. A Mass Communication major with a minor in History, Dandrea, who is now a reporter for the daily *Keene Sentinel*, won first-place, second-place, and third-place awards for stories she reported on while at the *Monadnock Ledger-Transcript*.

Johannah Leedham '10 was named one of 10 finalists for the 2013 FIBA Europe Women's Player-of-the-Year award. The finalists were selected based on their performances at both the club and international levels throughout 2013. Leedham has been one of the top international players since graduating from Franklin Pierce.

Dr. Tamara Stenn G'11, adjunct professor in the Sustainable Development Program at the SIT Graduate Institute in Brattleboro, Vt., published a book based on her thesis research at Franklin Pierce, as well as on post-doctoral research. *The Cultural and Political Intersection of Fair Trade and Justice* focuses on a study of the effects of Fair Trade on indigenous women, particularly the Andean women of Bolivia.

Faculty in the news...

Dr. Frank Hubacz, Jr., professor of chemistry, was invited to participate with the National Museum of Natural History's "The Scientist Is In" program. He spoke in the museum's Sant Ocean Hall last December, sharing his experience as a participant in the Teacher at Sea program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Dr. Hubacz also visited NOAA headquarters to share his experiences with leadership staff there. To read Dr. Hubacz's firsthand account of his time at sea, visit his blog at: <http://teacheratsea.noaa.gov/2013/hubacz.html>.

Dr. Donna Decker, professor of English, was published in *Ms. Magazine's* blog in December 2013. Her piece, "24 Years On: Never Forgetting the Montreal Massacre," discusses the subject matter that forms the basis of her forthcoming novel, which will be published in the fall of 2014 by Inanna Press in Toronto. To read the blog, visit: <http://msmagazine.com/blog/2013/12/05/24-years-on-never-forgetting-the-montreal-massacre/>.

Nicholas Kostich '12 was awarded the "Dawn Sather Exemplary New Teacher Award" from the Massachusetts Association of Science Teachers. Kostich graduated with a double major in Biology and Secondary Education. He was hired as a science teacher at Oakmont Regional High School (Ashburnham, Mass.) immediately upon graduation.



Maureen Sullivan G'15 is working toward a Doctor of Arts in Leadership degree. She was interviewed in the *Portsmouth Herald* last fall about her role as executive director of the Rockingham County Child Advocacy Center. Sullivan's research and dissertation topic is "New Hampshire Child Advocacy Centers: Are Children Best Served by a Grassroots or Centralized Agency?"

Susan Triplett G'15 moved with her two young sons into her own house in Wilder, Vt., just before last Christmas, thanks to Habitat for Humanity. The disabled veteran of the Air National Guard is studying for an M.B.A. in Health Administration. Triplett volunteers two days a week at the White River Junction VA Medical Center as part of the program and hopes to work there after graduation.

College of Graduate & Professional Studies news ...

In November 2012, **Paul Luizzi G'11**, now chief of the Goodyear (Ariz.) Fire Department, was concerned about the rise in injuries suffered by firefighters. Students in the Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.) Program at **Franklin Pierce University at Goodyear** agreed to do a study whose subjects would be the firefighters at one of the city's six fire stations. The D.P.T. students designed a program – featuring injury-prevention techniques and exercises to improve strength, stability, and balance – which they taught at the firehouse. After the program ended, Chief Luizzi found that despite a citywide increase in injuries to firefighters, the group that received exercise training suffered no injuries. In a great example of higher education giving back to the community, D.P.T. students now work with three more fire stations and the water department in Goodyear.



Dr. Joshua Cleland, a faculty member in the D.P.T. program at Franklin Pierce University at Manchester, has won the distinguished **Rose Award** for the second consecutive year. This national award recognizes the best research article of the year in Orthopedic Physical Therapy. Dr. Cleland's article entitled "Manual physical therapy and exercise versus supervised home exercise in the management of patients with inversion ankle sprain: a multicenter randomized clinical trial," was published in *The Journal of Orthopaedic and Sports Physical Therapy*.

The Doctor of Physical Therapy program at **Franklin Pierce University at Manchester** invited senior citizens

to a November seminar on the Prevention of Chronic Illnesses. The seminar took place at the William B. Cashin Senior Activity Center in Manchester. Participants were able to interact with students in the D.P.T. program to learn easy fitness strategies personalized to their needs.

Franklin Pierce University at Lebanon welcomed Catherine Gemmiti, MPAS, PA-c, as Director of the Master of Physician Assistant Studies Program. Gemmiti was the founding director of the Physician Assistant Program at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center and was program director at Eastern Virginia Medical School and the University of New England.

Offices for CGPS programs have been centralized at **Franklin Pierce University at Manchester**, which moved to a new space within the historic Jefferson Mill building at 670 North Commercial Street. The customized facility includes state-of-the-art laboratory and seminar space. **Franklin Pierce University at Portsmouth** moved to new space at 119 International Drive, in the Pease Tradeport. Franklin Pierce at Portsmouth provides both undergraduate and graduate programs and is home base to the University's expanding Nursing Education programs. **Franklin Pierce University at Goodyear** also moved to newly designed space last summer. The facility was configured to meet the needs of its growing D.P.T. program.

The College of Graduate & Professional Studies student chapter of the **Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM)** was recognized as one of the top SHRM student chapters worldwide for providing outstanding networking and educational opportunities. The chapter received SHRM's Merit Award and was formally commended at SHRM's International Annual Conference in Chicago last summer. M.B.A. Professor Carol Gravel and Nancy Blake, past president of the University's student chapter, led the effort to meet the requirements for the award, which include a variety of activities such as legislative advocacy, hosting seminars, and participating in internships.

REST STOP



“A good head and good heart are always a formidable combination. But when you add to that a literate tongue or pen, then you have something very special.”

~ Nelson Mandela



Photo by Ann Lafond

Healthcare Administration Major Comes to Rindge Campus

A new major is coming to the College at Rindge for the Fall 2014 semester: Healthcare Administration. While this major has been and will continue to be offered online through the College of Graduate & Professional Studies, now students on the Rindge campus will be able to earn a Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Administration. Dr. Andrea McGill-O'Rourke is leading this initiative as Franklin Pierce's first "hybrid" professor, splitting her time between teaching online for CGPS and on campus at Rindge.

"The Healthcare Administration program is designed to prepare students for entry level management positions and/or graduate school," Dr. McGill-O'Rourke said. Healthcare administrators focus on the business aspects of providing quality patient care in this growing field of interest. Franklin Pierce's program examines healthcare issues from a system-wide perspective, before probing into more narrowly defined areas of focus. "Students look at the healthcare landscape as a whole and then delve into ethics, laws, leadership, strategic planning, finance, systems, and epidemiology of health," said Dr. McGill-O'Rourke.



