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We're turning **50**





From left to right: Physical Therapy Program Director for Goodyear and Concord Campuses, Stephanie Johnson PT., Ed.D., M.B.A.; Dr. James Birge; Student, Tressie McCoy.

Message from

James F. Birge,
President

Many Franklin Pierce alumni recall the winters they spent in New Hampshire shoveling out their cars after a snowstorm, or skating and skiing on campus, or bundling up against the cold wind as they walked to class. This winter, however, you would be hard pressed to find students who have had those experiences. We have had a very mild winter with only three snow storms of measurable amounts (OK, so one of the storms dropped two feet of the white stuff on us), and temperatures that have challenged the formation of ice on Pearly Pond.

The mild weather, on the other hand, has allowed construction of the Dr. Arthur and Martha Pappas Health Sciences and Athletic Training Center to progress quite well with its anticipated opening in summer 2012. Dr. and Mrs. Pappas provided Franklin Pierce with its largest financial gift in history to support the construction. Our cover story reveals more about this state-of-the-art facility.

The new facility will allow us to offer students much needed science space on campus for their expanding work. One of the exciting activities in Rindge this year has been a funded research project on macular degeneration. Dr. Susan Arruda and her students have been studying fruit flies in order to learn more about the human eye.

The College of Graduate & Professional Studies is also seeing much activity. The Doctor of Physical Therapy Program accepted its inaugural class in Goodyear, Ariz., in June 2009, and these students just completed the three-year program in February. The first graduates of our Master of Physician Assistant Studies program completed their education and were recognized with a

Long White Coat Ceremony at which they received their degrees on March 30, 2012.

Another notable academic accomplishment at Franklin Pierce is the Marlin Fitzwater Center for Communication. This year we celebrate the Center's 10th anniversary on our way to kicking off the University's year-long 50th anniversary celebration beginning in September.

This issue also marks our first electronic-only magazine issue as part of our efforts to continue our 'green' initiatives and to be economically responsible as well. We will return to the print version for our fall issue and will continue to print only in the fall for future issues.

These stories, and many others, will provide you with a good view of the dynamic learning environment on our campuses. Reading about these activities, however, is no substitute for seeing them first hand. If you have not been on campus or at our centers recently, please come visit us — you will be glad to see the many good things happening today.

Ex Umbris Ad Lucem,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James F. Birge".

James F. Birge
President



Building a Healthy Future

By Patricia Garrity

“The need for qualified healthcare professionals continues to grow in the state, nation, and around the globe, and we will be better able to prepare Franklin Pierce students for the demands and challenges of these dynamic fields,” says Provost Kim Mooney ’83.

Franklin Pierce University broke ground on the Dr. Arthur and Martha Pappas Health Sciences and Athletic Training Center in the fall of 2011 on the Rindge campus. This two-story, 9,000 square-foot, \$2 million addition to the Fieldhouse is scheduled to be completed this summer. It will provide academic space for expanding our emerging health sciences program as well as additional athletic training facilities beginning in the fall of 2012. The University received a lead gift of \$1.1 million to support the construction of this new center – the largest gift in the University’s 50-year history – from Dr. Arthur and Martha Pappas. Franklin Pierce also received a generous \$75,000 donation from the George I. Alden Trust of Worcester, Mass., which will aid in the development of the academic portion of the new center.

NEW INITIATIVES

Coupled with the construction of the Health Sciences and Athletic Training Center are a variety of exciting new initiatives; new pathway programs to our own doctor of physical therapy (D.P.T.) and to a doctor of medicine or veterinary medicine (M.D. or D.V.M.) at St. George’s University are in place, as well as a new bachelor degree in

health sciences, which will be offered for the first time in the fall of 2012. For those interested in pursuing a master’s of physician assistant studies (M.P.A.S.) at Franklin Pierce, qualified undergraduate students are invited for an interview to the program; interviews are done on a very selective basis for the coveted program slots, so an interview invitation represents a great benefit.

These new initiatives are complementary to Franklin Pierce’s current curriculum and offer career options that many of our current and potential students are interested in pursuing. Among high school seniors considering enrolling at Franklin Pierce, those intending to pursue a major in health professions are second only to those indicating plans to pursue degrees in business administration and management.

