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On June 29, more than 35 members of the 50th reunion Class of 1969 attended Alumni Reunion Weekend, where they enjoyed a wonderful time catching up with one another and the University. Here they are with President Kim Mooney '83 following the barbeque lunch on the Manor lawn. The class, which has remained notably loyal to Franklin Pierce and to one another, received a special 50th medallion and a yearbook that was conceived and created with the efforts of Helen Astmann '69 and Dinny Parvin '69. It was wonderful to see so many return to reconnect and rejoice at their fond memories.

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President Kim Mooney '83 in her office.

Bold Vision and Purposeful Action

Fall 2019 will be remembered by Raven Nation as a time of bold vision and purposeful action. Over the past year, faculty, administrators, and staff have engaged in creative collaborations that have resulted in new synergies, courageous decision-making, and a new organization of Academic Affairs that will carry Franklin Pierce University well into the future.

The University has established the College of Health and Natural Sciences and the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences to integrate graduate and undergraduate programs within related disciplines. Along with the College of Business, the new colleges reflect a vision that prioritizes seamless faculty connections and curricular pathways for our students. This structure gives prominence to our growing programs and helps students – current and prospective – find their place and their passions at Franklin Pierce.

I am deeply grateful to faculty and staff who responded with exceptional energy and engagement to the work of preparing for this transition. Colleagues from each of the colleges gathered over the summer to develop white papers that provide context and possibilities for the future to their respective deans. Others worked on the committee structures and workflows needed to support the new organization. As a community, they did the “invisible” work that allowed us to hire and appoint tremendous talent to make this vision a reality.

Please join me in welcoming Dr. David Starrett, our interim provost and vice president of academic affairs, who comes to us from Columbia College in Missouri. Dr. Norman Faiola joins us from State University of New York Morrisville to serve as dean of the College of Business. Dr. Matthew Konieczka, from Newbury College in Massachusetts, has been appointed dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences. Dr. Andrew Pollom joins us as dean of Student Affairs, from Lake Forest

College in Illinois. Our own Dr. Sarah D’Angelantonio is serving a one-year appointment as executive dean of assessment and academic affairs. Dr. Maria Altobello, dean of the College of Graduate and Professional Studies under our old structure, will serve a one-year term as dean of the College of Health and Natural Sciences.

The work continues on our new strategic plan that will guide us forward after 2020. As part of this effort, we are developing a University-wide statement on diversity and inclusivity. Our freshman class this year includes the largest number of diverse students in our history, and we must understand and address the needs and perspectives of students from all backgrounds. We are building on the powerful work done in student-led sessions at our Professional Development and Training day last January. Our commitment is to define what we mean by diversity and inclusivity, and bring it to life in the Franklin Pierce community.

We are also excited about new spaces on the campus at Rindge for students to gather and engage. With the generous support of alumni from the Class of 1971, the Lakeside Educational Center on Pearly Pond has been transformed into a beautiful new park. The Café patio has been expanded and lights installed. The College of Business has a new entrance and reception area, with new classroom technology that has been rolled out across the Rindge academic spaces.

Finally, I’d be remiss if I didn’t mention the new Division II status of our football team, the Division I status of our women’s hockey team, and our pep band to support them. Go, Ravens!

KIM MOONEY '83
PRESIDENT



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—PRESIDENT KIM MOONEY '83





RAVENINGS

CLASS OF 2019

Forever Connected

Graduates and honorees shine at 54th Commencement

Graduates, parents, faculty, and guests gathered in the glorious New Hampshire sunshine on May 18, 2019, to celebrate the 54th Commencement at Franklin Pierce University.

Members of the Class of 1969 were on hand to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the University's first full commencement exercises. The University conferred 518 degrees, including 89 doctoral, 99 master's, 317 bachelor's, and 13 associate's degrees.

President Kim Mooney '83 awarded honorary degrees to three individuals who have contributed their talents in geographical areas where Franklin Pierce's academic centers are located. Joyce H. Craig is the first female mayor of Manchester, N.H., home to Franklin Pierce's Doctor of Physical Therapy program. Mayor Craig received a Doctor of Public Administration in recognition of her contributions to employment and quality of life in the state's largest city, and her collaboration with colleges and universities. "I lost my first election by 64 votes," Mayor Craig told the graduates. "Your vote counts."

Mayor Georgia T. Lord of Goodyear,

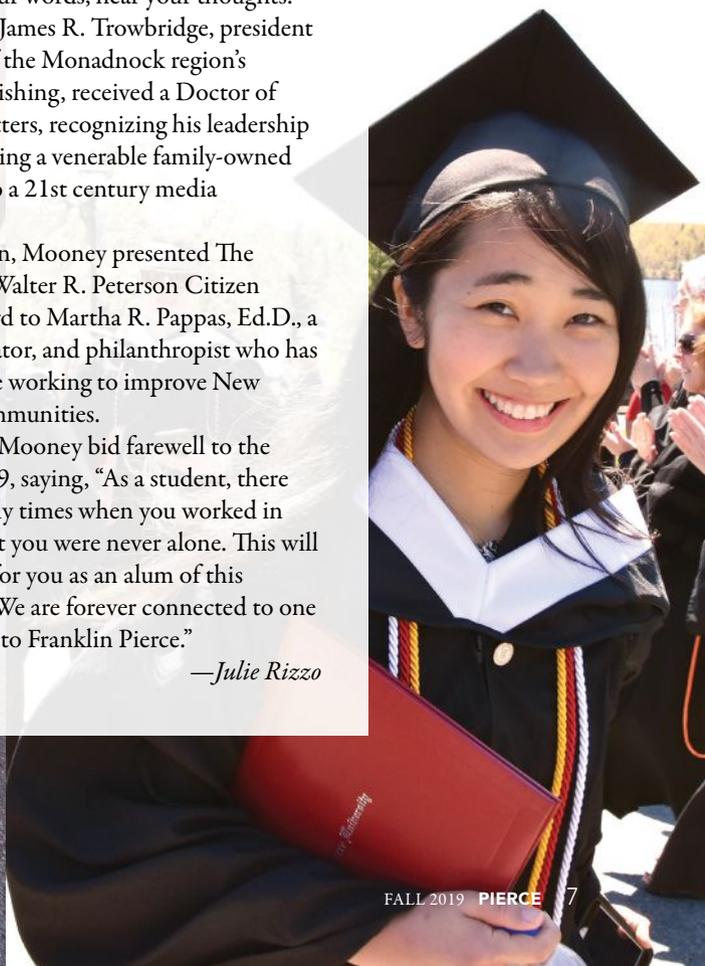
Ariz., home to the Arizona-based DPT and Nursing programs, received a Doctor of Public Administration in honor of the energy and vision she brings to building community in one of the fastest-growing cities in the country. Mayor Lord encouraged graduates to "let people see your face, hear your words, hear your thoughts."

Publisher James R. Trowbridge, president and CEO of the Monadnock region's Yankee Publishing, received a Doctor of Humane Letters, recognizing his leadership in transforming a venerable family-owned business into a 21st century media enterprise.

In addition, Mooney presented The Honorable Walter R. Peterson Citizen Leader Award to Martha R. Pappas, Ed.D., a writer, educator, and philanthropist who has spent her life working to improve New England communities.

President Mooney bid farewell to the Class of 2019, saying, "As a student, there were certainly times when you worked in isolation, but you were never alone. This will still be true for you as an alum of this institution. We are forever connected to one another and to Franklin Pierce."

—Julie Rizzo



GSNC Leads State News Effort

Fitzwater Center partners with N.H. media to find solutions

The Presidency and the Press group poses with a statue of Franklin Pierce in Concord.



In an era of shrinking media budgets and dwindling newsroom staff, journalists are struggling to cover complex issues in the local news.

Challenges such as mental health and the opioid crisis are spreading in communities large and small, and news organizations are finding new ways to work together to uncover problems and highlight solutions. The Marlin Fitzwater Center for Communication is a leader of that effort in New Hampshire, as a founding member of the Granite State News Collaborative (GSNC).

Initially formed in June 2018, GSNC has become a statewide multimedia news collaborative, whose 16 partners work together to add dimension and depth to reporting on issues of concern in the state. The collaborative's first project was to amplify stories about behavioral health issues in New Hampshire, with a goal of building public trust and holding government accountable.

In May 2019, GSNC convened a community conversation at Franklin Pierce's Manchester center about the state's mental health and substance abuse crises. More than 60 people attended "Solutions from the Frontlines: A Community Behavioral Health

Conversation," including consumers of the state's mental health and treatment programs, mental health service providers, journalists, and lawmakers.

Pierce Media Group, the student news organization, participates as an associate partner in the collaborative, and provided livestreaming for the event.

GSNC sponsored last summer's Presidency and the Press at Franklin Pierce, a weeklong intensive that invited high school and college journalists and teachers from across New England to work with Fitzwater Center staff, Franklin Pierce faculty, and Melanie Plenda, project editor for the GSNC. Plenda introduced the concept of "Solutions Journalism" adopted by the GSNC, and young journalists brought their questions and concerns about behavioral health issues to political leaders and candidates at events across the state.

"The collaborative is committed to including student journalists in these conversations," said Kristen Nevious, director of the Fitzwater Center, "as they prepare to take on incredibly demanding roles in our democracy." —*Julie Rizzo*

Economic Influencer

Pierce Among "Top Women-Led Nonprofits" in the state

Franklin Pierce University and President Kim Mooney '83 were named to *Business NH Magazine's* list of "Top Women-Led Businesses and Nonprofits for 2018."

Franklin Pierce is among the top five on the list, recognizing the mission and economic impact of the University in the state. Other top honorees include Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital, St. Paul's School, Frisbie Memorial Hospital, and Foundation Medical Partners.

Business NH is published monthly, with a readership of more than 50,000. The publication compiles the list to celebrate the economic influence of nonprofits on the New Hampshire economy. The October 2018 issue includes a profile of President Mooney, noting her decades-

long connection to the University as an alumna, trustee, provost, and first female president.

"Mooney helped introduce the health sciences major in 2012," wrote reporter Melanie Plenda, "which immediately became one of the University's most popular majors. It remains so, with almost a third of incoming freshmen intending to pursue that course of study."

"Taking the reins as president," Plenda's article continues, "she says she still has her eye on programming. Specifically, she wants to make sure that the University has an appropriate mix of academic and degree programs that will interest students and maintain a contemporary curriculum. At the same time, she's focused on building the financial foundation of the University and moving it toward a sustainable future."



President Mooney sees the institution's strength and financial stability as her top priorities. Under her leadership, the University has seen operational surpluses, even while making substantial investments in the student experience. Pointing to the fact that the University's endowment more than doubled between 2016 and 2019, Mooney credits the accomplishment as possible only with the support of the entire Franklin Pierce community.

—*Julie Rizzo*

CHRISTINE CARIGNAN (BUSINESS NH); ANDREW CUNNINGHAM (PRESIDENCY AND THE PRESS)



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Recreation for Seniors

Fitness course provides opportunity for experiential learning

When Lindsay Vago DPT '06 saw a need in the Rindge community, she took steps to fill the void. Her efforts to provide fitness classes for local senior citizens also offered an opportunity for experiential learning for her students.

In partnership with the Rindge Recreation Center, Vago, assistant professor of health sciences, launched an eight-week, student-led exercise class in October 2019 for elderly Rindge residents.

For their part, students made assessments and implemented fitness techniques focused on improving balance, strength, endurance, and flexibility of the participants. In addition to improved fitness for the seniors, the goal of the eight-week program was for students to gain practical skills, including assessing heart rates and guiding clients through specific exercises, while measuring each participant's individual progress.

As part of Vago's Assessment and Prescription of Fitness course, the Rindge Recreation Center program allowed participating students to swap lab time for hands-on learning. With the promotional help of the *Monadnock Ledger-Transcript*, local senior citizens learned about the program through articles published in the spring of 2019, and were able to sign up free of charge.

"This is our pilot year," says Vago, "but I think this is a sustainable program. It fills a need for seniors and provides students with real-world experience, while giving back to the Rindge community."