The program is professionally driven and includes a 165-hour internship so that students can gain skills in a healthcare setting. "The hands-on component is important," said Dr. McGill-O'Rourke. "Experiential learning is a key part of the curriculum." The program will roll out its first course on the Rindge campus this upcoming fall and will build from there with each subsequent semester.

Dr. McGill-O'Rourke has research interests in leadership and organizational culture. She worked as a healthcare administrator at the Gifford Medical Center in Vermont prior to joining the Franklin Pierce University community. We are pleased to welcome her aboard!



Baseball Partners with Team Impact

The defending NCAA East Regional champion Franklin Pierce University baseball team met its newest member last October during fall practice, as the team began its relationship with seven-year-old Domanik of Winchester, N.H. Domanik came to the team through Team Impact, which works to improve the quality of life for children facing life-threatening illnesses. He will have the opportunity to join the Ravens at events throughout the 2013-14 season and beyond.

Part of Domanik's day with the Ravens on Oct. 21 included a contract signing as part of Team Impact's "Draft Day" process. Analogous to a recruit signing a National Letter of Intent, Draft Day outlined the relationship between the draftee and the team and served to welcome Domanik to the Ravens baseball family. Domanik listed his favorite foods as pizza and strawberries, and Head Coach **Jayson King** made sure plenty of both were on hand at the Dr. Arthur and Martha Pappas Field for the afternoon. Rocky the Raven stopped by for the festivities as well!

The Ravens also had a bat distributor at practice that day, which proved fortuitous for young Domanik; the team was able to present him with a brand-new wooden bat – signed by all of his new friends – along with a selection of Franklin Pierce baseball gear. After the Draft Day proceedings and presentations, the

Ravens got to work for the afternoon, and Domanik was able to watch batting practice and interact with his new teammates next to the batting cage.

"It was a great event, and I know our players got just as much out of it as Domanik did," King said. "He is a terrific little boy, and we look forward to having him help our team achieve the goals we have set for ourselves in 2014."

Draft Day hasn't been the only time Dom got together with his new teammates. He joined the Ravens several more times during the fall season at the Bubble, including a pizza party with the team in December in the clubhouse to celebrate the end of the semester.

Team Impact is a nonprofit organization; core to its model is harnessing the power of teamwork by matching courageous kids facing life-threatening illnesses with collegiate athletic teams. Team Impact children are drafted onto local college teams and, to the greatest extent possible, become official members of the team for the duration of their treatment and beyond. For more information, visit <http://goteamimpact.org/>.

~ By Matt Janik, Assistant Director of Athletics



Photos by Brianna Somers



Tyler Bishop Quickly Gets into the Swing with Golf Programs

Tyler Bishop '08 is not new to the game of golf or Franklin Pierce University. His family has been involved in the game of golf for his entire life, and Bishop became quite the amateur player himself in high school. But he had to choose between golf and baseball growing up and focused more on the latter, which landed him at Franklin Pierce where he became one of the top closers in program history. His love for the school enabled him to remain at Franklin Pierce for the last several years as a development officer for the Office of Institutional Advancement.

Bishop's love of sports remained, and when Franklin Pierce announced last spring that it was adding women's golf to its stable of varsity sports, he jumped at the chance to take on a new challenge by becoming the head coach of both the men's and women's programs in Rindge. So far, the new challenge has been everything Bishop imagined.

"Building our women's golf program from the ground up has been a very exciting process for me," Bishop said. "Not too many people get the chance to start a collegiate program from square one, and I feel very fortunate to be able to do so." While the challenge of starting a new program has been rewarding, Bishop must also strike a perfect balance in working with the men's program as well.

"I have taken the approach of dedicating an equal amount of time and energy into both our men's and women's golf programs," he said. "Since the women's program is starting next season, I have spent most of my time on the recruiting trail to bring in high quality student-athletes to help build our program and be competitive from the start. For the men's team, I have spent more time developing our current players, while



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also adding some key recruits for next year's team."

Bishop did a tremendous job working with the men's golf team during the past fall season. The Ravens hosted the 2013 Northeast-10 Conference Championship at Bretwood Country Club in Keene in late September, and got hot late in the season by producing a runner-up finish at the Saint Rose Fall Shootout in mid-October. Then they turned in a program-best, seventh-place finish out of 38 teams (including several Division I schools) at the prestigious NEIGA Championship in late October. The high finishes late in the fall helped vault the Ravens into the conversation for a potential at-large bid to the NCAA Regional in May 2014.

With the recent success of the men's program, Bishop believes he can parlay that into immediate success for the women's program. Since both programs will be under the guidance of the same head coach, Bishop thinks the teams will push each other to grow.

"Both the men's and women's program will be able to benefit from each other immensely. Each program will push the other program to be better on the golf course and in the classroom. However, I think the biggest benefit is for our University. Having two collegiate golf teams increases our exposure and brings a very high quality student-athlete to our school."

With men's golf already showing impressive results in the fall, and a number of female student-athletes already committed to the program, Bishop has proven his ability to get into the swing of things very quickly.

~ By Doug DeBiase, Director of Athletics Communications

(Author's Note: Franklin Pierce Women's Golf will begin competition in the fall of 2014).



Volleyball Raises Money for Rare Cancer Research

The Franklin Pierce University volleyball team once again proved to be difference-makers in the community in 2013 by raising \$5,000 for rare cancer research through the “Dig Lavender” initiative last fall. The initiative was held in conjunction with Bentley University volleyball and six other programs throughout the Northeast; the eight teams raised \$20,000 in total, which was presented to the Dana Farber/Brigham and Women’s Cancer Institute in Boston in early December.

The fundraising drive was organized by Bentley, whose head coach Sandy Hoffman was diagnosed with Adrenal Cortical Carcinoma (ACC) earlier this year and has been treated at Dana Farber/Brigham and Women’s since that time. ACC is one of the world’s rarest cancers; the color lavender is used as an awareness tool for various forms of rare cancer, just like pink is used for breast cancer awareness.

The teams raised funds throughout the fall season. Franklin Pierce held a Dig Lavender game in late October with the Ravens donning lavender colored warm-up shirts that were also sold on the athletic department’s online team store (proceeds from the sales also went to Dana Farber).

The Ravens also solicited donations from family and friends for the worthy cause, led by junior **Catie Swiderski**, who served as the team organizer for the lavender money. Swiderski has served in that role for the last three seasons. Franklin Pierce brought in money for breast cancer research through the “Dig Pink” initiative the two previous seasons. Under Swiderski’s leadership, the Ravens raised \$1,500 her freshman year, topped it with \$3,000 her sophomore year, and then went \$2,000 beyond that to raise \$5,000 her junior year.