“The need for qualified healthcare professionals continues to grow in the state, nation, and around the globe and we will be better able to prepare Franklin Pierce students for the demands and challenges of these dynamic fields,” says Provost Kim Mooney ’83. The demand nationally for professionals in various healthcare fields,

including physical therapy, physician assistants, and athletic training is projected by the U.S. Department of Labor to grow much faster than the average over the next ten years. A 2009 CNN *Money Magazine* ranking puts two of these professions in the top 10 fastest growing fields.

NEW FACILITIES

The Dr. Arthur and Martha Pappas Health Sciences and Athletic Training Center addition will include two unique learning environments for undergraduate and graduate students: a multipurpose, multimedia smart classroom designed to take advantage of technology in education and maximize student-teacher interaction, and a connecting flexible



laboratory classroom equipped with technology and media for today’s health education. “This new space will not only efficiently serve our athletes,” says Mooney,

“it will provide both the classrooms and a ‘living laboratory’ in which students in the new health sciences program can observe and gain practical, hands-on experience.”

Students also see this potential. “We are both pursuing physical therapy as a career and we are also involved with athletics,” says Kendra Lajoie ’15 and Dayna Mercadante ’15. “There is not enough space for the athletic trainers where we work now. This new building is going to be great for the athletic training and also for the health sciences classes we’re going to be taking.”



Kendra Lajoie '15 and Dayna Mercadante '15

Located on the second floor, the new laboratory will allow for both traditional as well as virtual web-based laboratory investigations, and the technology-rich classroom is designed to maximize student-faculty interaction. Both rooms will be flexible for use by many programs, including undergraduate psychology and biology courses such as neuroscience, kinesiology, and exercise science. Three faculty offices will also be located on the second floor, allowing for greater collaborative opportunities for faculty from undergraduate and graduate programs.

STATE-OF-THE-ART ATHLETIC TRAINING

“I am thrilled with the plans for the new center and am eager to begin practicing there in a few months,” says Cindy Arman, Head Athletic Trainer. Last year, over 6,000 treatments were performed by Arman and her staff, including electrical stimulation



Cindy Arman, head athletic trainer

therapy (e-stim) and hydrotherapy treatments. The new space will include multiple taping stations, a number of training tables for treat-



ment and rehabilitation using ultrasound and e-stim, and a hydrotherapy area with whirlpools.

Also included in the Center will be three offices which will allow the athletic training staff to efficiently manage and track the health of athletes without leaving the treatment area.

“On behalf of the athletic training staff, coaches, and all student-athletes, we are extremely pleased to know that we will have a new state-of-the-art athletic training facility that will serve the entire athletics program in a manner that we have not had in the past,” states Vice President and Athletics Director Bruce Kirsh ’71.

CUTTING EDGE PROGRAMS

The new health sciences program is a pre-professional program providing students with the curriculum, advising, internship, and field experiences necessary for entry into graduate and professional programs – including medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, public health, physical therapy, pharmacy, and healthcare management.

A pathway program is now in place to support Franklin Pierce’s D.P.T. program. Students who enroll as freshman will receive special consideration to the D.P.T. program at our Goodyear, Ariz., campus, as long as they complete their bachelor’s degree and meet established criteria.

A recent partnership with St. George’s University (SGU) provides a pathway for Franklin Pierce graduates who meet specific criteria to enter either a Doctor of Medicine or Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program at SGU. Qualified students, most likely

students who have majored in biology or health sciences, can then transition into SGU’s doctoral programs.

And for those interested in our M.P.A.S. program, FPU students are given enhanced opportunities; any applicant who meets the minimum requirements for admission to the M.P.A.S. program who is a Franklin Pierce senior or alumni is automatically invited for an interview. With more than 1,500 applicants for 24 seats, this provides a significant advantage; the program typically interviews about 100-125 applicants each year.



SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE

A new \$3,000 Pierce Health Scholarship is available to all incoming 2012 students who declare a major in health sciences, biology, psychology, or social work and counseling by the close of the fall 2012 term. Funds will be applied in spring 2013, after the student has successfully completed the fall 2012 semester with a minimum CGPA of 2.8. This scholarship is renewable for students who remain in one of these majors and maintain the minimum CGPA.