Vago is one of the original graduates of the Doctor of Physical Therapy program at Franklin Pierce, which was first offered in 2006. She has taught a variety of health sciences courses, including Kinesiology, Introduction to Health Science, and Management of Patients With Multi System Involvement. Her areas of interest include diabetic foot ulcers, fall prevention in the elderly, and balance, making her the perfect fit to lead the program.

"The Rec Center was a pleasure to work with," says Vago, "and it is my hope that this program continues to grow and thrive. It's really a win-win." —*Marissa Colcord*

Top: Lindsay Vago DPT '06 in the classroom.
Bottom: students participate in hands-on learning.



FIGHT SONG

Muscle and Might

New fight song aims to motivate athletes and promote school spirit

A contest to produce a fight song for Franklin Pierce ran from the fall of 2018 to the winter of 2019. Music Professor Lou Bunk took the best of the submissions – a word here, a phrase there – to compile the lyrics to the tune. Introduced by the fledgling pep band on September 7 at the football team’s first home game in its inaugural NCAA Division II season, the Franklin Pierce Fight Song represents a true community effort.

It was at least five years ago that the fight song initiative was first proposed. While the musical arrangement was complete, the lyrics stalled at some point, and the project was shelved. Shortly after Rachel Burleson came on as athletic director in 2017, she contacted Bunk with a question.

“She asked what was the status of the fight song,” recalls Bunk, who has served on the Franklin Pierce faculty for 15 years. Bunk, Burleson, and others began reviving the idea of producing a spirited melody to inspire Franklin Pierce athletes and their supporters. They also proposed to form a pep band to play the song and generally provide pomp at athletic events. Over time, both ideas began to take shape. Requirements for contest entries were relatively simple – no songwriting experience necessary; original material only; and the lyrics must include “Franklin Pierce” and “Raven” at least once. Submissions trickled in, and Bunk determined that, while the committee could not declare a winner of the contest, each song entry contained threads that could be woven into a complete refrain.

For his part, Bunk studied the fight songs of other schools to get a feel for the energy and emotion of a tune devoted to promoting school spirit.

“It’s definitely a genre and there is a certain approach,” says Bunk. “We wanted something the students would feel good singing, a song that would get the athletes motivated.”

In arranging the final version of the fight song, Bunk had to maintain a balance such that the song had enough fight without being combative. He chose to emphasize the strength and durability of athletes seeking victory, while including the classic “fight!” refrain. The fight song was approved over the summer by President Mooney and senior administrators, and the pep band – directed by George Robinson – was formed to add energy and music to gamedays. The final product is a group effort, composed by the Franklin Pierce community and edited by Bunk.

“Song is a very powerful motivator; it gives you a sense of place, a sense of identity,” says Bunk. “I think the fight song will coalesce a lot of feelings for students. Song has been used for thousands of years to instill ethos and pathos through this magical connection, and I think, even with this little fight song, students will hear it and think of Franklin Pierce.”

—Jana F. Brown



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PART 1

PART 2

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GUITAR & BASS

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Franklin Pierce Fight Song

VERSE 1

Ravens, let's shout the battle cry,
for the crimson and the gray.
We will fight! fight! fight! with our muscle and our might,
for a victory today.

VERSE 2

Ravens, it's time to do or die,
Franklin Pierce will reign supreme.
We will fight! fight! fight! with our muscle and our might,
for the triumph of our team.





RAVEN NATION

Welcoming the Newest Ravens

Class of 2023 is ready to make its mark

A flock of new Ravens arrived on the Rindge campus this fall – 470 of them to be exact. As a group, the Class of 2023 and students transferring from other universities bring a broad range of experiences to share with their classmates. Nearly a quarter are students of diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds. They come from 27 states and 13 countries, from as far away as Kenya and as close to campus as Rindge. About 70 percent come from the New England states, and if you meet a Jacob or an Ashley, know those are the most popular male and female names in this class.

“The entire Franklin Pierce community is eager to welcome our entering students,” said Linda Quimby, vice president of enrollment and university communications.

The University’s Residential Life staff planned a wealth of activities for incoming students, ranging from the annual Cardboard Boat Regatta to the Student Engagement Fair. With a variety of athletics, clubs, service projects, and activities to choose from, student leaders worked hard, added Quimby, “to ensure every Raven finds a place to connect.”

The entering undergraduates will start their Franklin Pierce educations under the new academic structure. The most popular programs are in the College of Business (21%); College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (36%); and College of Health and Natural Sciences (31%), while the rest (12%) remain undecided.

Many of the new students already have begun making a difference in the world. Among them, they have: responded to hurricane-damaged areas in the U.S.; earned a presidential award for completing more than 4,000 volunteer service hours; served their neighbors by building furniture for the homeless, serving in soup kitchens, and working with children with congenital heart defects; established and built a lawn service company; and trained in first response and law enforcement. The Franklin Pierce community is excited to see what members of this class will contribute to campus life over the next few years. —Julie Rizzo





Hannah Everidge '21 and Sean Fitzpatrick '20 in the library at FPU.

BOOSTING MORALE

"Happy Families, Happy Officers"

Students intern in military Morale, Welfare, and Recreation programs

Over the summer, sports and recreation major Sean Fitzpatrick '20 stepped outside his comfort zone to work as a recreation intern in a Naval Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) camp in Northwest Washington.

A native of Norfolk, Mass., Fitzpatrick lived in a trailer at Jim Creek Naval Recreation Area in the foothills of the Cascade Mountains. There he organized programs and activities for sailors, veterans, and their families at the 5,000-acre wilderness preserve. His days included assisting campers, working the 50-foot Alpine Tower climbing course, and initiating a weekend sports program for families. In addition, he planned and executed an all-day "Christmas in July" that brought together 250 adults and children for activities that included spending the day dressed as Buddy from the holiday classic film *Elf*.

"Morale, Welfare, and Recreation is a division within all branches of the military

that addresses the recreational needs of families. The philosophy is 'happy families, happy officers,'" says Assistant Professor of Sports and Recreation Management Thayer Raines. "You don't have to be in the military to have a career in MWR. You can focus on sports, youth programming, outdoor recreation, post-injury rehabilitation, and more."

Hannah Everidge '21, also a sports and recreation major, worked with elementary-age

“**Military personnel need to know their families have support at home, and that their children have as close to a normal childhood as possible.**”

— HANNAH EVERIDGE '21

children as a counselor in the Force Support Squadron at Hanscom Air Force Base in Lexington, Mass. The mission of her work at Hanscom Primary School was to provide a stable and stimulating environment for children who live on base, many of whom experience depression and anxiety from frequent relocations or separations from parents. Everidge completed a research project called "Relocation Effect on Emotional Development in Kids," which she hopes to share with the Franklin Pierce community in the spring.

Both Everidge and Fitzpatrick see potential for future careers in military recreation, knowing the difference they make in the well-being of families is critically important.

"Military personnel need to know their families have support at home," says Everidge, "and that their children have as close to a normal childhood as possible."

—Julie Rizzo

NEW TRUSTEES

Giving Back

Houle '97, Slavin '92 are among newest members of Board of Trustees

In early 2019, Franklin Pierce's Board of Trustees welcomed two new members, Carol Houle '97 and Jonathan Slavin '92. Beyond their deep connections to the University, each brings a wealth of professional expertise in the areas of banking and investment finance.

Houle, who lives in Salem, N.H., with her husband, has served as the chief financial officer and executive vice president of Provident Bankcorp, Inc. since 2013. She attended Pierce two decades earlier as a non-traditional student, working full-time as a staff accountant while taking night classes at the satellite campus in Salem. Houle, who majored in business administration, took her first job as an auditor at Shatswell, MacLeod & Company, becoming a CPA in 2001. A year later, she was promoted to partner of the firm. A decade later, she took over as CFO of Provident Bank. In 2015, she guided the institution in its transition to becoming a publicly traded organization.

"Franklin Pierce provided me with the starting gate to my career as a CFO," says Houle, noting her eagerness to help Franklin Pierce continue to innovate and provide the kind of guidance it gave her so many years ago. "President Mooney has her eyes set on the strategic vision of the University. I'm looking forward to working with her and the rest of the team."

Slavin, the global head of equity trading at Morgan Stanley Investment Management in New York City, brings similar enthusiasm to the Board. A Fairfield, Conn., resident and father of two nearly grown daughters, Slavin has led a life of leadership and charitable giving.



Carol Houle '97 (left) and Jonathan Slavin '92

“Franklin Pierce provided me with the starting gate to my career as a CFO.”

— CAROL HOULE '97

After earning his B.S. in economics, Slavin served in the U.S. Army as an infantry soldier from 1992 to 1996. He later attended Harvard, where he completed coursework toward a master's in East European Studies and completed a professional program in negotiation.

Prior to working at Morgan Stanley, Slavin was the head of U.S. equities, cash, and derivatives trading at PIMCO and, before that, senior trader at George Weiss Associates, whose founder, Slavin says, inspired his own volunteer work. He is currently a board member for CT Challenge/Mission, an organization promoting wellness programs for cancer survivors. He also mentors inner-city students applying to college through the Harlem Education Activities Fund.

"The opportunity to give back to Franklin Pierce and the community," Slavin says, "is extremely fulfilling."

—Ian Aldrich





Above: Students enjoy the newly renovated waterfront area. Left and below: Photos of the progression of the project from last spring and summer.

CAMPUS PROJECTS

Waterfront Restoration

Class of '71 spearheads ambitious effort to revive waterfront area around Pearly Pond

In 2010, Trustee Carleen M. Farrell '71 organized a summer quilting retreat at Franklin Pierce's Lakeside Center. The time spent with friends on the shores of Pearly Pond were delightful, but Farrell left feeling as though the space packed more potential for the FPU community.

"Back then, locked French doors led to nowhere on the lake side of the building," says Farrell. "I found out the original plans for the boathouse included a deck, but none was ever built."

Farrell, a resident of Mashpee, Mass., a member of the Franklin Pierce Board of Trustees, and a recipient of both the University's Participation and Leader of Conscience awards, swung into action. She and her husband, Dan Farrell, generously supported the construction of a deck and new furnishings for the building. Others from her class helped fund the addition of air conditioning.

More recently, Farrell and others from the Class of '71 have spearheaded an ambitious effort to restore the waterfront area around Pearly Pond. It includes addressing erosion, beautifying current outdoor recreational spaces, and adding new ones. The group is aiming to raise more than \$30,000 for the project, and fundraising is nearly complete.

"I've always felt this area, being a focal point as one drives up University Drive, deserves to be as welcoming as possible," says Farrell. "This area is a great place to hold conferences, meetings, student sporting activities, and community recreation. It should represent Franklin Pierce at its best."

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— CARLEEN M. FARRELL '71

The work is part of a larger effort on the part of the University to meet the demand for more community spaces. Recent surveys have shown a strong desire for more informal spaces for students to gather and collaborate.

The project also illustrates the connection alumni maintain to Franklin Pierce. Across the campus, plans are being drawn up to re-imagine the Emily Flint Campus Center. The Class of '69, led by Dinny Parvin and Dan Sansevieri, are raising \$100,000 for the first phase of the project. Franklin Pierce changed the lives of people such as Sansevieri, Parvin, and Farrell, and they want to facilitate a similar positive

impact on future generations.

"[The University] allowed me to grow in so many ways," says Farrell. "It gave me not only an educational foundation, but also lifelong friends."

— Ian Aldrich

Going Live

Ravens Sports Network earns accolades for first season of live streaming

It takes more than 10 students six hours each to complete set-up, game coverage, and breakdown for each Franklin Pierce home basketball game. And that doesn't include the research involved in prepping for each opponent.

The students, volunteers and interns for the Ravens Sports Network (RSN), intended to spend their first year of live streaming in 2018-19 learning on the job. They achieved that and more. On June 15, the team of 10 who compose RSN's on-air talent were honored by the Boston/New England Student Awards for Excellence with the student "Emmy" in the talent category. In earning the honor from the local chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences, the students of the RSN proved they had jumped the first hurdle in

implementing an ambitious rollout of live-broadcast athletics.