“The goal each year is to raise more than the previous season,” Swiderski said. “We had our team meeting in the preseason and each player had the chance to set a personal goal for themselves. Mine was to break last year’s total for Coach Hoffman and her courageous battle. Bentley and Franklin Pierce might be rivals on the court, but we, as a volleyball community, should look out for each other off the court. I was glad to be a part of this important cause.”

Head coach **Stephanie Dragan** was pleased with the response from her team, as she stresses to her student-athletes the importance of winning off the court as well as on it.

“Our decision to support Dig Lavender as a program was a personal one,” she said. “Sandy provided a personal connection for us. I am continuously amazed at the team’s effort in support of cancer awareness and research through their fundraising. Each year we set a goal to raise more than the previous year, and I am appreciative of everyone that has helped us in obtaining our goal. We are happy we can help (as little as it may be), in the battle against this ugly disease.”

Ravens volleyball has proven to be one of the top all-around programs in the Franklin Pierce Department of Athletics over the past two seasons. In addition to qualifying for the NCAA Division II Tournament twice during that time, the Ravens have posted one of the highest team GPAs in the department and the Northeast-10 Conference. They also took part in several community outreach initiatives such as cancer awareness and fundraising for the victims of the Boston Marathon bombing last April.

~ By *Doug DeBiase, Director of Athletics Communications*



Photos by Dan Forget



Catie Swiderski, who led the charge.



Kim Berit Making Strides as New Bowling Coach

In just five short months, **Kim Berit** has proven herself quite capable as a first-time head coach and leader of the new Franklin Pierce University women's bowling program. Since Sept. 1, Berit has hit the ground running (or driving for that matter), traveling several times each month to New York and New Jersey to scout prospective recruits, secure a home facility for the new program, and look into conference affiliation.

The hard work has paid off. Berit has secured commitments from multiple student-athletes and found a home for the Ravens at Gardner Ten Pins in Gardner, Mass. – a facility that more than adequately fits the needs of a collegiate bowling program. The new recruits are starting to take notice of the advances in the new program.

“The girls who signed are very excited to be a part of the program,” Berit said. “They have been updating me throughout their season and also asked how the program is coming along. They already want to be a part of the program and help get the team off the ground as soon as possible.”

Berit's drive and maturity are quickly evident, and that determination has helped pave the way for the aforementioned advances. It can be easy to forget that she is a first-time head coach and only graduated from Adelphi University in 2012, where she was a member of the school's bowling program. Her recent experience, though, as a student-athlete has helped serve her well in working with University administrators on growing the program, while connecting with the potential recruits.

“This year has been very exciting,” Berit said. “Everyone has been supportive of the new program, and it has made me confident that I will put a successful program together. Having a supportive university makes the process easier, because bowling is a sport that can very easily go unnoticed, and I want to make sure that does not happen when the girls attend in the fall.”

Berit is also excited about the new venture between the school and the Gardner Ten Pins bowling alley. Gardner Ten Pins is a privately owned facility and is a member of the Bowling Proprietors Association of America. Private ownership means Gardner Ten Pins is better equipped to help facilitate Franklin Pierce's needs for preparation of upcoming collegiate tournaments; they can set up the exact shot patterns the Ravens will face for each particular competition.

Student-athletes will be able to train on lanes that will be properly cared for using a Kegel oil machine, while also staying current on their scoring average with the QubicaAMF scoring system. The facility also features a fully stocked pro shop and works with all the top brands and distributors in the Northeast region.

“They are just as excited as we are to work with them,” Berit said. “They are new owners, so they are hoping we can help them with their exposure by opening their house to us. Not only will we use them for practice, but we plan on working with them in the future for fundraising events and eventually tournaments.”

After just five short months, it is easy to see why there is so much buzz around the new program and its new head coach.

~ By Doug DeBiase, Director of Athletics Communications

(Author's Note: Franklin Pierce Bowling will begin its inaugural season in the fall of 2014).



Photo by Franklin Pierce Athletics Communications



Community Service

QUEST

If you visited Franklin Pierce's Rindge campus last summer, you were likely to think college students seemed younger than ever. Much younger.

The 75 students in the red shirts were middle schoolers from the Jaffrey-Rindge Cooperative School District attending the fourth season of QUEST (Quality Unlimited Educational Summer Training). Chosen by the school district and led by the Jaffrey-Rindge Rotary Club, the children participated in both academic skill development taught by school district teachers, and recreational activities facilitated by Rotarians and other volunteers.

Free to the campers, QUEST met four days a week for four weeks. A typical day ran from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and included math, English, and other academic classes in the morning; lunch in the dining hall complete with camp songs; and afternoon recreation. Campers chose from activities including photography, poetry, music, archery, climbing, swimming, sailing, canoeing, horseback riding, and the fine art of spear throwing, known as atlatl.

Rotary Club members assisted students in academic classes and then taught the afternoon recreation sessions, sharing their expertise with campers. You might have found President James Birge, a Rotarian, down by Pearly Pond teaching fly fishing to a group of eager novices, or another Rotary member, with a doctorate in literature, leading a poetry workshop.

As a group, the students became toque-wearing pastry chefs when they decorated cupcakes for Jaffrey's annual Night of 1,000 Cupcakes celebration. Weather permitting, campers ended each day with free swim. The last day of camp featured a trip to Kimball Farm in Westford, Mass.

Campers were given the same math test at the beginning and end of QUEST. "Overall, in the three years of camp, more than 70 percent of the campers have moved forward in math over the course of the program," said Tonya Albee, Jaffrey-Rindge Rotary Club QUEST chairperson. "But even more important is the mentoring of campers by volunteers." QUEST runs with a one-to-five ratio of adults to campers. Because of the interaction with adult volunteers, "students leave camp with higher self-esteem and with higher aspirations," Albee said. "QUEST is a win all around for Rotary, the school district, Franklin Pierce, these kids, and our community." QUEST is funded by the partner organizations and Rotary fundraising.

In 2012, Rotary International recognized the QUEST program with the Significant Achievement Award in the District (out of 61 clubs), and the New Hampshire Board of Higher Education chose the University to receive its 2013 New Hampshire State Merit Award, presented on March 7, 2014, for its part in the QUEST collaboration between Franklin Pierce, the Rotary Club, and the school district.