HEALTHY FUTURE

Franklin Pierce University looks forward to welcoming students into the new Dr. Arthur and Martha Pappas Health Sciences and Athletic Training Center in the fall of 2012 for the first time, and to building scholarship and enhanced career opportunities for our students with this wonderful new resource. We are deeply grateful to Dr. and Mrs. Pappas for their generosity, as well as for the generosity of the George I. Alden Trust; Franklin Pierce University students and the communities they ultimately serve as health practitioners will benefit for years to come. 



Susan Arruda Leads Students in Biomedical Research

Research may lead to breakout discovery benefiting retinal disease

By Kristin Carbone '12

Fruit flies may be pests to everyone else, but for Professor Susan Arruda and her students, fruit flies could lead to a breakout discovery in finding out what happens in retinal disease in humans.

Professor Arruda's research is part of a grant that Franklin Pierce University received from the New Hampshire IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence (INBRE).



"The ultimate goal is to provide research opportunities for undergraduates to experience the art of scientific discovery under the close direction of faculty researchers in the state of New Hampshire," says INBRE principal investigator and Dartmouth Medical School Professor Ronald K. Taylor, Ph.D.

Arruda's research project is aimed at understanding what happens in retinal disease and with people who have macular degeneration or retinitis pigmentosa. Fruit flies have a similar visual response to humans. "When photoreceptors in the fruit fly's eye dies," Arruda says, "it mimics what's happening to the photoreceptors in humans who have macular degeneration and retinitis pigmentosa."

To be able to conduct this research, Arruda used grant money to build a research laboratory. Everything from glassware and beakers to a photo-developer and a dishwasher had to be purchased. The money has also supported students Sasha

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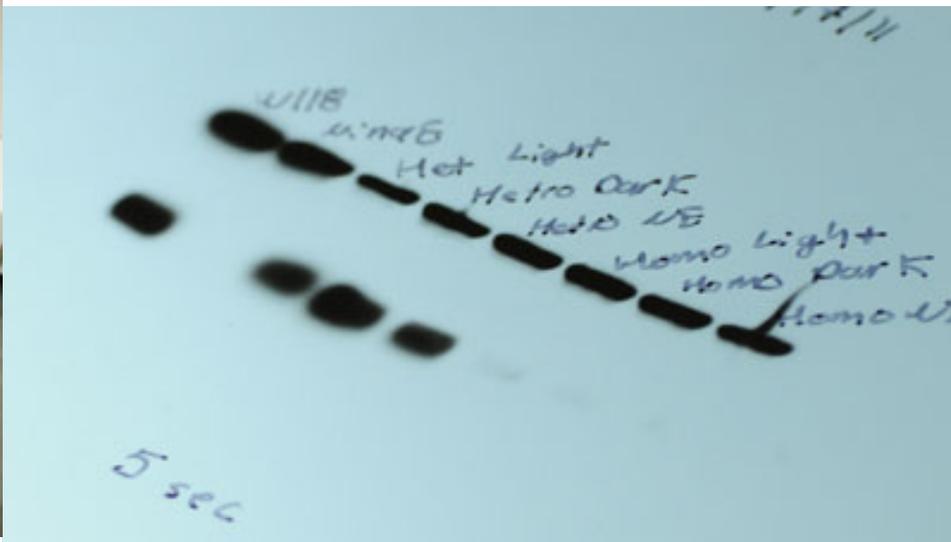
Thompson '13 and Natasha Pastor '13, who work with Arruda. Originally, Thompson wanted to be a doctor or a physician assistant. "Now that she's doing this research," Arruda says, "Sasha may go to graduate school for research, which is really what INBRE is all about."

The current INBRE grant is supporting Franklin Pierce with \$200,000 for two and a half years. After the first two and a half years are up, Arruda will be able to reapply for another \$200,000 to further the retinal disease research.

As Franklin Pierce enhances offerings in Health Sciences, we hope to offer more opportunities for student research in the future.