"These kids put so much work into this inaugural season," says Fitzwater Center Director Kristen Nevious. "Everybody came together to work through the challenges of starting something from scratch."

The Ravens Sports Network is not new. The seeds of the student media organization can be tracked back more than a decade, when live streaming first came into vogue, but the original network transitioned to radio broadcasting. Franklin Pierce is among the 15 schools who have joined the NE10 Now initiative, a conference-wide platform that allows member institutions to initiate live coverage of all home athletics over the next three years. NE10 schools began by streaming men's and women's basketball last

winter. The RSN covered men's and women's lacrosse in the spring. Football, field hockey, and volleyball are next and, in 2020-21, the RSN will begin streaming soccer, ice hockey, baseball, and softball.

"It's a monumental commitment for these students," says Nevious.

To honor that commitment, every student involved in production of basketball live streams in 2018-19 was nominated for a Student Excellence Award, whether behind the scenes or in front of a camera. The on-air team that earned honorable mention in June includes color commentators Patrick Seavey '20, Paul Lambert '22, Ian Melewski '21, Sean Fitzpatrick '20, Trent Dunn '20, and Andrew Hoenig '19, interviewer Ezra Gennello '22, and play-by-play commentators Bryce Johnson '20, Austin Callaway '20, and Isaiah Martinez '19.

Seavey, the Pierce Media Group Fellow for the 2019 fall term, speaks about the hard work it takes for a group of RSN students to produce each game, often swapping roles or encountering technical difficulties along the way.

"The experience is beyond helpful," Seavey says. "Not many people will be able to list themselves with experience at 10 different positions."

On-air coverage of football is expected to involve additional resources, including four cameras (twice the two-camera minimum required by NE10 Now) – with eight students taking turns operating those cameras – two play-by-play and one color commentator, a producer, a technical director, and others for support.

"We are not here to do the minimum for our students," says Nevious. "We are here to prep our students in the best way possible, so they can move into the career of their choice."

—Jana F. Brown



Top: Rehearsing for game day coverage. Bottom: The Ravens Sports Network broadcasting live at a football game this September.





“We’re teaching students to problem-solve when they meet obstacles. They’re learning they can invent something to make it better.”

— DR. PAULA L. MCWILLIAM

Dr. Paula L. McWilliam demonstrating the use of the sensor-equipped laryngoscope she patented.

SCIENTIFIC BREAKTHROUGH

Advancing Neonatal Care

Groundbreaking research leads to patent

Director of Nursing Dr. Paula L. McWilliam now officially holds a patent on the sensor-equipped laryngoscope she invented to improve outcomes for newborns needing a breathing tube at birth. This life-saving procedure requires speed and precision. If done incorrectly, it can cause life-threatening injury.

McWilliam’s device allows a clinician to practice the technique while an instructor supervises, viewing real-time images and measurements of the force and torque exerted by the user on the laryngoscope via an iPad.

The Fall 2018 issue of *Pierce* reported on McWilliam’s collaboration with co-patent holders Dr. Louis P. Halamek of Stanford University and Brian King and Mark Granoff of the Space Science Center at the University of New Hampshire. The research is supported by New Hampshire INBRE (IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence) and the Center for Advanced Pediatric and Perinatal Education (CAPE) Stanford University Endowment.

McWilliam’s research focuses on neonatal resuscitation, and she is

beginning work on a sensor that will measure the optimal pace and depth of chest compression for newborns.

“Everything we’ve done so far is scalable for improving adult outcomes as well,” she says. “Same tools, different measurements.”

The team that conducts the research to promote the safety of infant intubation includes Franklin Pierce nursing and physical therapy students and faculty. They will travel to Stanford in March 2020 to work on the new sensory vibrations (haptics) and LED light source that alerts the user when too much force or torque is being applied to the laryngoscope during intubation. The ultimate goal is to make the device commercially available for training healthcare providers and first responders.

“We’re teaching students to problem-solve when they meet obstacles,” says McWilliam, who spent 10 years as a neonatal nurse practitioner before entering academia. “They’re learning they can invent something to make it better.” —*Julie Rizzo*

RAVENS ROUNDUP

BY MATT JANIK



FOOTBALL NEWS

Moving Up

Football team primed for Division II play

For the first time, Franklin Pierce University has a football program that will compete at the NCAA Division II level. Beginning this fall, the football team joined the rest of Pierce's intercollegiate teams in the Northeast-10 Conference, where the Ravens will forge rivalries with other regional Division II opponents, such as Saint Anselm College, Assumption College, and Bentley University, among others.

"We're going to have a record at the end of the year, and what that record is, I don't know," says head coach Russell Gaskamp. "But we really have to build a solid foundation for 2020 and 2021."

As the team embarked on its first season, the Athletic Department made enhancements to Sodexo Field, including a complete refurbishment of the turf field, improvements to the drainage systems, and renovations to the press box. In addition, fan-based game day initiatives have been announced, such as the transformation of the Upper DiGregorio parking lot into the official tailgating area.

Some of the most important dates on the schedule included September 7, when the team took the field at the Division II level for the first time. Two weeks later, September 21, the Ravens made their NE10 debut, as they played host to Pace. The team's first-ever clash with intrastate rival Saint Anselm came October 19, at Sodexo Field. On November 9, in conjunction with the noon game against Bentley, athletics recognized its 2019 Hall of Fame class.

As for how to measure success in the team's inaugural season, Coach Gaskamp is focused on building a strong culture around the team.

"Our guys are going to have to understand that there's more to being a college football player than just the X's and O's. When we're on the field," he says, "I'm asking them to take the core values of our program to heart. I want to see our football team lead from the front on that. I want them to see the way a college football player should interact in the community, build relationships with different people in the community, so we're great representatives not only of the Athletic Department, but of the school."

The Ravens line up for a kickoff in their game against Curry on Sept. 14, 2019, their first-ever victory as a Division II program.



BASEBALL

NE10 Champs

Ravens baseball team earns record sixth NE10 title in program history

Coming out of the consolation bracket in May, the Franklin Pierce University baseball team entered Championship Saturday at the Northeast-10 Championship. In the double-elimination tournament, this meant the Ravens would have to defeat Merrimack twice to lay claim to the league title. With the team on the outside of the NCAA Championship picture and looking in, two wins also constituted the only route for the team to continue its postseason run. Fortunately, the Ravens were up to the challenge.

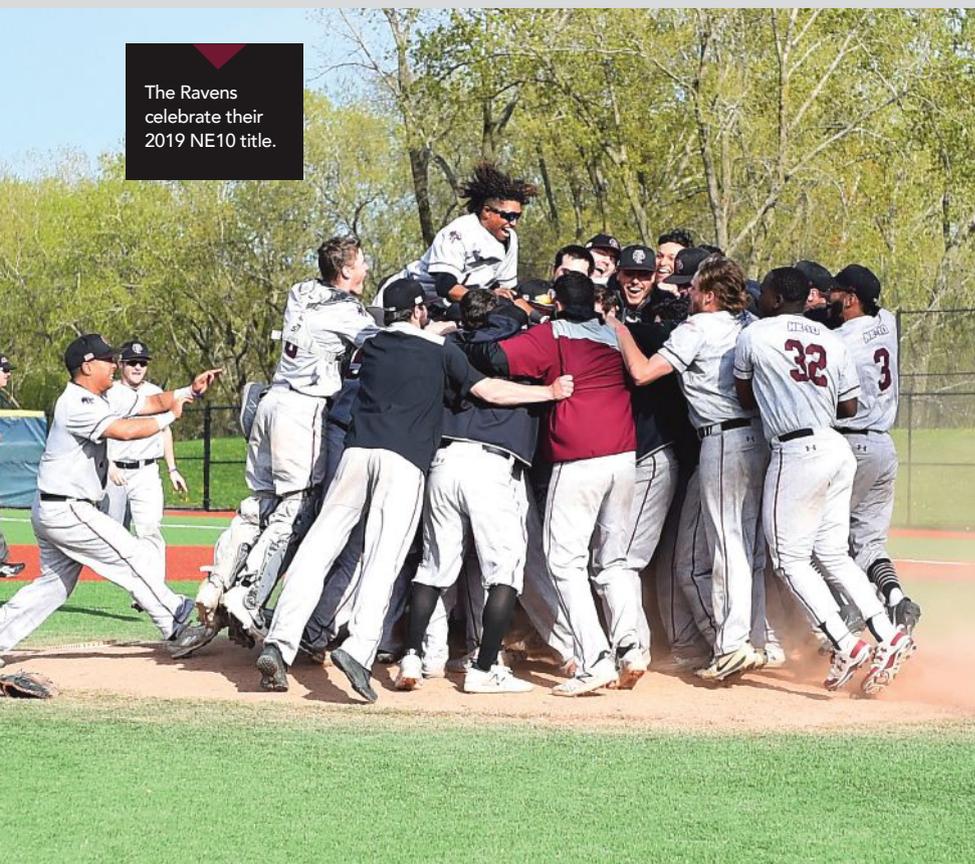
In the first game, a five-run fifth inning put Franklin Pierce ahead to stay. John Mead '21 hit 4-for-4 as the Ravens took an 8-5 victory over the Warriors at the Onondaga Baseball Complex in Syracuse, N.Y. The victory

set up a winner-take-all contest later in the afternoon.

That's just what the Ravens did, as the pitching staff put together a stifling performance in the title contest. Ryan Covelle '18 got things started with four scoreless innings, while Zach Hart '19 nailed things down in the ninth, as four Franklin Pierce pitchers combined to author a nine-hit shutout. The Ravens added an insurance marker in the seventh to post a 3-0 victory and lay claim to the trophy.

For Franklin Pierce, it was the sixth NE10 title in program history, which established a new record. The win also allowed the Ravens to claim their 15th all-time berth to the NCAA Championship. The Ravens ultimately finished the season with a 29-24 record.

The Ravens celebrate their 2019 NE10 title.



The Ravens made their Division I debut on Sept. 29, 2019, at the University of New Hampshire.



WOMEN'S HOCKEY

On to Division I

Women's hockey becomes University's first team to compete in Division I

While the game has not changed for the Franklin Pierce University women's ice hockey team in 2019-20, the stage certainly has. The Ravens embarked on the next era of the program's history this winter, as they began play at the Division I level. Women's ice hockey becomes the University's first team to compete in Division I.

The increase in stature is reflected in the team's schedule, which for the first time ever, includes nonconference games against Division I opponents. The Ravens were scheduled to take on the University of New Hampshire, Dartmouth College, and the University of Maine, as part of a schedule that also includes 20 league games within the New England Women's Hockey Alliance and eight nonconference games against Division III competition.

New Hampshire, Dartmouth, and Maine all represent storied hockey programs in major conferences. New Hampshire and Maine both compete in Hockey East, while Dartmouth hails from the Eastern College Athletic Conference. The three combined for 32 wins a year ago, while New Hampshire made a postseason appearance in the first round of the Hockey East Tournament. The Ravens will meet both New Hampshire and Dartmouth on their respective campuses, while they will take on Maine at a neutral site in Falmouth, Maine.

Franklin Pierce is coming off a 2018-19 season that included a second-place finish in the New England Women's Hockey Alliance. The Ravens finished with a 20-10-1 record, marking the second 20-win season in program history.

Dealing With the Pros

Alumnae Turmo '19 and Tavares '19 sign professional soccer contracts in Spain

After finishing their careers in crimson and grey, Marta Turmo '19 and Bruna Tavares '19 signed professional contracts over the summer to continue their soccer careers in Spain. The duo joined Madrid Club de Futbol Feminino (Madrid CFF), with the season that began in September 2019. Madrid CFF competes in the Spanish Primera Division, the highest level of women's soccer in the country and among the most prestigious women's leagues in the world.