Photos by Tom Doane

RAVENS 'ROUND THE TABLE

By Lisa Murray, Editor

Creating a Culture of Respect and Civility

President James Birge inaugurated the Franklin Pierce University Taskforce on Civility and Respect in the spring of 2013 to encourage the cultivation of these qualities in our students and at all Franklin Pierce locations. The President asked Associate Director of Student Involvement and Spiritual Life Bill Beardslee, and Director of the New England Center for Civic Life Joni Doherty, to co-chair the taskforce. Twelve individuals, drawn from diverse sectors of the University, including Rindge and CGPS, were then invited to serve on the taskforce; the group includes students, faculty, and staff. The group named the taskforce "Ravens 'Round the Table;" the table symbolizes equality and creates a space where everyone can be heard.



Taskforce members participated in the fall 2013 Student Leadership Training, a day of activities that prepares student leader athletes, community assistants, and experience directors for their leadership roles with the incoming freshmen. Taskforce members also made presentations during Fall Orientation, bringing the message of respect and civility to every new, incoming student.

The Gift of Respect

In order to make civility and respect an enduring hallmark of the Franklin Pierce culture, the taskforce focused on

the long-term incorporation of its initiatives. Therefore, in addition to new projects around this theme, the taskforce sought ways to integrate the group's work into existing programs, serving as a liaison with other campus entities whenever possible.

A prime example of working with existing programs is the Art and Dialogue Project, which was created by the University's New England Center for Civic Life and is now in its fifth year. Last fall, more than 400 students from 24 classes participated in the project. In order to support the efforts of the taskforce, the project team selected "The Gift of Respect" as its theme for the year. Through storytelling, readings, writing, and studio sessions, students explored their experiences with respect (or lack thereof), and what kinds of insights and lessons these experiences provided. During the studio sessions, students made boxes which contained stories they had written. The exterior of the boxes visually represented their contents.

The Gift of Respect project culminated in a multi-media celebration in November that included videos, a display of the storyboxes, and a light show created by students. In December students gave their "Gifts of Respect" to classmates, friends, or family members.

My Place at the Table

Ravens 'Round the Table launched "My Place at the Table," a poster campaign, in February. The goal is to raise awareness of respect and civility issues with regard to the people who work to make the Franklin Pierce experience a good one. Since communication often occurs through email or phone, contacts may appear impersonal which



Hands down, my gift of respect goes to my Dad. My father is a captain in the Army reserves. At the beginning of my freshman year, he was deployed to Khost, Afghanistan, for 18 months. I would get a phone call every Thursday night and sometimes it felt like he could fix a rainy day just by the sound of his voice. Other days I wouldn't get that phone call and I would just sit there waiting for the phone to ring.

I don't have any tattoos on my body, but if I did I would get a tattoo that has the captain emblem with "Capt. Kellough" on my right peck. Every time I see a soldier I gladly shake their hand and say "thank you." They go to hell and back so we can live in peace.

— Donnie Kellough

can lead to incivility. Other barriers to interpersonal respect may arise because interactions occur only when there is a problem, or because the work is "invisible." An example of this is the effort made to clean, repair, and improve campus facilities.

The posters will put a "face" on the impersonal, featuring a photo of a University staff person in their work environment with a quote from them about how their day would be affected if respect and civility was the predominant culture they experienced. The posters will be displayed on the Rindge campus, CGPS Centers, and online.

Other Initiatives

Ravens 'Round the Table is also working on the creation of a speaker series, forming a University-wide book discussion group, bringing films to campus, and developing *Civility in the Virtual World* workshops. The payoff for all of these efforts can be manifold: better online and face-to-face communication skills; an understanding of productive ways of expressing anger, hurt, and frustration; increased knowledge about other perspectives, cultures, values, and ways of being in the world; enhanced appreciation of our shared "humanity" versus placing people in impersonal categories; and an understanding that disrespect and incivility are unacceptable.

This is vital work in today's volatile world and an essential component of educating the next generation of leaders of conscience. We wish Ravens 'Round the Table much success in its continuing efforts.



My box is covered with black and white paper. These zebra lines represent the world of black and white. The seashells represent tranquility, but mixed along with them are random puzzle pieces that don't belong together. There is heavy and thick metal chain . . . showing that there is a line drawn and that it cannot be broken.

My box shows my journey to self-respect; a journey out of disrespect and discrimination. It visually represents the need for peace and acceptance in a society where black and white lines are drawn. Chains symbolize self-baggage and how that weighs down the victim. One side is disrespect and the other is a lack of self-respect and the yearning to fit into an animalistic society. I was trying to express what disrespect can do to you.

— Patience Turkson



This box allowed me to express my feelings on respect through using my own experiences. Those experiences are what shaped me as a person and by designing this box I could show my story through figures and symbols. I enjoyed creating something that had meaning.

After finishing I had insights regarding my brother. The autistic awareness symbols made me feel good about what I am doing. I printed out a blank autistic puzzle piece and put Tanner's name in it, to represent him as a kid with autism. He might be autistic but he has changed my life, and created a great atmosphere for kids with similar disabilities. Thanks to what Tanner has given me, I will try my best to make this world a better place for kids with autism.

— Hunter Niles

To see interviews on respect conducted by Franklin Pierce students, please visit: www.YouTube.com/user/HeatherTullio.

Phi·lan·thro·py [fi-lan-thruh-pee]

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

News Ways to Volunteer, Give, and Make an Impact!



Last October, John Mosser became the new Vice President for Institutional Advancement, and he has kept the division hopping ever since! Dr. Mosser brings years of expertise in development work to the division from his work at Bentley College, Bucknell University, Cornell University, and the University of Findlay, to name a few. If you have not

had the opportunity to meet him yet, you may have the pleasure sometime soon, as Dr. Mosser spends considerable time on the road – including Pierce Proud Tour stops – meeting alumni, parents, and friends of the University.

The Center for Engagement

As a way to be more inclusive of parents and friends, some exciting changes have been implemented as of Jan. 1, 2014. The Office of Alumni Relations has an expanded scope of responsibilities and is now known as The Center for Engagement. Whether you are an alum, a parent, a business, or a friend of the University, there are meaningful ways for you to engage with Franklin Pierce.

The programs at The Center for Engagement include:

- Alumni Association
- Alumni Association Board of Directors
- Parents Association
- Parents Association Board of Directors
- The Pierce Fund
- The Pierce Parents Fund
- The Ravens Club Athletic Fund
- The Pierce Clubs
- The Pierce Proud Tour
- Career Networking Programs



Christina Young, formerly the Director of Alumni Relations, has been promoted to the newly created position of Director of The Center for Engagement. Christina will continue to work with the Alumni Association and its Board of Directors. She will also have administrative responsibility for all Annual Giving Programs, which

currently include The Pierce Fund, The Pierce Parents Fund, and The Ravens Club Athletic Fund.

Additionally, Christina is in the process of forming a Parents Association Board of Directors, an exciting new way for parents to get more deeply involved in the life of the University. All parents of Franklin Pierce students are now automatically part of the Parents Association and will receive monthly email newsletters to keep informed of University news and events.