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Alumni Profile:

College of Graduate & Professional Studies

By Kathryn Buttrick

Jack Ferns '98



Kevin Hartline, Photograph



Find your life's inspiration

"Aviation has been my passion since I was a small boy and has been a determining factor in all three of my careers," says Jack Ferns. His first career was in his family's flying business, Ferns Flying Service, as pilot, owner, and operator. After running that business for 24 years, Jack embarked on his second career as the Director of Aeronautics, Rail & Transit at the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT). After many years at NHDOT, Jack found yet another way to both share and fuel his passion for aviation; he is currently the Executive Director of the Aviation Museum of New Hampshire in Manchester.

Jack grew up with a very supportive father who taught him two important lessons that Jack likes to impart to others: "My father instilled confidence and said that it was acceptable to make mistakes as long as they are small mistakes — and that in business and in life you won't get an answer if you don't ask the question."

Prepare yourself with a Franklin Pierce education

As Jack's career took off at NHDOT, he decided he needed more education in finance and business, so he enrolled in Franklin Pierce's College of Graduate & Professional Studies (CGPS), earning a bachelor of science degree in Accounting-Finance. He feels very grateful to Franklin Pierce, because CGPS offered him a wonderful way to complete his undergraduate degree at his own pace, enabling him to continue to be fully employed while taking classes at night. Years after his graduation, Jack still found himself using his course study books as valuable references. Jack accomplished a personal goal of graduating Magna Cum Laude in 1998. While Jack may appreciate what Franklin Pierce did for him in support of his life dreams, Franklin Pierce is grateful to Jack for serving as an exemplar of a CGPS graduate, and also for becoming a generous donor to the Annual Fund.

Make your inspiration happen

Jack has exhibited superb leadership at the Aviation Museum of New Hampshire, from his start as the Chairman of the Building Committee in 2010, until now as the Executive Director. Some of his initiatives there are the development of an education plan to inspire interest in aviation in local high school students and curating a notable collection of artifacts about the fascinating and important role in history that aviation has played in New Hampshire.



Left to right: Eric Lindbergh (Charles Lindbergh's grandson), Carla and Jack Ferns

In the News

Franklin Pierce University Awards Three Honorary Degrees

Franklin Pierce University presented three honorary degrees at its forty-seventh commencement on Saturday, May 12, 2012 on the Rindge campus. World-famous animal scientist and Franklin Pierce alumna **Dr. Temple Grandin '70**, environmentalist **Bill McKibben**, and **The Right Reverend Gene Robinson**, Bishop of New Hampshire, each received a Doctor of Humane Letters. The honorees' acceptance remarks were enjoyed by all who were there to celebrate the 2012 graduates.

Temple Grandin earned her bachelor's degree in psychology from Franklin Pierce in 1970, her master's degree in animal science from Arizona State University in 1975, and her doctoral degree in animal science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1989.

Dr. Grandin is a doctor of animal science and professor at Colorado State University, and a bestselling author and consultant to the livestock industry on animal behavior. As a person with high-functioning autism, Grandin is also noted for her work in autism advocacy. She has designed livestock handling facilities with humane animal-handling equipment all over the world.

Grandin is listed in the 2010 *Time* 100 list of the 100 most influential people in the world in the category "Heroes." She was named a fellow of the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers in 2009. Grandin is the focus of a semi-biographical 2010 HBO film titled *Temple Grandin*.

Bill McKibben is considered one of the most widely respected writers on the environment and global warming today. He has written a dozen books over the past 20

years. His first book, *The End of Nature*, is regarded as the first book published (1989) about climate change for the general public and has been published in over 20 languages. His books range in topics from global warming to local communities to genetic engineering to family. He edited and provided the introduction for a soon to be released book, *The Global Warming Reader*, which features the writings and testimony of numerous believers in global warming, as well as a few doubters.



Left to right: The Right Reverend Gene Robinson, Dr. Temple Grandin, and Bill McKibben

He is a founder of the grassroots climate campaign 350.org, which has coordinated 15,000 rallies in 189 countries since 2009. *Time Magazine* called him "the planet's best green journalist" and the *Boston Globe* said in 2010 that he was "probably the country's most important environmentalist."

A Schumann Distinguished Scholar at Middlebury College, McKibben holds honorary degrees from a dozen colleges. In 2011, he was elected a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. McKibben has been awarded Guggenheim and Lyndhurst Fellowships, and won the Lannan Prize for nonfiction writing in 2000.