"I will always be grateful for [women's soccer head] Coach [Jonathan Garbar], Franklin Pierce, and my teammates for being one of the pillars in my everyday life," said Turmo after signing her deal. "I am ready for challenges, new goals and ... I will never forget where I come from and will carry [Franklin Pierce women's soccer] with me forever."

Tavares expressed excitement over the next chapter in her life, saying that playing professional soccer is the fulfillment of a lifelong dream.

"I can't wait to share with my new teammates all those principles [learned during my college career]," said Tavares.

Spain has set the global standard for women's soccer, providing support and attention for the sport on a national stage and playing to crowds envied by the rest of the world. Twice already in 2019, Spanish teams have set new records for attendance at women's soccer games at the club level. In January, Atletico Madrid and Athletic Bilbao played before a record European crowd of more than 48,000. Just two months later, in March, Atletico Madrid topped the world record as well, against Barcelona, as the two played to a crowd of 60,739. Tavares's and Turmo's Madrid CFF competes in a league with the likes of Barcelona, Atletico



Bruna Tavares '19 (top) and Marta Turmo '19 (bottom) celebrate the signing of their professional contracts with Madrid CFF.

Madrid, Athletic Bilbao, and other globally recognized soccer clubs.

"Marta Turmo is a national-team-level competitor," said Garbar, "and embodies all the characteristics of an elite, program-defining leader. She is absolutely prepared for this next phase of her career, and our program is privileged to have been represented and led by such a relentless student-athlete and unique spirit."

Tavares, Garbar added, began her collegiate career in the humblest of ways: a journey from a small town in Brazil, into junior college, through to Franklin Pierce, and now on to one of the top leagues in the world.

"It is a journey that would inspire anyone," said Garbar. "Bruna's impact on her teammates, colleagues, coaches, and the entire community will resonate far beyond her departure for this next exciting adventure."

Turmo capped her collegiate career with two

seasons at Franklin Pierce, after also playing under Garbar at his previous stop, Monroe College. Despite the abbreviated stint in Rindge, Turmo was a consensus All-America Third Team selection in her senior season, as she earned the accolade from both the Division II Conference Commissioners Association (D2CCA) and United Soccer Coaches (USC). Turmo also was a consensus All-East Region First Team pick, in addition to earning Defensive Player of the Year and All-Conference First Team honors from the Northeast-10 Conference. As a junior, she was an USC All-East Region Second Team and All-NE10 First Team pick. Not limited to success on the soccer field, Turmo also earned Academic All-America Third Team honors from the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA), along with Academic All-Conference accolades from the NE10. She was the NE10's women's

soccer Sport Excellence Award recipient, which recognizes one student-athlete from each sport for his or her combination of athletic and academic accomplishments. CoSIDA bestowed on her Academic All-District First Team honors as well.

Tavares also wrapped up her collegiate career with two seasons at Franklin Pierce, after a stint at Monroe College. From her first days on campus, she brought a play-making touch among the best in the East Region. Tavares earned All-East Region Third Team honors from United Soccer Coaches in both of her seasons at Franklin Pierce and added All-Northeast-10 Conference Second Team accolades in her senior season. She finished both campaigns with the Ravens among the top 50 in the country in assists. In the classroom, Tavares was named to the NE10 Academic Honor Roll in each of her four semesters on campus.

EMBRACING DIVERSITY OF EXPERIENCE

As more students from different backgrounds and cultures enroll at Franklin Pierce, the diversity is enriching the lives of the entire community.

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At first blush, Rindge, N.H. may not inspire visions of a diverse, cultural melting pot. Look a little closer and, at least at Franklin Pierce, there is a significant sampling of international flavor.

Per the University's Office of Institutional Research, Franklin Pierce is home to 40 international students from 22 different countries, including 22 who entered for the 2019-20 academic year. These 40 international students account for three percent of the undergraduate population, which is no small feat in a state that is home to a population less than six percent foreign-born, according to 2018 U.S. Census Bureau estimates.

Of the 40 international students in Rindge, 34 came to campus as student-athletes. In many countries outside the United States, young people have to choose either athletics or academics once they reach college age. Zach Emerson, an assistant athletic director who also coaches track & field and cross country at Franklin Pierce, has been recruiting international student-athletes since his first days on campus. For Emerson, recruiting international talent to Rindge starts with convincing young athletes of what the University can help them achieve.

"Very recently," says Emerson, "for someone like Hugo Arlabosse '21 or Paola Brena '22, I tried to pump a lot of belief into them, saying 'If you came here, you could compete at a national level almost immediately.' Both of them thought I was crazy."

As it turns out, the idea was not nearly as crazy as the two athletes initially believed. As a freshman in 2017-18, Arlabosse, of Marseille, France, qualified for the NCAA Championship in the outdoor 800m. A year later, during her own freshman campaign, Brena qualified for NCAAs during both the indoor and outdoor seasons in the high jump, while Arlabosse did the same in both the indoor and outdoor 800m. Both earned All-America honors.

Brena, a native of Mexico, admits the athletic and cultural challenges of coming to the United States were daunting, even after Emerson tried to instill in her the confidence in what she could achieve at Franklin Pierce. Brena recounts how, back home, she was often competing against fewer than a dozen female athletes at any given time. Suddenly, she was at the NCAA Division II level in the U.S.,



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—PAOLA BRENA '22

competing against literally thousands of female athletes across the country to qualify for the NCAA Championships. As her success has grown, the challenge has intensified her pride, and she has quickly found a home at Franklin Pierce.

The experience of Brena and other international student-athletes aligns with the Franklin Pierce mission to help every student discover and fulfill his or her own unique potential.

“The level is so much harder here,” says Brena. “But I think, at the same time, that pushed me hard to get better results, and I’m super proud of myself and what I’m doing right now. I also like the other opportunities Franklin Pierce offers us as students.”

A Chance to Do it All

For different sports, recruiting internationally means different things. When it comes to soccer, objectively the most worldwide of games, the focus on the sport around the globe means the United States college system offers something athletes cannot find in their native countries. In many nations, if an athlete hopes to seriously pursue soccer, he or she must make the choice to abandon academic pursuits and focus solely on the sport. Conversely, a young person who chooses to focus on academics must give up dreams of playing soccer. Meanwhile, stateside, the opportunity exists to roll academics and athletics into one package. Head women’s soccer coach Jonathan Garbar has been able to use that to his advantage when recruiting student-athletes.

“I think what most interests them, both on the men’s and women’s side,” says Garbar, “is that they have the opportunity to compete and study at the same time. In most of these countries, if you want to play seriously and you want a future in the game, you typically have to sacrifice your studies. When I meet with them, we’re more so promoting the school itself and not the idea of soccer in the U.S.”

That chance to do it all at American universities can draw international students to study abroad. In May 2018, former Arizona State diver Constantin Blaha of Austria told the University’s online newsletter *GlobalSport Matters* that, in her home country, “the term (student-athlete) wouldn’t exist because either you are a student or an athlete or you try to be both, but you’ll have to figure out a way to make it happen. It’s not easy. Professors don’t really respect your athletic schedule, they don’t care or try to work with you.”

Franklin Pierce men’s soccer coach Ruben Resendes and Garbar both point out that, contrary to what many may assume, international athletes are often well-versed in what the American system has to offer, thanks to the work of international companies that place them with college programs.

“For the most part, these international companies educate athletes about what being a student-athlete in the U.S. is all about,” says Resendes. “What makes them most interested is the opportunity to combine sports and academics at a high level. Most countries we work with don’t offer varsity teams

at their respective universities, which means players are on completely different schedules with their club teams and their university class schedules.”

Yanai Sayag, a sophomore midfielder from Yuvalim, Israel, was recruited to play soccer at Franklin Pierce. Before he made his decision to attend, he met with another student-athlete from Israel, who spoke highly of his experience at the school.

“He told me about the community and the nature, which are two factors that helped to make this decision,” says Sayag, who notes that he has fallen in love with the “[New Hampshire outdoors] and the kind people.”

The adjustment has not always been easy, notes Sayag, who says he’s had to amend some of his habits – including finding food options in America. Friends are curious about where he comes from, often asking Sayag about modes of transportation in Israel (“It is a cool attraction for tourists, but the last time I was riding a camel was when I was seven.”) or his three years of compulsory service in the Israel Defense Forces after high school. There is also the misconception about the political situation in Israel, and the perceived danger in the country.

“So, right now,” explains Sayag, “ninety-nine percent of Israel is safe and calm. I think people hear on the news just about the bad things of Israel – in the same way my dad asks me if I’m okay every time there is a mass shooter here in the U.S.”

As much as he has been able to share insights into Israeli culture with his classmates, Sayag says he also has been enriched by making friends from all over the world. On the men’s soccer team alone, players hail from Israel, Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica, Spain, Germany, and Iceland. (The women’s team includes players from Spain, Mexico, Brazil, and Costa Rica).

“I’m glad to have the opportunity to meet new people from different cultures,” Sayag says, “and to develop myself as a person.”

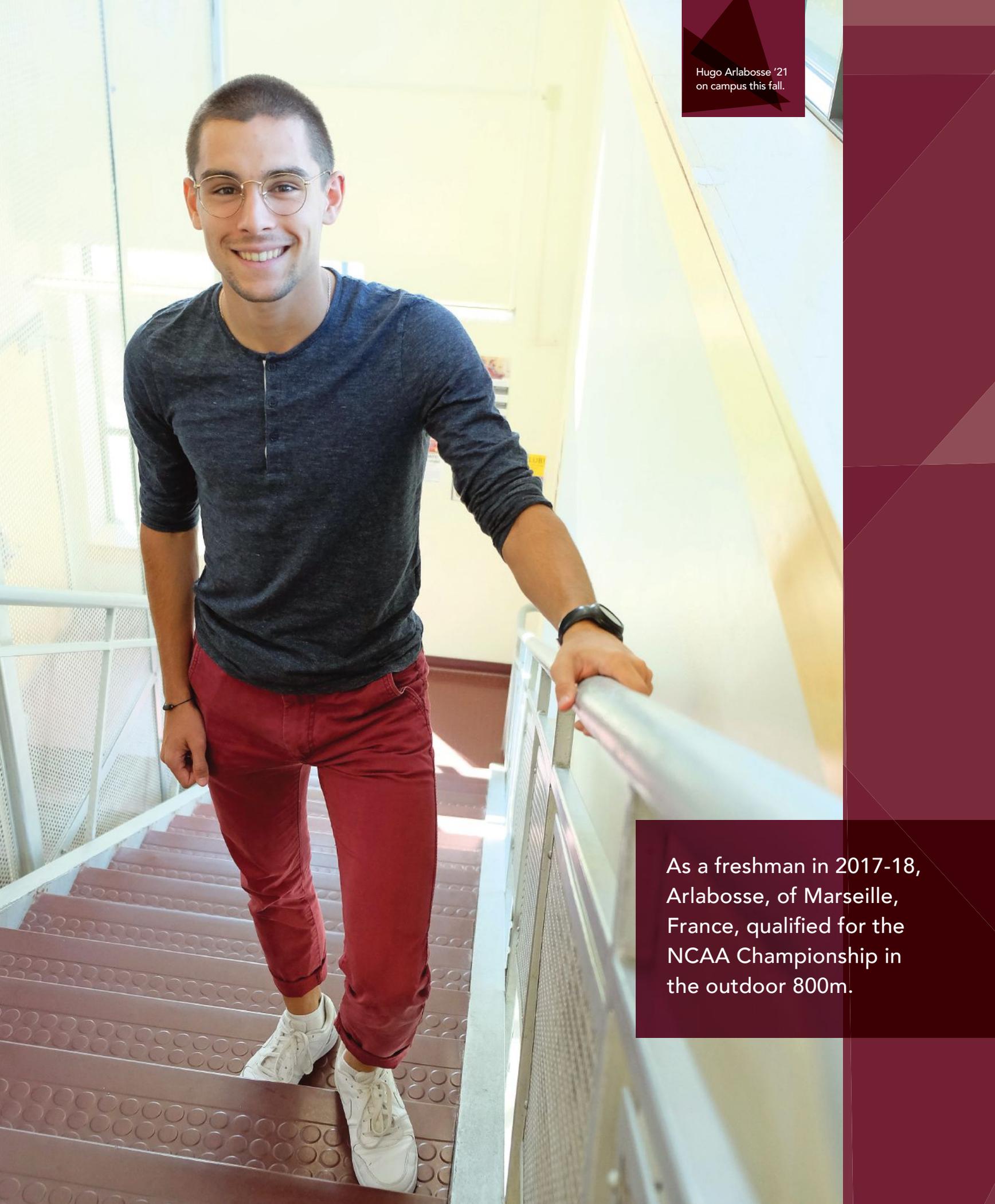
A Broadening Perspective

Among the 470 incoming Franklin Pierce students in the fall of 2019 are new Rindge undergraduates from 27 states and 13 countries. “Diversity” of the class – defined as coming from distinct racial and ethnic backgrounds – is at 23 percent. New international students come from as far away as Japan, Kenya, and Thailand, and closer to the U.S. from Canada and Bermuda. Others hail from Trinidad and Tobago, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Costa Rica, Iceland, The Netherlands, Spain, and Sweden. The incoming students also include American citizens born all over the world, from Haiti to Cape Verde to the Dominican Republic to China.