Contact Christina Young, Director of The Center for Engagement at Franklin Pierce University, 40 University Drive, Rindge, NH 03461 or youngca@franklinperce.edu or by phone at (603) 899-1131.

The Pierce Fund

Where can anyone make a donation if they wish to make the biggest impact on the life of students at Franklin Pierce University?

The answer is The Pierce Fund. If you want to make a difference with your gift in a way that will touch the lives of all students, this is the place to do it.

the **Pierce**
fund

The Pierce Fund, formerly known as The Annual Fund, is a gift designation that makes support immediately available to provide educational opportunities that go beyond what tuition and fees can support. These include financial aid to students, books and online resources for the library, recreation and fitness equipment, campus sustainability initiatives, arts and cultural programming, and much more!

New donor recognition levels have also been established.

The Pierce Fund Loyalty Giving Societies now include:

- **THE PIERCE SPIRIT CLUB**
\$1 to \$124
- **THE PIERCE CRIMSON & GRAY SOCIETY**
\$125 to \$249
- **THE PIERCE GRANITE SOCIETY**
\$250 to \$499
- **THE PIERCE MANOR SOCIETY**
\$500 to \$999

The President's Leadership Giving Societies now include:

- **THE PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL**
\$1,000 to \$1,961
- **THE PRESIDENT'S 1962 CIRCLE**
\$1,962 to \$4,999
- **THE PRESIDENT'S LEADERSHIP COUNCIL**
\$5,000 to \$9,999
- **THE TRUSTEES' CIRCLE**
\$10,000 to \$49,999
- **THE REGENT'S COUNCIL**
\$50,000 to \$99,999
- **THE CHAIRMAN'S CIRCLE**
\$100,000 or more

Charter Memberships Available for The Pioneer Legacy Society

Franklin Pierce University's planned giving program has launched a new planned gift recognition group known as The Pioneer Legacy Society. The Office of Planned Giving is delighted to

announce that charter memberships in The Pioneer Legacy Society are available until Dec. 31, 2015. There is no cost to becoming a member in The Pioneer Legacy Society. Membership is available to anyone who lets the University know that they have established an estate or retirement plan gift for the institution, or establishes a planned gift through a trust, Charitable Gift Annuity, gift of life insurance, or retained life estate.



For more information, contact **John Mosser**, VPIA, Franklin Pierce University, 40 University Drive, Rindge, NH 03461 or [Mosserj@franklinpierce.edu](mailto:mosserj@franklinpierce.edu) or by phone at (603) 899-4031.

Corporate Giving

We would like to give a shout-out to Pizza Haven and Belletetes Hardware for being such loyal Corporate Sponsors over the years. Both businesses have helped to support various Athletic programs, helping student-athletes to enjoy the discipline, teambuilding, and fitness that participation in sports helps to foster.



For more information on how your business can become a corporate sponsor of Franklin Pierce University, contact **Lisa Murray**, Director of Communications, Corporate & Community Relations at Franklin Pierce University, 40 University Drive, Rindge, NH 03461 or murrayli@franklinpierce.edu or by phone at (603) 899-4221.



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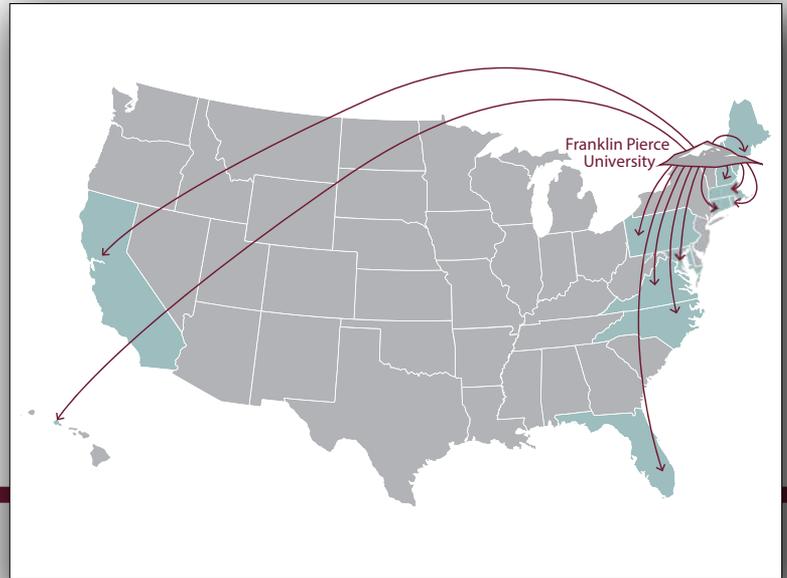
Let us know what you think! Be part of these new initiatives. Feel free to contact The Center for Engagement and give us your ideas, volunteer to be part of it, or learn more about various ways to give to the University. Show that you are Pierce Proud by supporting Franklin Pierce University and its hardworking student body. We look forward to engaging with you.

Engagement

Alumni, Parents, and Friends

Pierce Proud Tour

The *Pierce Proud Tour* is a national tour designed to introduce President James Birge to alumni, parents, and friends around the United States.



Calendar of Upcoming Events:

March 2014:

March 15-17

Florida Tour Stops

- Tampa Bay area
- Palm Springs area

March 21-24

California Tour Stops

- Los Angeles, CA
- Napa Valley, CA

June 2014:

June 6-8

New Hampshire Tour Stop
REUNION WEEKEND 2014
Rindge, NH

June 9

Golf Tournament
Keene Country Club
Keene, NH

June 21

North Carolina Tour Stop
Durham Bulls Game
Durham, NC

July 2014:

July 12

Maine Tour Stop
Portland Sea Dogs Game
Portland, ME

August 2014:

August 2

Massachusetts Tour Stop
FPU Night at the Red Sox
Fenway Park, Boston, MA

Date TBD

Hawaii Tour Stop
Honolulu Alumni Reception
Honolulu, HI

For more information on *Pierce Proud Tour* events visit us on the web:
www.franklinpierce.edu/alumni/pierceproud.htm

TOP 10 Reasons for Alumni to be *Pierce Proud*:

1. I am who I am because of my time at Franklin Pierce.
2. The years I spent at Franklin Pierce were some of the best years of my life.
3. The beautiful campus was a second home from the minute I stepped on it.
4. Franklin Pierce changed me, but I also helped change it.
5. I made life-long friendships while at Franklin Pierce.
6. I met my future/current spouse while at Franklin Pierce.
7. I had unique experiences and many opportunities that changed my life while at Franklin Pierce.
8. I could be myself at Franklin Pierce and was always supported both academically and in everyday life.
9. The incredible community of staff, students, and alumni keep me connected to my alma mater because of the influence they had on my years at Franklin Pierce.
10. I was part of something bigger while at Franklin Pierce – whether in a club or an athletic team – I knew I was never alone.