Bishop Gene Robinson was elected bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of New Hampshire on June 7, 2003, having served as Canon to the Ordinary (assistant to the bishop) for nearly 18 years; he is the first openly gay Episcopal bishop.

He is a past member of the Board of the New Hampshire Endowment for Health, which works for access to health care for the uninsured, and he currently serves as a trustee of the Church Pension Fund. He holds two honorary doctorates and has received numerous awards from national civil rights organizations.

His story is featured in the 2007 feature-length documentary, *For the Bible Tells Me So*, and in his book, *In the Eye of the Storm: Swept to the Center by God* (Seabury Books, New York), released in 2008.

Bishop Robinson has been particularly active in the area of full civil rights for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people. Working at the state, national, and international levels, he has spoken and lobbied for equal protection under the

law and full civil marriage rights. He has been honored by many LGBT organizations for this work, including the Human Rights Campaign, Lambda Legal, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, GLAAD, and the Equality Forum. His book, *God Believes in Love: Straight Talk about Gay Marriage*, was just released.

Robinson graduated from the University of the South in 1969 with a B.A. in American studies and history. In 1973 he completed the M.Div. degree at the General Theological Seminary in New York, and was ordained deacon and then priest, serving as curate at Christ Church, Ridgewood, N.J.

Franklin Pierce University Names New Vice President for Enrollment Management & Marketing

Franklin Pierce University President Dr. James F. Birge is pleased to announce the appointment of **Dr. Lisa Bunders** as Vice President for Enrollment Management and Marketing. Lahti Search Consultants assisted the University with this search, which also included an internal committee comprised of Franklin Pierce students, staff, and faculty.

Dr. Bunders brings more than 18 years experience in higher education administration to this position. Most recently, she held the position of Vice President for Enrollment Management and Athletics at Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa, where she was responsible for all recruiting efforts. During her tenure, the institution tripled application numbers in all recruiting cycles, and increased enrollment and the students' academic profile each year.

Prior to her work at Loras, Dr. Bunders served as Vice President for Enrollment, Research, and Financial Aid at Northland College in Ashland, Wis., and a variety of other positions including Director of Institutional Research, adjunct faculty, assessment coordinator, and Assistant Director of Residential Life.

At Franklin Pierce, Dr. Bunders oversees the admissions, financial aid, and marketing efforts of the entire University: the College at Rindge and the College of Graduate & Professional Studies. She coordinates, directs, and implements programs and projects that support new

student recruitment and retention. With her vast experience in the higher education enrollment arena, attracting top students and retaining them, Dr. Bunders will play a vital role in the University's strategic plan.

In announcing the appointment, President Birge says, "Dr. Bunders brings a wealth of higher education enrollment experience to Franklin Pierce University, and we are very pleased and fortunate to have her leading our enrollment initiatives. She will play a central role as we increase our visibility, enroll more students, and provide an education that matters."

Dr. Bunders holds a doctor of education degree in higher education with an emphasis in educational psychology/research and statistics from the University of South Dakota, Vermillion, S.D. She earned her master of science degree in college student personnel administration from Central Missouri State University, and bachelor of arts degree from the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point. Dr. Bunders was an active member of the Dubuque community, serving on various boards and committees, and was recognized as a 'Rising Star' in 2009 by the city of Dubuque.



Franklin Pierce University Dedicates Spagnuolo Hall

Franklin Pierce University renamed Pierce Hall in March 2012 in a ceremony honoring the Spagnuolo family, friends and benefactors of the University. Friends and community members were on hand to celebrate the many contributions of the Spagnuolos.

"I am pleased to announce that Pierce Hall has been renamed Spagnuolo Hall for Tony and Patricia Spagnuolo in recognition of the Spagnuolo family's tremendous generosity and long-standing partnership with Franklin Pierce University," says President James F. Birge.

The late Tony Spagnuolo was co-owner of Eckman Construction Company, the contractors who have constructed numerous campus facilities including Petrocelli Hall, the Emily Flint Campus Center, Pierce Hall, and the under-construction Dr. Arthur and Martha Pappas Health Sciences and Athletic Training Center. "Mr. Spagnuolo worked closely with many members of the Franklin Pierce community over the years to develop buildings that reflect the character of our beautiful campus and facilitate and support our mission," adds Dr. Birge. "We are deeply grateful for his expertise and kind generosity, and are proud to rename Pierce Hall in his honor."