Domestically, members of the Class of 2023 represent all of the New England states (Massachusetts has the greatest presence at 38 percent), plus Georgia, Ohio, Minnesota, Maryland, New York, California, Nevada, Texas, and Florida.

Those who recruit internationally to Franklin Pierce value diversity and share a desire to see more of it on campus. They all have seen what creating a cultural melting pot can bring to





Hugo Arlabosse '21
on campus this fall.

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Yanai Sayag '22 (left) and Niklas Laudahn '20 on the field.



Mary Gowdy in her office.

the community. Coaches have witnessed how diversity helps their teams flourish. They see how their international recruits can learn and grow from their time in the Granite State, and they've seen the horizons of their domestic recruits broaden through exposure to international cultures. International student diversity, adds Associate Director of Admissions and International Recruitment Mary Gowdy '07, has always been valued by the Franklin Pierce community.

"Having students from all over the world brings a cultural richness to our corner of New Hampshire," she says. "The campus community becomes a global community when students share their lives in the dorm room, in the classroom, in the dining hall."

Gowdy sees the benefits of multicultural exposure for students who may not yet have had the opportunity to travel much beyond the United States – or even New Hampshire. Conversely, international students who may be experiencing homesickness and culture shock are embraced by a small, friendly community in a beautiful natural environment.

"They receive a tremendous amount of support," says Gowdy, "not only academic support but emotional support that is so critical when you attend school halfway around the world, away from all that is comfortable. We want our international students to feel like we are their family away from home."

Adding a Different Layer to the Experience

Zach Emerson makes a point of getting to know the families of his international student-athletes. He feels that forging a solid connection helps gain the trust needed to guide his recruits through the inevitable tough times ahead as they attend college a world away from home. More than that, the idea of family pervades his program, and he deeply understands how international student-athletes help enhance the family approach.

"Just the overall enrichment of our own family environment on a team, you can't do that with just kids who all grew up in a similar environment," says Emerson. "If you do, you miss a large opportunity for growth and maturity."

Garbar is quick to echo Emerson when it comes to the value of diversity. "I really, truly value diversity and the opportunity for young men and women to be able to connect with people from outside their communities," he says. "It adds a different layer to the experience for everybody."

In addition to what international students can bring to his own team, Garbar points out what they can bring to the University as a whole. He is sure international recruits allow his teams to compete at a level they would not be able to attain by recruiting solely domestic student-athletes. Noting the ultra-competitive nature of the Northeast-10 Conference, where some schools may be operating with larger budgets, Garbar understands domestic student-athletes – in particular those who hail from New England – have a multitude of options for their college careers.

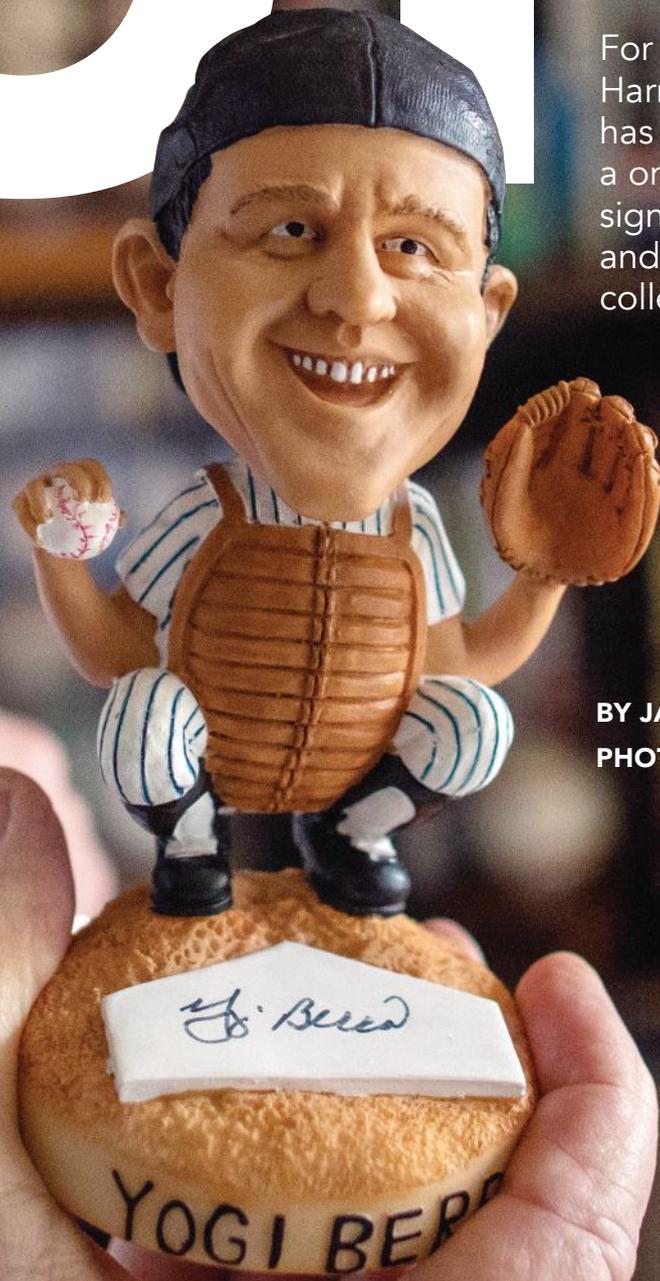
"We have a way larger pool on the international side that some other schools haven't tapped into," says Garbar. "Fortunately, one of our strengths is that the University does a great job supporting us to bring in international students, and that gives us an edge."

Many coaches at Franklin Pierce have found that international student-athletes help their programs succeed on the field by helping their fellow student-athletes – and even their coaches – grow as people. They contribute to Franklin Pierce's success in one of the most competitive Division II conferences in the country. And they bring welcome international flavor and cultural diversity to the Monadnock region.

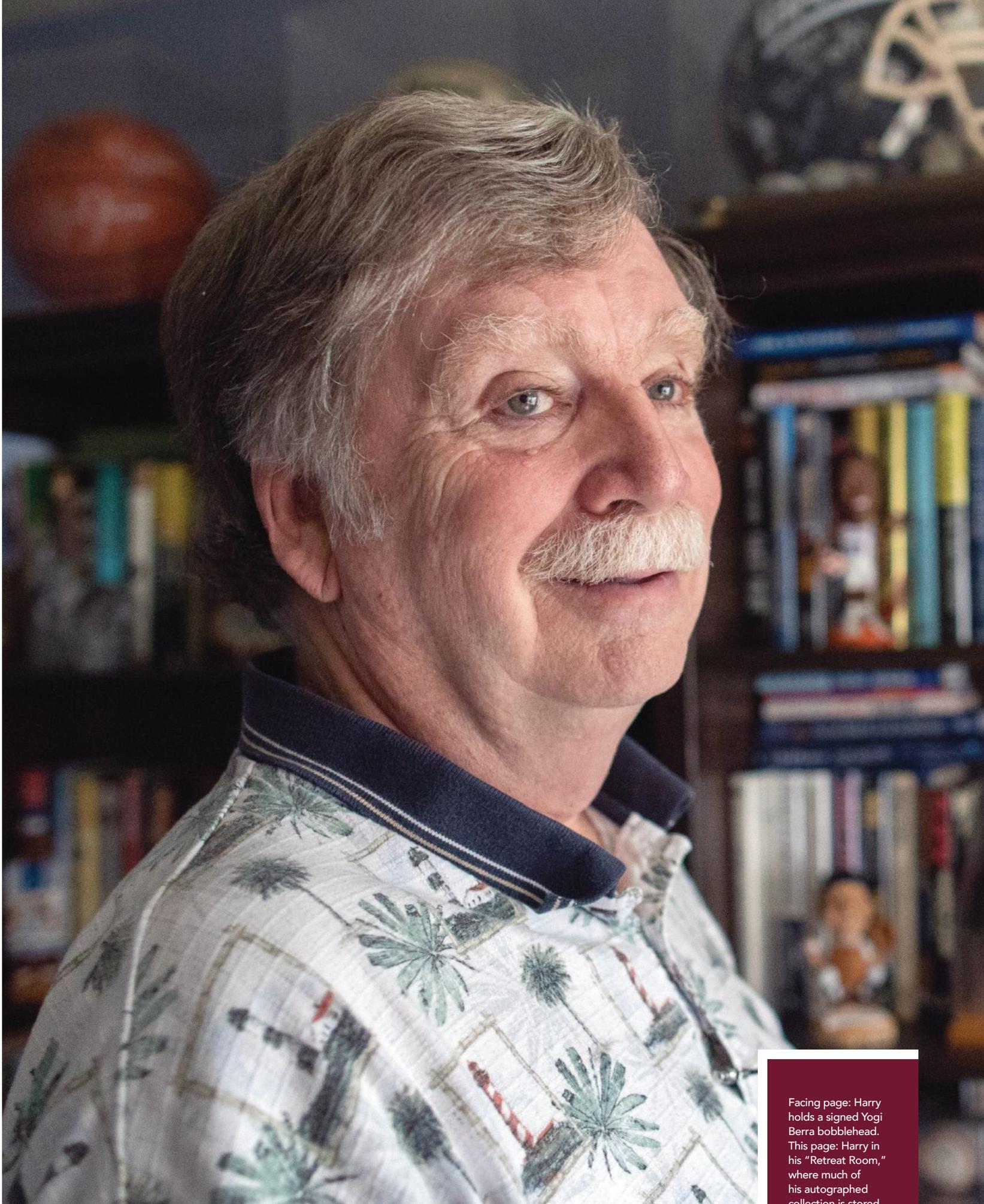
"There is nothing more wonderful, more inspiring," adds Gowdy, "than to be in a room with people speaking different languages, from all corners of the world. They may have vastly different life stories, but there they are, communicating, sometimes awed by their cultural differences. But all of them realize they share one thing - their humanity. There are so many pressing global issues that must be solved not by one nation but by one global community, and we at Franklin Pierce want our students to be part of the solution." 

SIGNING UP

For decades, Harry Meyer '68 has been building a one-of-a-kind signed book and photograph collection.



BY JANA F. BROWN
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Facing page: Harry holds a signed Yogi Berra bobblehead. This page: Harry in his "Retreat Room," where much of his autographed collection is stored.

Not long after American author John Steinbeck published *Travels with Charley in Search of America*, a copy of the 1962 book found its way into the hands of a then-16-year-old boy named Harry Meyer '68.

That particular hardbound copy of Steinbeck's travelogue detailing his cross-country trek with his standard poodle went on a subsequent journey of its own – from Meyer's home in Queens to the author's in Sag Harbor, N.Y., and back. Though he didn't know it at the time, *Travels with Charley* would become the first in a vast and eclectic collection of autographed books and photographs that Meyer has now been gathering for more than 50 years.