Recent Events:





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Class Notes

1969

Timothy Sherry opened and ran four businesses in Vermont for 15 years. He then moved to Florida to open a real estate business, but instead accepted a position with an \$8 billion company for the last 16 years. He is now retired but still dabbling in a little real estate while enjoying Florida.

1970

Philip Bruno is still working as an overstock book auctioneer, but spent his first year as a snowbird in Boynton Beach, Fla. Any alum around the class of 1970 should drop an email to him at: pinto1212@aol.com.



J. David Butner '70 and granddaughter

J. David Butner and his wife Karen attended a sprint football game between FPU and USNA in Annapolis, Md., in September 2013 at the tailgate hosted by Dr. Birge. When Franklin Pierce plays Navy again, he hopes more FPU alumni can attend. They have a beautiful granddaughter, who is the love of their life.

J.P. (Jay) Smith recently published his sixth novel, *Airtight*. His earlier five titles have been reissued by Thomas & Mercer. Jay is also a working screenwriter. (Please note this information was incorrectly printed in the last issue of the *Pierce Radius*.)

1971

Richard Schwartz is retired after 33 years as an x-ray technologist. He has been married since 1973 and has two daughters, Darian and Jylian.

Bruce Barrett is soon to enter his third year at South Bay as a staff therapist. This after nine children, nine grandchildren so far, and one lovely wife, Judi.

1972

Barry Dolin has been retired for three years after 30 years of public service, teaching, and serving as the deputy director of the Mayor's Office of Special Events in Chicago. He is now teaching at Dominican University, one class a term; History of Rock and Roll, or Blues and Jazz Appreciation.

Arthur "Fritz" Dehn retired from GE Healthcare in May of last year after 35 years in capital equipment sales and management. He is loving every minute of boating and golfing during the summer and traveling to warm destinations with his wife Pam during the winter. They have two wonderful grandchildren, Michael (18 months old), and Hailey (16 months). One of his favorite times at FPC was when they originally opened the 21 CLUB with Jake Weiss, Jim and Maura Vassilides, Peter Coughlin, and a band of renowns!



Fritz Dehn '72 and wife Pam

1975

Steven Just and **Helene (Greenewald) Just '76** have a son now looking at colleges - maybe FPU? Second generation!

James McDonald reports that he is fully retired. He now spends his time fishing, tying flies, working on the boat, and working at the marina.

Henry W. Cox II is retired and has moved to the suburbs of Atlanta.

1976

Fred Berger retired from the State of New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance on July 1, 2013, after 30 years of state service. Sadly, his wife passed away on Nov. 2, 2012, and he is now the single parent of their 14-year-old son, Craig.

1977

Jane Moynihan Benedict has two sons, Carter and John. She is currently an office manager at Horiuchi Solien Landscape Architecture, Inc. and Botanica Fine Gardens, LLC.

1978

Howard Lewis is married to a wonderful lady, Mimi, who is an intervention/prevention specialist in two Philadelphia Catholic High Schools. Howard has been in the lighting business with a focus on manufacturing. Up until last year he operated Lighting Alternatives, Inc. He sends a big hello to all of those that remember Hubbard Hill.

1982

Debora (Carbone) McLaughlin said, "The world does really change when you drop in to who you are!" She is excited to announce that her newest book, *Running in High Heels*, for women in leadership, is published! Interviewing women CEOs across the country gave her amazing top tips to share. See what happens when you unlock your renegade spirit!

Hal Pyke, his wife Pam and daughter Eleanor live in Warwick, N.Y. He works as the vice president for PetVet Care Centers, a national network of advanced care veterinary hospitals. The family enjoys traditional Taekwondo, travel, and their pug Freddy.

1988

Nan McCarthy reports that 2013 was a good year. Her painting "Monadnock on a Winter Day" took Honorable Mention at the Biennial Regional Jurors' Choice Competition at the Thorne-Sagendorph Gallery at Keene State in January. Her paintings sold well as she was getting low on inventory toward the end of the season. Visit her website: www.nanmccarthy.com.



Nan McCarthy '88



Bill Paskowski '84 and Debbie Ormezzano Paskowski '84, with their daughter Jessica and assistant coach for Pace University - Eddie Evans '95, enjoyed a final moment together after the FPU and Pace women's soccer game on October 26.

1991

Pamela (Melvin) Talbot, **Andrea (Giggey) Culross**, and **Sandra (Ouelette) MacMillan** and their families, welcomed in the New Year together (again) in Massachusetts.

1992

David Carr brought his wife to New England for the first time this summer and they had an awesome time!

Elaine (Jubar) Sampson recently started a new job as the technology and employment coordinator with Project Career at West Virginia University. Project Career is a federally funded grant creating cutting edge research on how technology impacts college and university students with traumatic brain injury.

1993

Denise (Harty) Coolidge mentioned that while attending college, she worked full time in an entry level position at Liberty Mutual Insurance. Upon graduating with a B.S. in Computer Science, she has advanced multiple times within the company and is currently an employee of 25 years and working as a business project manager. She is married with two daughters, one studying at UNH and the other a senior at Dover High School.



Colleen M. (Dunleavy) Rawlings '93

Thank you for your submissions. Let us know about your achievements, adventures, and what you have been doing since graduation! Please limit your submission to 50 words. Submit your class notes for the next issue by June 1, 2014, at: www.franklinpierce.edu/alumni and click on "Update Your Information."

Colleen (Dunleavy) Rawlings sends greetings from Wyoming. She hopes all of you enjoy your job as much as she does, as she is hard at work in Yellowstone. If any of you make it to Old Faithful, stop by the Ranger Station and look her up. Winter is best if you can take the cold, snow, and riding a snowmobile, but summer time gives you more freedom and access to the sights.

1994

Winshell Laguerre has been keeping busy working for Mercer for the past 13 years, and DJing events such as corporate parties, birthday parties, and weddings. Speaking of which, Winshell would like to announce his engagement to Kellie Weibrecht! They are planning a March 2014 event.

Dianne Paquette is working in finance for Siemens, but most exciting of all, she has become an on-air personality with her own Retro Radio Disco show on WNHN 94.7 in Concord. She loves broadcasting!

Francesco "Frank" Daniele '93 and **Amy Mongold Daniele** report that their family is doing well living in Cromwell, Conn. Frank celebrated 20 years at Travelers in Hartford. Dianne is enjoying her job as an elementary school special education paraprofessional. Their daughter Lindsey is a freshman in high school and is interested in teaching. Their son Ryan is in fifth grade and, like his father, is quite the percussion player.