Champagne, an Anthropology and Biology Major, Shares Her Experience Working with Primates

Franklin Pierce rising senior and Fall River, Mass., native **Kelsey Champagne** gave a presentation about her internship at the Southwick's Zoo, New England's largest, in Mendon, Mass., this past year. Champagne is a dual anthropology and biology major, and her internship as a primate zookeeper provided knowledge beyond the classroom in those two areas.

During the internship, Champagne gained experience in a zoo environment through feeding and interacting with the animals, as well as cleaning their living areas. "I went in with the fear that I was going to be treated like an intern, but they treated me like I was a zookeeper," says Champagne. "Everything they did, I did, and through that I feel like I got a lot more experience than I thought I was going to."

At the beginning of the internship, Champagne was following what the zookeepers told her to do. By the end of the summer, she knew what the needs of the individual animals were. Part of her work at the zoo also included behavioral observation on some of the animals.

For her future, she knows she wants to work with primates, but she is not sure where. "I know a door will eventually open up somewhere in this field, but it's such a specialized field that I can't really say where that door will be," says Champagne.

As for her experience at Franklin Pierce University, she says, "With the help of my advisors (Professors Goodby and Veilleux), avenues in my life originally thought unattainable are now within my grasp. In an environment rich with a culture of its own, and where professors know you not only by face and name, but also by your academic interests, Franklin Pierce is shaping Renaissance men and women of tomorrow, even if we are still figuring out who we are along the way."



Kelsey Champagne with Dr. Robert Goodby, associate professor of anthropology

Thistle Presents Ethnographical Research at National Collegiate Honors Conference



Franklin Pierce University rising senior and Swampscott, Mass., native **Nicolas Thistle** presented a poster of his findings from his qualitative ethnographical research study at the National Collegiate Honors Conference in Phoenix, Ariz., last fall.

Thistle had worked on his study, “Rotary Clubs: What’s Altruism Got to Do with It?” since January 2011. He would like to thank the Jaffrey-Rindge Rotary Club, as well as the Swampscott Rotary Club, for their help and support throughout his research.

At the conference, Thistle was accompanied by Professor Donna Decker, Franklin Pierce Honors Program Director. This was the fifth year since Decker has been director in which a Franklin Pierce University student presented at the conference.

Thistle and Decker went not only to present, but also to hear other honors students’ research and to participate in numerous discussions and forums with fellow honors students from across the nation. Thistle also attended the Leadership New Hampshire two-day conference known as Leadership College as a student representative from Franklin Pierce. He was a part of the inaugural class of Leadership College. The conference centered on building a sense of community in New Hampshire.

Thistle is an honors student who is double majoring in criminal justice and education. He was the Student Government treasurer in ’11 - ’12, student manager for events and programs, and is involved with several other clubs and organizations on campus.

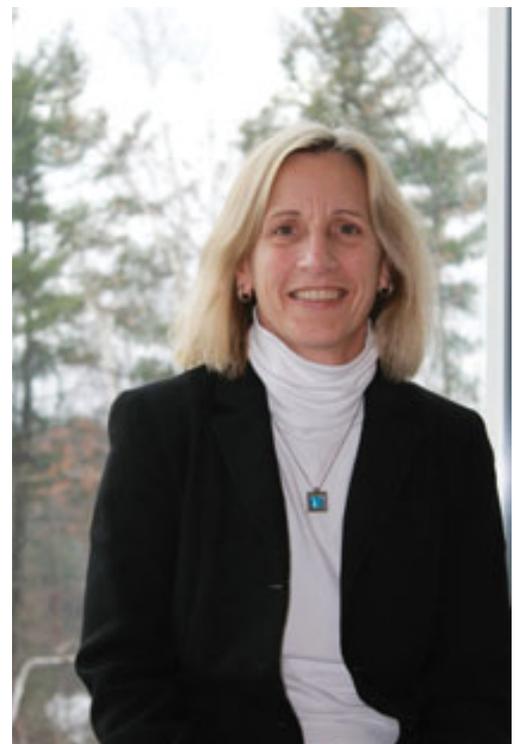
“Franklin Pierce is an amazing place with great opportunities to grow leadership skills. I love getting involved with the community and giving back,” says Thistle. “It is a place where you can get involved very easily. If you have a goal or a passion, it can be accomplished here.”