Meyer's parents were self-proclaimed book lovers, so Harry developed an early affinity for the written word. After a few semesters at Delbarton School in Morristown, N.J., Meyer began to recognize that there could be a higher purpose for the growing mound of schoolbooks that accompanied him home on breaks. After returning to New York City with the tomes from his American Literature and History class one summer, Meyer wondered if he could get any of the books autographed. Using pre-Internet resources, Meyer searched through *Who's Who in America* at the local library, where he was often able to locate the home addresses of authors, celebrities, and their agents.

"I would write up these fanciful letters and tell them how wonderful they were and then mail them off," says Meyer, who now lives in Tigard, Ore., "and I received all but a couple of them back."

Some of those to whom he sent his books returned them with signatures, as requested, while others included bonus content in the form of brief, personal notes. Through the mail, Meyer has been able to exchange his letters for the signatures of more than 200 authors, celebrities, poets, and sports figures. They range from luminaries to lesser-knowns whose work caught Meyer's attention at the time. Most penned short thank-you notes, while others corresponded in more detail. When Meyer sent his copy of *And Then There Were None* off to mystery maven Agatha Christie, for example, she complied. But Christie also offered young Harry a rebuke.

"I have signed your book, but this has become somewhat of an imposition," Christie wrote, noting that she had encountered difficulty finding a mailer to return the novel and suggesting that Meyer send her six pence to cover the cost of return postage.

Meyer considers a signed copy of the 1976 book *Roots* by Alex Haley

to be among his most cherished. Both men served in the U.S. Coast Guard, where they worked as cooks. Meyer noted that shared history with Haley in his request letter, and asked the author if he had started writing during his time in the military.

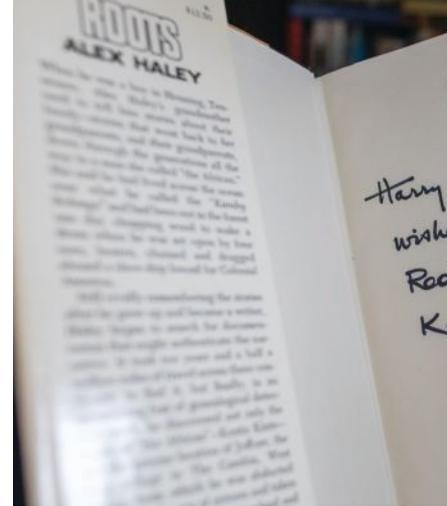
"I will tell you one thing," Haley wrote to Meyer in 1978, "I sure wish that I could have known even a little bit of what was lying ahead in those days when I was a cook on a Coast Guard ship. Thank you for going to so much trouble [to write to me]."

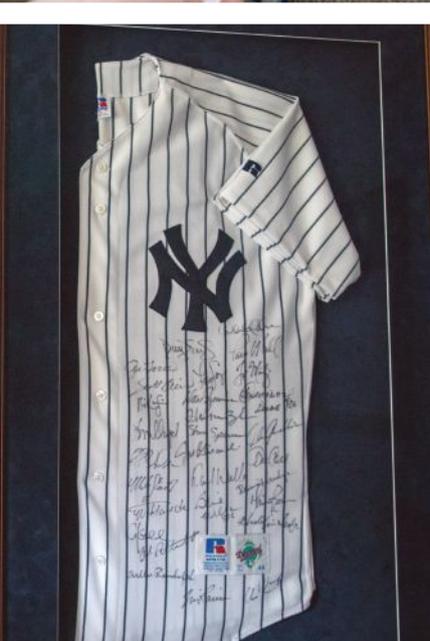
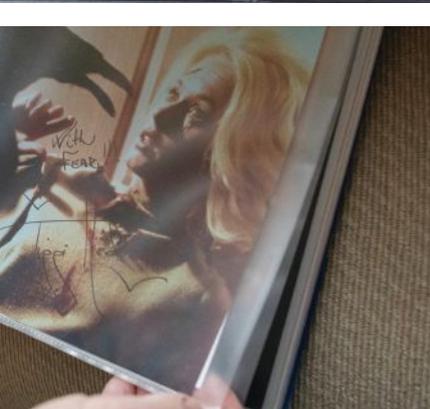
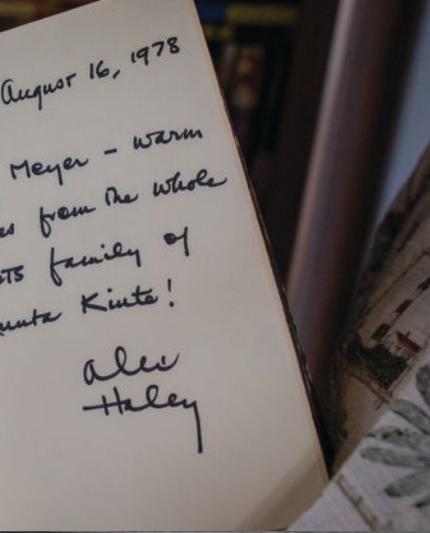
Herman Wouk, author of *The Caine Mutiny*, wrote to thank Meyer for his kind words about his 1965 novel, *Don't Stop the Carnival*. As a graduate of Franklin Pierce, Meyer became aware of the work of New Hampshire historian J. Dwayne Squires, who wrote *The Story of New Hampshire* in 1964. In his letter to Squires, Meyer referenced an article he had read about the historian's work in *Echoes Magazine*, an acknowledgment which, Squires replied, "pleased me very much." Meyer (a history major) also took the time to have Franklin Pierce history professor Harold Hammond sign two of his works in 1967, when Meyer was a student at Pierce. Hammond was the first Ph.D. hired by the University and co-authored *A Commoner's Judge: The Life and Times of Charley Patrick Daly* and "...a more perfect union," a concise guide to the U.S. Constitution.

At some point, Meyer branched out from traditional writers to comedians who also had authored books. Among his first was comedic legend Bob Hope, who inscribed Meyer's copy of *The Last Christmas Show* on March 8, 1975, with one of his classic lines, "Thanks for the Memory." Meyer has books signed by generations of comics, including Groucho Marx, Steve Allen, Carol Burnett, Tim Conway, Jay Leno, Steve Martin, and Jeff Foxworthy. In a quip to explain his delayed response, funnyman Dick Cavett wrote to Meyer, "Thanks for lending me this book for a month."

"It is almost like a life chronology," Meyer says of his collection, "because as you look at the people when I first started – John Steinbeck, Groucho Marx, Bob Hope – they are not around anymore. It's a part of my life, and you go through stages. They are certainly – exactly – a time machine."

Images, from top to bottom: A signed autograph and a message from Alex Haley, the author of *Roots*; a photograph signed by Millvina Dean, who was the last survivor and the youngest known passenger aboard the *RMS Titanic*; Jerry Mathers from *Leave it to Beaver*; autographs from Janet Leigh and Tippi Hedren; signatures from Harry's favorite team, the Yankees.





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—AGATHA CHRISTIE

At one stage of Meyer's life as a collector, he encountered a phase during which he tired of buying books and realized that he could more easily retype poems and send them in a standard envelope to their writers. Poets whose signatures have found their way into Meyer's collection include Mark Van Doren, Phyllis McGinley, Robert Penn Warren, and Pulitzer Prize winner Archibald MacLeish, who wrote, "Perhaps I shouldn't say so, but I liked ['Words in Time'] too."

At some point, Meyer began writing to celebrities in search of their signatures. He has a signed photograph of actress Tippi Hedren, best known for her role as heroine Melanie Daniels in *The Birds*. A bit of nostalgia: The 1963 Hitchcock thriller was filmed in Bodega Bay, Calif., where Meyer had been stationed while serving in the Coast Guard. Other celebrities in Meyer's collection include prolific actor Richard Chamberlain, Charmian Carr, who played fictional Liesl in *The Sound of Music*, and real-life von Trapp matriarch Maria, who wrote a book in the early 1970s about her life with the Trapp Family Singers. Signed photos of Bob Newhart, George W. Bush, and Barbara Bush also adorn Meyer's Oregon home, as do autobiographies by musicians Eric Clapton and Linda Ronstadt.

"And, I have a copy of the Warren Commission Report, signed by Gerald Ford," Meyer adds.

A slew of sports books in the collection is highlighted by a signed copy of a memoir written by Meyer's boyhood hero, Mickey Mantle. Autographed baseballs and other sports memorabilia, plus a half dozen vintage radios, are also important to Meyer's collectible history. He also has acquired several items involving the *RMS Titanic*, the doomed British transatlantic passenger vessel that sank on its maiden voyage off the coast of Newfoundland in 1912. Those items include a small lump of coal, about the size of a fingertip, recovered during the 1994 expedition to the ship, and a photograph of the luxury liner, signed by Millvina Dean, the last survivor of the *Titanic*. Dean, who died in 2009 at the age of 97, was only

two months old when the ship went down, and was the youngest known passenger on the *Titanic*.

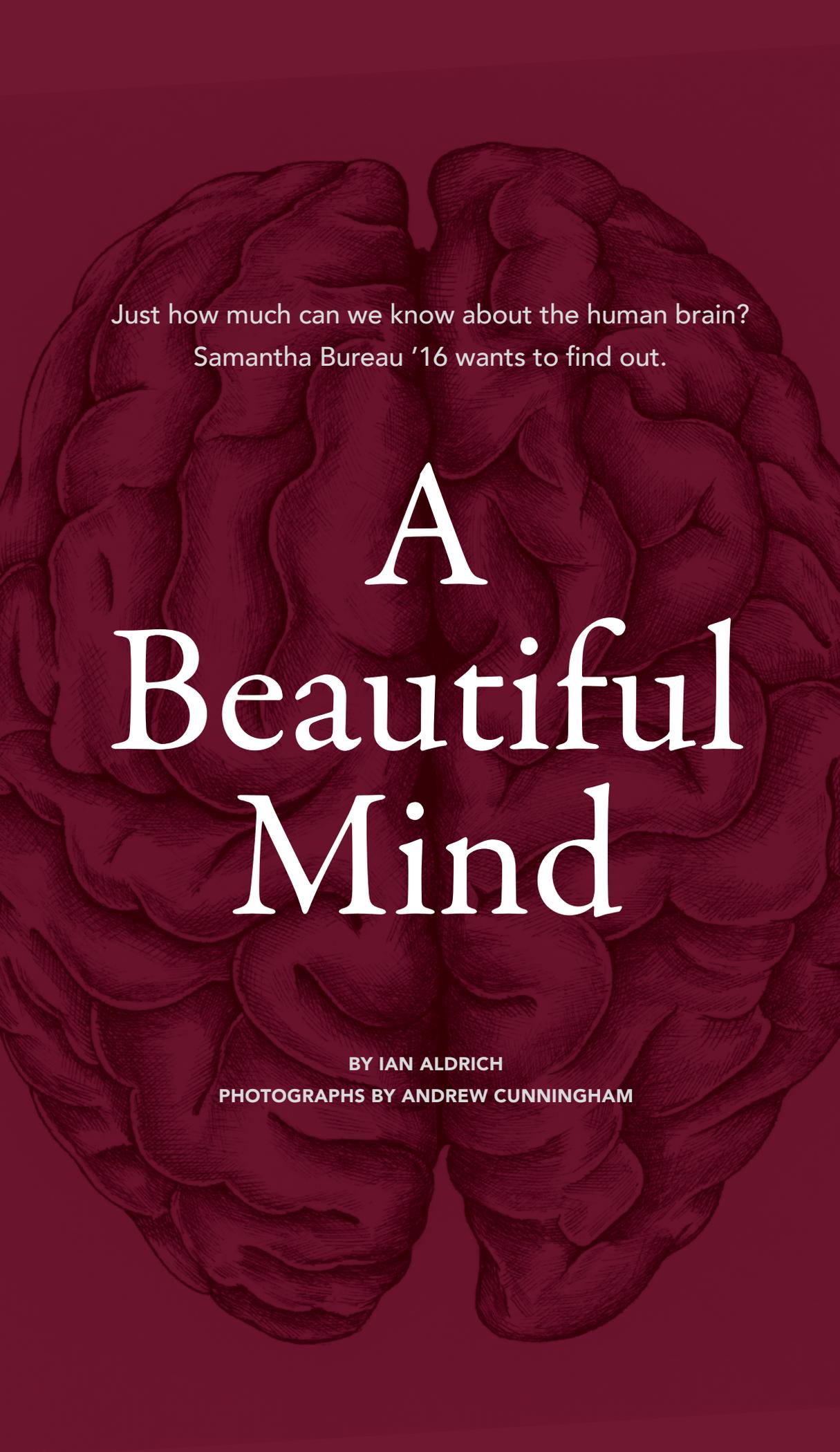
Fortunately for Meyer, Portland, Ore., is home to Powell's Books, which holds the distinction of being the largest independent seller of new and used books in the world. He and his wife, Linda, are regulars at the frequent author readings hosted by Powell's. At the Meyer home in Tigard, the collection is dispersed among 13 bookshelves, categorized by genre – mystery, sports, comedies, etc. The baker's dozen of shelves is not enough to fit the entire assortment of Harry's books, however, and still more reside in a secure storage facility.