1995

Jill Meister moved back to New Hampshire in June 2013 to start a new job at the University of New Hampshire in the Development Office as the director of prospect research and management. She is very happy to be back in the Granite State!

Erik Barone recently received his 3rd Emmy Award for his part as Steadicam Operator of "2012 Best Technical Team Remote" for Winter X Games 2012.

Jason McCormack completed his M.B.A. in Sports Management from Franklin Pierce University in December 2013. He is looking forward to walking at graduation this May.



Brian J. Perrault '95 and Alyssa K. Weber were married on Nov. 9, 2013, in Kingston, Mass., at the Jones River Trading Company.



Twenty years later, the strong friendships built at college just keep growing. Every fall Rachel Davis Sautter '97, June Sckemecki Arebello '97, Meggan Diaz Batten '97, and Jay Arbelo '96 meet for a family reunion of sorts. Each year the group grows, now including a total of six kids and spouses.

1996

Carl Gamberdella and **Lisa (Ackerson) Gamberdella** reported that this summer Lisa left her full-time job and works from home helping people reach their health and fitness goals. For more information, visit www.team2ndchance.net. Carl graduated from the Massachusetts State Fire Academy and was awarded top class honors. This December they welcomed the newest member of their family, a Shiba Inu puppy named Neko.



Neko

Shawn Marsh welcomed Little Tommy Marsh this year. Now they have Shawn (15), Katie (12), and a new baby. Shawn shared that it was a shock, but a welcomed surprise.

Damon Peter Rallis announced his engagement to Joanna R. Land on Jan. 6, 2014. A June 2015 wedding is planned. Damon and Joanna live in Mattituck, N.Y., with Damon's children, Destin Elijah (6) and Luca Owen (9).

1999

Erin (Haney) De Vries graduated from FPC in the Environmental Sciences program. Erin had a baby boy, Wade Harris De Vries in December 2012. "He is very chill and super smiley! We love him lots." Erin is also working for Lake Champlain Sea Grant in Burlington, Vt., as the outreach & education coordinator for the University of Vermont Watershed Alliance Program. She encourages any Walk Across Europe folks to give a shout if you are in Burlington.

Brent Merrill has won a Suncoast Regional Emmy Award for producing coverage of the Boston

Bombing Suspect Manhunt. He was also nominated for his coverage of local parents who kidnapped their sons and sailed to Cuba to hide from authorities.

Chris Holman, a.k.a. CJ the DJ, was honored with the prestigious 2014 Wedding Wire Couple's Choice Award for being in the top five percent of professionals in the wedding industry nationwide. CJ discounts any event by \$50 for members of the FPU community.

2000

Michelle (Overin) Barbour went to FPC from 1996-1997 and tells everyone about what a wonderful time she had as part of the Franklin Pierce family. She married Chris Barbour in 2000; they have a 12-year-old daughter, Abigail and a 10-year-old son, Noah, and live in Plantsville, Conn. Michelle is an R. N. and works for Connecticut Children's Medical Center in Hartford.

Rainsford Deware was promoted to chief of police, Lyndeborough Police Department, Lyndeborough, N.H., on Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2013.

Ellore (Crowe) Jennings gave birth to a beautiful little girl in Plymouth, N.H., with her husband, Matt, who helped deliver her! Holland Elizabeth Jennings was born on July 12, 2012. She is an amazing, funny, and talented little girl and looks forward to visiting her Mama's alma mater! Ellore, Matt, and Holland all moved back to Ellore's hometown of Marblehead, Mass., and love being closer to family and the ocean!

David Owen is married with a daughter, Yvie Sophia. He is a qualified costs lawyer working within the legal system in England and Wales. He is also a proud Scouser, who is still playing soccer following his successful playing career at FPC!

Elisa (Palmieri) Piscitelli lives in New York and is a producer/videographer for an advertising agency within the Time Warner Corporation, as well as an independent, certified yoga instructor. Elisa is mom to two amazing kids and has been happily married for over a decade.

Tom Cruickshank and Elisa got married at St. Kilian's Church in Farmingdale, N.Y., on April 5, 2013.

2001

Dan Weykman, wife Kim, and 6-year-old daughter, Ella, welcomed Jacob Thomas Weykman, weighing in at 9 lbs, 15 oz and 21 inches long. The whole family is doing well!

2003

Catrina Cuevas continues to play volleyball, dance, and has opened her own Leadership and Organizational Development Coaching, Consulting and Training practice based in Seattle. She recently graduated with her second M.A. in Leadership and Organizational Development from the Leadership Institute of Seattle, Saybrook University. Find her on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/TenaciousCatCuevas>, or check out her website at: www.catcuevas.com.



Catrina Cuevas '03

Chalam (Smith) Hosig was married on Aug. 30, 2008, had first daughter Olivia in 2009, and second daughter Grace in 2012.

Jonathan and Jennifer **Kabak** welcomed their daughter Olivia into the world this past July. The three call downtown Brooklyn home.

Denise Pabon is a mom of a beautiful 6-year-old daughter. She is employed at Labor Bathgate Community Child Care Center as the acting disability/education coordinator.

Jaki (Gaudet) Selwyn married Chris Selwyn on April 20, 2013. Suzette Nathan served as maid of honor, and Darcie Smith served as a bridesmaid. Also in attendance from FPC was **Barbara Groth '79**. The couple reside in Cranston, R.I.



Claire Elizabeth Strawn

Rachel (House) Strawn reports that 2013 was a big year! Claire Elizabeth Strawn was born on March 29. She and husband Lamar celebrated two years of marriage in April. Strawn Brewing Co.,

Georgia's sixth microbrewery, celebrated its one year anniversary in September. They can't wait to see what 2014 will bring!

2004

G. Andrew Bucci welcomed a miracle baby born at 24 weeks weighing only 1 lb, 3 oz. She is now perfectly healthy and a thriving one year old!

Alexandra Farsun '03 and **John T. Dembushack** married Aug. 24, 2013, in Mystic, Conn.



Steven Menard '07 and **Sarah Scoville '08** married Nov. 30, 2013, in Haverhill, Mass., after nine years of dating that began Sarah's freshman year. By their side were FPC alums **Michelle Durand '09**, **Krystin Dragonetti '08**, **Joshua Sigsworth '07**, **Stephan Bouley '06**, and many other FPC friends in attendance. Steven and Sarah reside in Boston, where Steven is a financial analyst, and Sarah is in marketing.

Brandon Silva has been a statistician at MLB.com since 2008, as well as a communications director for a nonprofit foundation since 2013. In January 2014, his son Ben turned four years old.