While the classics are certainly among Meyer's most cherished volumes, he also takes pride in more recent acquisitions. He wrote to Brooks Brown, author of the 2002 memoir *No Easy Answers: The Truth Behind Death at Columbine High School*, and told the survivor of the 1999 school shooting at Colorado's Columbine High School that Meyer had used the book in teaching confirmation classes. When he wrote the book, Brown shared in a note to Meyer, he didn't think about the different ways it could be useful.

"I was blown away by the fact that you used it in confirmation class," Brown wrote in the letter to Meyer. "Thank you so much for caring. One of the things I love most is finding out my book is being used where I least expect it, and confirmation is one of those. Thank you so much for it. Really, thank you. Every Moment is a Gift."

The rise of the Internet has made Meyer's job easier in the years since he wrote to John Steinbeck. He frequents the American Book Exchange website (AbeBooks.com), a source for 1,200 independent bookstores across the U.S. and Europe. There, he can often find pre-signed copies of books by coveted authors, though it has reduced his correspondence with the writers themselves. One of his most prized recent acquisitions is a signed copy of *A Dog's Purpose* by Bruce Cameron. ("I just love his books.")

Are there others he still covets? "Not really," says Meyer. "I'm very happy with what I have." ■



Just how much can we know about the human brain?
Samantha Bureau '16 wants to find out.

A Beautiful Mind

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Samantha Bureau '16
working in the lab.



Four years ago, Samantha Bureau '16 was in the middle of a year-long unpaid internship at the Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE) Center at Boston University Medical School, when she received a call that changed her life.

As a research assistant, Bureau, who was the valedictorian of her graduating class at Franklin Pierce and a member of five national and international honor societies, was part of a small team that did neuropsychological interviews of current and prospective research participants who feared they might have CTE.

At the Center, which pioneered the research into much of what we know about CTE and neurodegenerative diseases, many patients were young, typically in their mid- to late-30s. And many of *those* were men, high-caliber athletes, often recently retired professional football players. But, increasingly, Bureau and others were interviewing military personnel, men and women who'd done tours in Afghanistan and Iraq. When Bureau picked up the phone on that early December day in 2016, the man on the other end of the line was a young Army veteran whose work had exposed him to numerous blast exposures.

"A lot of these guys, because of how slow they talked, you'd swear they were in their 80s," says Bureau. "He was no different, but he was also having trouble keeping track of time. He'd wake up in the morning, start making his breakfast, and then at some point look out the window and see that it was dark again. It had taken him all day to make his meal. He had no idea where his day had gone."

Bureau had arrived at BU the previous summer, believing she wanted to go straight into medicine. Maybe she'd pursue radiology, she told herself. Or, oncology. But the more calls she took from men like that Army veteran, the more Bureau realized there was an opportunity to

Neuroscience Training Ground

Challenges have never fazed Samantha Bureau. If anything, she relishes having to face them. The oldest of three girls born to Cathy and Richard Bureau, Sam's childhood was shaped by motion and activity. Her mother wasn't just a part of the inaugural women's ice hockey team at Clarkson University in Potsdam, N.Y., she was the first female athlete from Canada to receive a full athletic scholarship from an American college or university.

Her daughters ambitiously followed in their mother's footsteps. Cathy worked in marketing, but sometimes felt her main job was shuttling her girls to games and practices – the ice rink, the softball diamond, the basketball court, the soccer field.

"Sports gave us a sense of community," says Bureau. "It made us learn how to deal with adversity, make quick decisions, and work with others."

A similar drive and curiosity followed Bureau into the classroom. She was as fascinated by science and math as she was by business and the stylistic properties of Edgar Allen Poe. "I have a lot of interests," says Bureau, with a laugh. "And that sometimes hurts me."

A well-decorated high school hockey player, Bureau arrived at Franklin Pierce in the fall of 2012, drawn by the University's small size and the immediate opportunities it offered. The women's hockey program was set to launch later that autumn, which meant she didn't have to wait for playing time. Class sizes were small and the curriculum allowed her to study many different things.

A psychology major with minors in sports and recreation management and forensic psychology, she took a 400-level law course her freshman year, and often loaded up her schedule by adding one or two extra classes. She also worked three jobs. None of it slowed her

down. Bureau was captain of the ice hockey team her final two years at Franklin Pierce, and received special recognition as one of only three skaters to play in all 98 games during the program's first four years. She joined the track and field team and, despite everything that was on her plate, graduated *summa cum laude*.

As an athlete, Bureau was a thinker – perhaps foreshadowing her future career. Bureau didn't get rattled. She saw patterns in the game, could sense how the game was developing, where things might be headed.

For that reason, psychology called to her at Franklin Pierce. She has long had an interest in how the mind works, how the brain's complicated circuitry can be impacted by outside forces. She was fascinated by mental health; the role it played for an elite athlete at the height of

competition, and the issues those same athletes face after their athletic careers have ended.

"These high achievers have struggles you don't always notice," says Bureau, who published two papers during her time at Pierce in *The Alpha Chi Journal of Undergraduate Scholarship*, including one that looked at stress levels among student-athletes and student non-athletes. "What happens when you're never satisfied with what you've accomplished? What people don't realize going into sports is just

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—SAMANTHA BUREAU '16

make a difference in the lives of those battling CTE. The medical degree would come, but it would have to wait. The following summer, Bureau, returned to her native Ottawa, Ontario, to begin a Ph.D. program in neuroscience at Carleton University.

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Samantha, her fiancé, Jay Pranulis '15 MBA '17, and their dogs at Franklin Pierce.

how much they'll miss it when they're done. This is especially true for women, because often college is the highest level you can achieve. It defines you. You love the intensity, then it's gone."

What the Science Shows

When Bureau was 19, she read the 2013 documentary-turned-book *League of Denial*, a landmark but – at the time – controversial account of traumatic brain injury suffered by players in the National Football League.

"People didn't believe it was real, but to me it made so much sense," says Bureau. "If you hit your head so many times, there's going to be impact."

The book also delved into some of the groundbreaking work being done at BU's CTE Center. If she ever got a chance to work there, Bureau told herself, she'd jump at the opportunity. Shortly before graduating Franklin Pierce, she blindly sent her résumé to the Center. Her timing was impeccable. The CTE team was looking to bring in a new crop of interns for the next year. After a formal application process, Bureau was one of only four people offered a position.

The world of neuroscience is a fast-changing one. Over the last half-decade, developments around our understanding of concussions and how the brain responds to sudden impact has greatly deepened. Bureau is in the thick of it. In the summer of 2017, she returned to Ottawa to begin a co-supervised Ph.D. program in neuroscience at Carleton University and the University of Ottawa. In true Samantha Bureau fashion, she expects to wrap up the four-year program 12 months early. In addition to her academic work, Bureau also works nearly full-time at the Canadian branch of the Concussion Legacy Foundation as its director of digital engagement and strategic

planning, where she has led national campaigns to raise awareness around concussions and CTE.

"The thing people are now moving away from is the idea of acute concussions," she says. "The one thing about concussion is it's a very individual diagnosis. Two people can experience the same kind of impact very differently. Body composition, hormone levels, brain circuitry, resilience – there are so many things that can contribute to a concussion."

Science has also shown there is no correlation between concussion history and contracting CTE. Rather, it's the cumulative effect of micro head traumas, the impact a linebacker experiences over a long career, say, that can cause the brain to suffer from the degenerative disease. There's still much to know, of course, says Bureau, but with companies such as Google and financiers such as Elon Musk pouring money into the neuroscience space to better understand how the brain makes decisions, the medical establishment seems to be on the cusp of embarking on a whole new frontier in our understanding of the mind.

And as we learn more, how we do things will undoubtedly change, says Bureau. In fact, that's already started. Youth soccer has a cut-off age for heading. The same goes for body checking in ice hockey. There's also a greater onus on coaches and trainers to have a stronger initiative to pull athletes if they suspect they've suffered a head injury, even if the game is on the line and the athlete in question feels no reason to be removed from play. As a former college athlete, Bureau can certainly relate.

"I know I played through a concussion," she says. "I also know in the moment you want to be able to play and not let people down. It wasn't smart and I'm extremely lucky. But we need to be a lot more realistic about what is right and wrong for a child to go through, that there are better ways we can do things. It means getting people educated." ■

PEARLY HOUSE EVENTS



TEMPLE GRANDIN '70 VISIT

Renowned animal behaviorist Dr. Temple Grandin'70 stopped by her *alma mater* to speak to students in classes, visit the dining hall, and tour the campus to see the changes that have taken place since she was a student. President Mooney '83 hosted a reception at Pearly House in her honor, attended by students in the Doctor of Physical Therapy, Master of Physician Assistant Studies, and Health and Natural Science programs.



Andre Aho '96,
whose company
ATA Construction
built Pearly House,
with President
Mooney '83

PEARLY HOUSE DEDICATION

The Board of Trustees and their guests gathered at Pearly House for a reception and dedication ceremony, honoring board members who financially supported the construction of the president's residence. The plaque that was unveiled will be displayed in Pearly House in recognition of their contribution to the Franklin Pierce community.



ALUMNI AWARDS RECEPTION

President Mooney '83 welcomed alumni and their guests for an awards reception at Pearly House during Alumni Reunion Weekend. Congratulations to this year's recipients:

- Gary Lochhead '89 received the Power of the Raven Award.
- Zachary Gianaris '89 received the Frank S. DiPietro Entrepreneurship Award.
- Trustee Jonathan Slavin '92 was awarded the Outstanding Service Award.
- Departing Alumni Association President Henry Ellis '69 was honored.
- Reunion Class Agents and members of the Class of 1969 Yearbook Committee Dan Sansevieri '69, Dinny Parvin '69, Helen Astmann '69, and Charlene Hulten '69 each received a special gift to thank them for their service to the University.