Veron Browne received a Ph.D. degree in Pharmacology and Toxicology and presented dissertation work on "The Effects of Maternal Low Protein Diet During Pregnancy and Lactation on the Status of Lipid Homeostasis and Mitochondrial Function in Adult Rat Offspring" on Jan. 9, 2014.

Remi Francoeur received his Canadian citizenship in December of 2013, making him a dual citizen of the United States and Canada.

Quinn Tremblay serves as the admissions coordinator for McLean Hospital in their "high-end" substance abuse treatment center, Fernside.

2006

Owen Fitzpatrick and **Maribeth (Foley) Fitzpatrick** were married on April 7, 2013, in a private ceremony in Newburyport, Mass., after almost 10 years of dating. Their relationship began sophomore year at Franklin Pierce. Owen is a police officer in Andover, Mass., and Maribeth is a graphic/web designer.

Jessica Gale-Tanner is now employed as a graphic designer and photo editor for the *Athol Daily News*.

Michael Liik and **Jessica Fielder** were married on Oct. 19, 2012, at St. Pius X Church in Old Tappan, N.J. A reception was held at The Pearl River Hilton in Pearl River, N.Y. **Nathaniel Horowitz** was a groomsman. **Kevin Hagerty**, **Stephen Bouley**, **Steven Menard '07**, **Dan Miller '08**, and **Dan Morris '05** were all in attendance.

2007

Jessica Fantini left her position as a resident director at Southern Maine Community College in July 2013

to join the Campus Living team at University at Buffalo, State University of New York as a residence hall director. She oversees a building of approximately 500 first year, transfer, and international students and also supervises a part-time professional assistant residence hall director and 16 paraprofessional resident assistants.

Sara Estis got engaged on March 29, 2013, and is planning her June 29, 2014, wedding! Her bridesmaids include alumni, **Kallie Moylan** and **Lindsay Girard '08**, and she cannot wait to celebrate with other close Pierce friends at the wedding. In September 2013, she completed her Master of Arts in Teaching degree from Northeastern University and is teaching 9th and 10th grade history at Quincy High School in Quincy, Mass.

Whitney (Carlson) Ryan married Scott Ryan on Aug. 14, 2010. They have two children, Mackenzie Lynne, born June 20, 2011, and Jackson Spencer, born Jan. 12, 2013. The family lives in Keene, N.H.

2008

Nicole Kedaroe is living in Atlanta. She is putting her Arts Management degree to use with her new position as community programs & adult division manager with the renowned Atlanta Ballet. She is currently performing with the Atlanta-based dance company, T. Lang Dance. She had a great time reuniting with the class of 2008 this past October for Alumni Reunion Weekend!

Molly (Joseph) Tinker welcomed a son, Miles Joseph Tinker, on June 18, 2013.

Melissa (Philbrook) Gagne is working at Rehab 3 at Marsh Brook as an integral member of the spine team. A year ago she completed her residency training at the Institute of Manual Therapy. She has been happily married for just over four years and has a gorgeous one-year-old daughter, who is the light of her life.

In Memoriam . . .

Prof. William Ball, Former Faculty, Aug. 8, 2013 | Dr. Frank S. DiPietro, Founder and Trustee Emeritus, Dec. 6, 2013
 Jess William Gluckler '78, Rindge Alumni, Aug. 13, 2013 | Norma Maxwell '71, Rindge Alumni, Oct. 25, 2013
 Dr. George Michaelides, Former Faculty, Aug. 6, 2013



Jon Logan '08 and Biz (Allen) Logan '08.

Jon Logan and Biz (Allen) Logan were married on June 28, 2013, in Hampstead, N.H., among several of their Franklin Pierce alumni. They look forward to welcoming their first baby in May 2014.

2009

Tony Catinella was hired as an account executive in the public relations practice of O'Neill and Associates. He provides support to clients in the media, nonprofit, and healthcare industries. Tony brings years of experience working for print and broadcast outlets, such as the *Canton Citizen* and *Patriot Ledger* newspapers, and Hingham, Weymouth, Canton, Dedham, and West Roxbury AOL/Patch.com sites.

2010

Colleen Beaver graduated from New England Law Boston in May and passed the Massachusetts Bar in November. She has accepted her first position as an attorney at a small firm in Salem, Mass. Shout-out to the rest of her Ravens! Caw!

Conrad Farnham accepted a new position working at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center as the new department of surgery manager in October 2013. His new role enables him to utilize his degree in Accounting and Finance, as well as his previous degree in Business Administration. Conrad also works as the booking manager for The Shana Stack Band, a Top 40 Country Band that performs original music, along with some southern rock mixed in.

Abbie Tumbleson moved to Newport, Ore., last October to start a new job with the Newport

News-Times as a section editor and reporter. She previously spent three years living and working in West Yellowstone, Mont., where she served as the editor of the *West Yellowstone News* and explored Yellowstone National Park.

Alexa Cavanaugh graduated with her M.Ed. from Fitchburg State University and is actively seeking an elementary teaching position.

Katie Ristow was working as a graduate assistant for the athletics marketing department while working on her Masters in Sports Management at Florida International University (FIU). She graduated in May 2012 and has assumed the role of assistant marketing director for Athletics at FIU.

2011

Frank Martino moved from Boston, Mass., to Austin, Texas, after accepting a job offer to start a marketing department with a wholesale and surplus lines insurance broker.

Mathew Forest reports that since graduating from the D.A. program at FPU, he has obtained a principal position at Groveton Elementary School in Groveton, N.H. He is in his 3rd year in this position and is also an adjunct instructor at Springfield College, teaching in both the graduate and undergraduate programs.

2013

Susan Conroy has been employed since June 2013 as a staff accountant at Alexander, Aronson, Finning, a public accounting and consulting firm, headquartered in Westborough, Mass.



Amanda Schuchman '09 and Matthew Whitney '09 got married on New Years Eve! The couple met freshman year at Franklin Pierce in 2005 while doing laundry in Granite Hall. They had their engagement pictures done on campus by fellow alum, Ryan Hulse. Many wedding guests were also alums!



Photo by: Robert Norman Photography

Front row: Katelyn Levesque '11, John Dembishack '04, Chris Viscel '04, Elaine (Graham) Pennacchio '03, Tyler English '04, Ali (Farsun) Dembishack '03, and Sarah Dembishack '10.
 Middle/back row: Christen (Kelleher) Alberino '03, Sarah Mull '04, Josh Clatterback '03, Linda (Ruggieri) Salmon '03, Lauren (Alaimo) Viscel '03, Kari Nestor '04, Tim Aumack '03, Erin (Bailey) Anderson '04, and Danny Anderson '04.

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~ Ken Ervin '96, G'03

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