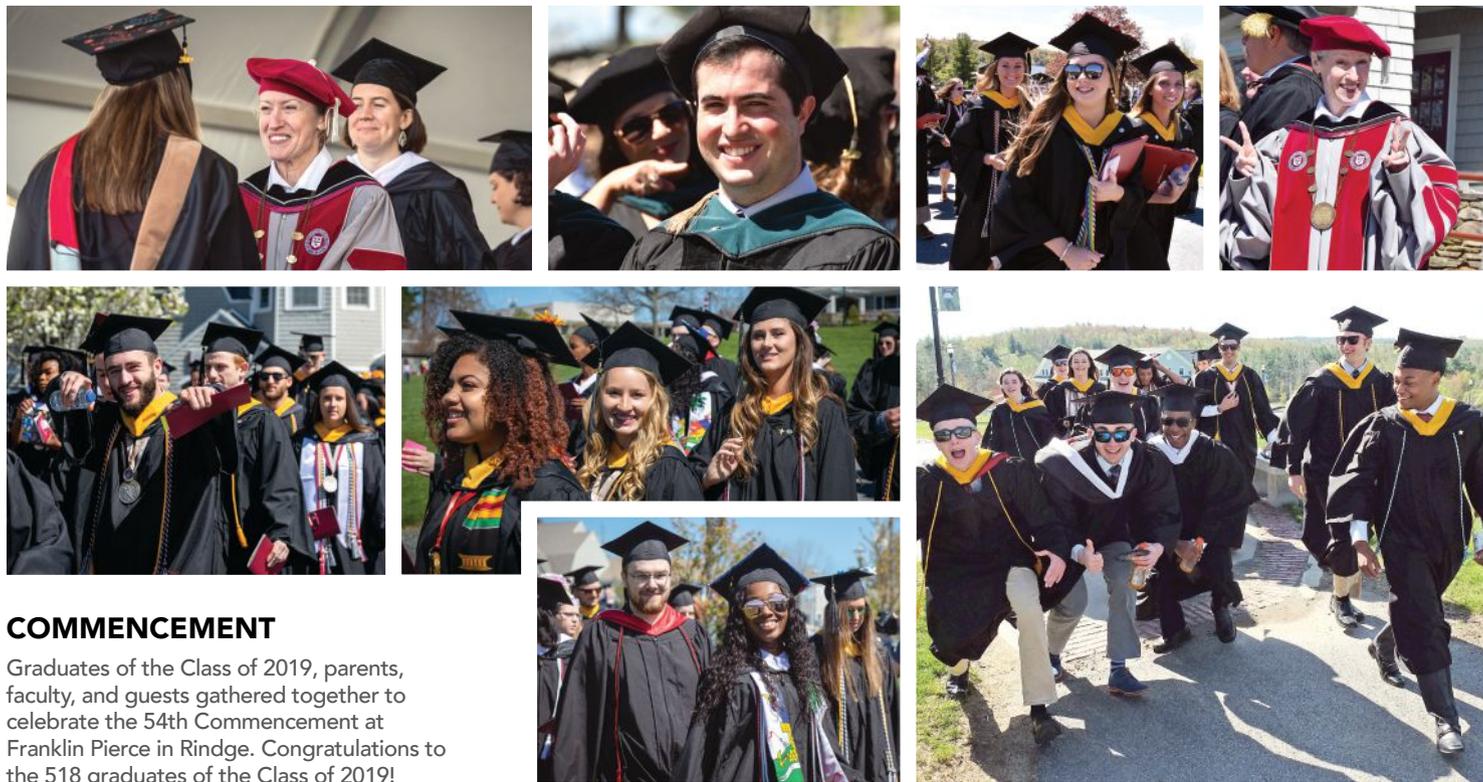
President Mooney welcomes Mrs. Dorothy Peterson, wife of Walter Peterson, second president of Franklin Pierce College (1975–1995).

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS DINNER

Honorary degree recipients Mayor Georgia Lord, Mayor Joyce Craig, and publisher Jamie Trowbridge and their families joined President Mooney, her husband, Greg Walsh, and Trustees at Pearly House. Martha Pappas, philanthropist and recipient of the Honorable Walter R. Peterson Citizen Leader Award, was unable to attend.



EVENTS



COMMENCEMENT

Graduates of the Class of 2019, parents, faculty, and guests gathered together to celebrate the 54th Commencement at Franklin Pierce in Rindge. Congratulations to the 518 graduates of the Class of 2019!



FRESHMAN AND TRANSFER STUDENTS MOVE-IN DAY

Members of the Franklin Pierce community were on hand to help move boxes and welcome the 470 new students for Move-In Day 2019. Welcome, new Ravens!





ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEETING

In March, the Alumni Association Board of Directors welcomed President Kim Mooney '83 to speak at its meeting at the Manchester Center and give an update on the University. The board holds three meetings a year, in March, September, and June.



ALUMNI REUNION WEEKEND

More than 300 alumni and their guests returned to campus to reconnect with lifelong friends at Alumni Reunion Weekend. The Class of 1969 celebrated its 50th reunion, and each received a special 50th medallion and a yearbook. The event – and the yearbook – proved to be a nostalgic journey for class members. The weekend was filled with entertainment and opportunities to be together, including fireworks, a lunch on Peterson Lawn, water activities on Pearly Pond, tours of the campus, and a groovy sounds-of-Woodstock tribute band, Back to the Garden.



GILTALBOT (REUNION); ANDREW CUNNINGHAM (GOLF); ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, COMMENCEMENT, MOVE-IN DAY); LARS BLACKMORE (COMMENCEMENT); DAVID HAMILTON '17 MBA '19 (MOVE-IN DAY)

ANNUAL ATHLETICS GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Rocky Classic was held on July 22, 2019, at Keene Country Club. The popular tournament was attended by 140 alumni, faculty, staff, local businesses, and vendors. All proceeds raised will support Franklin Pierce efforts to preserve traditions, foster ideals, enhance the student-athlete experience, and improve facilities.



RED SOX VS. YANKEES GAME

Alumni gathered at Fenway Park in Boston on September 6 to cheer on the Red Sox as they faced the New York Yankees. President Kim Mooney '83 represented Franklin Pierce at home plate in the pre-game ceremonies. The Red Sox defeated the Yankees, 6-1 – a great way to end a fantastic event.



Richard T. Griffiths assembles an art piece that includes a quote about the press from every U.S. president.

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Headliners

Fitzwater Medallion recipients Patterson '69 and Griffiths are pioneers in communications.

When he was a young television producer for CBS News, Richard T. Griffiths got an unexpected assignment to work with the network's White House team covering the administration of President George H.W. Bush, whose press secretary was the highly respected Marlin Fitzwater.

That made the April visit of Griffiths to Franklin Pierce in April – when he was honored as the National Winner of The Fitzwater Medallion for Leadership in Public Communication – a coming home of sorts.

“It was interesting to connect with an institution that came out of [Marlin Fitzwater’s] vision,” says Griffiths. “Here’s someone deeply committed to building a strong journalism program and getting strong journalism students out into the world.”

Griffiths was a worthy recipient. Over the course of a 40-year career in television, the longtime newsman shaped the coverage of many leading stories, from the fortunes and troubles facing NASA to South Africa under apartheid to the tumultuous leadership of Haiti.

At CNN, where he spent most of his career, Griffiths oversaw the network's investigative journalism and its fact-checking operations during the last three presidential elections. He produced documentaries and special investigations for CNN, and his team's work on the 9/11 attacks earned the unit a National Headliner award. Griffiths also spearheaded reporting projects that won several George F. Peabody awards, the Overseas Press Club's David Kaplan Award, and two Emmys, among other distinctions. At the time of his retirement in 2017, Griffiths was a CNN vice president and senior editorial director.

SPOTLIGHT

Griffiths says his time at Pierce left him impressed with the University and its students. Restoring the public's faith in media, he says, rests on schools like Pierce continuing to build adaptable 21st-century journalists.

"It's the next generation of journalism students and journalists who are going to have to solve many of the intractable problems we face," says Griffiths, now the volunteer president of the Georgia First Amendment Foundation. "This generation understands the online digital culture and how it both feeds the best of our society and allows the worst of society to flourish."

Joining Griffiths as a Fitzwater honoree was Robert M. Patterson '69, a pioneer in developing satellite technology for global media, who also was awarded the Fitzwater Medallion for Leadership in Public Communication. Even if you aren't familiar with Patterson's name, you're certainly acquainted with his work. The California resident turned a boyhood love of playing sports and learning about space exploration into a career that changed how television viewers consume news and sporting events. It was Patterson's visionary thinking that brought live coverage of President Richard Nixon's historic 1972 visit to China, the Apollo moon missions, and both the Vietnam and Gulf Wars. He also was heavily involved in broadcasts of the famous Frost-Nixon interviews, and it was Patterson who ushered in the first live transmissions of major sporting events.

"I am in awe of the juxtaposition of two such people being honored at the same time," says Kristen Nevius, director of the Fitzwater Center. "[Patterson] is a communications pioneer who changed the nature of how the world receives news, thereby influencing the content and impact of that news, while [Griffiths] was instrumental in framing the world's narrative for more than two decades. It is simply amazing to think about."

Patterson, who arrived at Pierce in the mid-sixties after an unsuccessful experience at a previous college, credits the school for not just turning his life around, but helping lay the groundwork for his later career successes. Patterson served as a member of Pierce's Board of Trustees for 10 years and, in 2002, the University named its production studios in the Fitzwater Center the Patterson Broadcasting Suite.

"Pierce gave me that proverbial second chance to succeed," he says. "My education better prepared me to tackle the trials and tribulations of the real world and to focus on what was important. During my career, I competed against some of the biggest companies in the satellite industry and, through the knowledge, know-how, and capabilities I acquired [at Pierce], I was enabled to achieve success." — *Ian Aldrich*



Top and middle: Richard T. Griffiths takes part in a televised program with students. Bottom: Robert M. Patterson '69 at his reunion this year.



ANDREW CUNNINGHAM (GRIFFITHS); GIL TALBOT (PATTERSON).

**“Supporting our students is one way we demonstrate our gratitude
and realize our life-long commitment of service to others.”
Harry '68 and Linda Meyer**



Pictured are Pierce Partners Scholarship recipients Stella Dema '20, Cameron Torres '20, and Ensley Hostetter '20.

Pierce Partners Scholarship Fund

The Pierce Partners Scholarship program helps students pursue their academic dreams by providing financial assistance to those experiencing unexpected economic challenges. While increasing college access is critical, we must also ensure that our students are successful once they join our community.

Many talented students enroll at Franklin Pierce with limited financial means, but have the grit and perseverance to thrive on our inclusive and supportive campus. We ask our community of supporters to partner with us to help these talented students bridge the financial gap.

For more information on the Pierce Partners Scholarship program or other giving opportunities, please contact Crystal Neuhauser, Associate Vice President for University Advancement, at (603) 899-4031 or neuhauserc@franklinpierce.edu.

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More Than a Summit

The Grand Monadnock Climb has become a tradition of community.

In 1970, a group of Franklin Pierce students decided to ring in the fall term by scaling Mount Monadnock. The four-mile round-trip hike up the White Dot Trail (and back down the White Cross Trail) has since become a longstanding tradition that celebrated its 50th year this fall.

While initially organized by students in an impromptu way, today's Grand Monadnock Climb is stewarded by the Raven Recreation Department, led by Doug Carty '06 M.B.A.'21 P'14, longtime director of Raven Recreation. The tradition has grown from a handful of random participants in 1970 to an intentional event (two years later) that facilitates the mingling of first-year students, upperclassmen, faculty, and staff in a way that introduces them to Mount Monadnock and each other.

"I always tell the students it's not about the summit," says Carty. "It's about a great day together building community."

From humble beginnings, the Grand Monadnock Climb has become a fall rite of passage over the years – a way for upwards of 175 participants each fall (including the high-fiving Rocky the Raven) to kick off the school year, while enjoying a stunning view of the entire Rindge campus and building community in the process. At 3,165 feet, the

summit of Monadnock holds the distinction of being the most frequently climbed mountain in North America and the second most scaled mountain in the world after Japan's Mount Fuji.

While the unofficial Monadnock event dates back to 1970, the September 11, 1972, issue of the *Pierce Arrow* indicates that the first official Grand Monadnock Climb, billed as "Mt. Monadnock Day," took place September 12, 1972. The 16-mile hike from campus, conceived by the Orientation Week Planning Committee, was sponsored by the Mountaineering Club and led by Pierce "woodsmen" John Cronin '73 and Jimmy Kuhlthau '74.

"The main objective," the article states, "is to give the new freshmen a sense of unity and spirit as a class. The group will assemble on the Manor Lawn and take the back road, through B.C. land to Monadnock State Park. The entire hike will be in the woods until they reach the Halfway House. At the Halfway House, a food truck will be there to give out the picnic lunches to be eaten on top of Mt. Monadnock. Mt. Monadnock has served as a place of inspiration for hundreds of years."

The article concluded by noting that "This is the first Mt. Monadnock Day at FPC and the success of future days like it depends on student participation." —Jana F. Brown



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