Dangremond Named Director of Conferences & Events at Franklin Pierce University

Franklin Pierce University is pleased to announce the addition of **Darcy Dangremond** as Director of Conferences and Events. Dangremond is a tactical and strategic thinking professional with a unique and extensive background gained from over 20 years of experience, working with both established and start-up organizations.

Before joining Franklin Pierce, Dangremond worked at Atlantis Casino Resort Spa, Sheraton Denver West Hotel, and Lake Placid Resort. Her experience includes sales and coordination of large conferences and events, relationship building, and strategic planning. During her career, Dangremond has established strong working relationships with an emphasis on communication.

At Franklin Pierce, Dangremond will provide leadership and direction for the conference center and focus on developing new business opportunities.



Lloyd and Helen Ament Astmann '69 Career Center

Planning for the Future Starts Here and Now!

Franklin Pierce University celebrated the opening of the new Lloyd and Helen Ament Astmann '69 Career Center with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The new Career Center provides easy access for all Rindge students. Its location in the freshman living area was specifically chosen so that the staff can establish early connections with first-year students and assist them with choosing a career path and setting realistic goals for the future.

Location, Location, Location

The location of the Center was of particular importance to Lloyd and Helen Ament Astmann '69. "For students, proactive career planning has always been prudent, but in today's economy, it is of absolute importance. Locating the Career Center in the freshman dorm area is brilliant, providing easy access to the entire campus and great visibility to students who can get on track to plan for their future early in their college career. The student-centered tenet at Franklin Pierce continues with this attractive, multifaceted facility. We are thrilled to be part of making this project a reality," say the Astmanns.

The new career space also offers on-campus recruiting space and a career resource library that students can access when researching career fields, internships, jobs, or graduate schools. Services are also available to CGPS students and alumni via phone, email, and Skype.



Freshman-Career-Fest

As part of this initiative, Career Services is offering a series of programs for first-year students called Freshman-Career-Fest. The series includes alumni speaker panels, workshops and presentations on study abroad, internships, community service, and campus leadership opportunities. The Career Services office hosts a series of career panels, enabling students to hear directly from professionals working in various fields. Speakers share details about their careers and offer advice and tips for students on how to best prepare for the field.

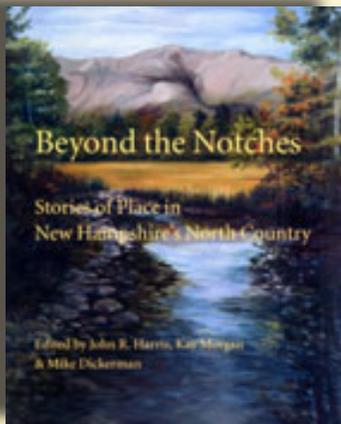


The Future Is Bright

Franklin Pierce University is committed to helping students connect their academic studies to meaningful career options. We believe the new Career Center greatly assists us in our efforts and are grateful to Lloyd and Helen Ament Astmann for helping to make it possible.

Beyond the Notches

Received the 2011 Award for
Outstanding Book
of Nonfiction



Four years in the making, *Beyond the Notches: Stories of Place in New Hampshire's North Country* received the 2011 award for Outstanding Book of Nonfiction at the New Hampshire Writers' Project event last November.

Editors **John R. Harris,**

Executive Director of Franklin Pierce University's Monadnock Institute; Kay Morgan; and Mike Dickerman were on hand to receive the award on behalf of all the contributors to the book.

The award was presented by New Hampshire Writers' Project Vice President Mary Jo Alibrio, whose remarks included some of the comments made by the judge in nonfiction, Art Winslow, former literary editor and executive editor of *The Nation*. Winslow wrote, "The symbiotic relationship between the land and its people is the great throbbing heart of *Beyond the Notches*, rendered close and dear on virtually every page, and without shyness or rancor it engages difficult questions with open-ended answers."

Designed as a project to collect and celebrate essays "with dirt under their fingernails" by North Country writers, *Beyond the Notches* "manages to wed together historicism and contemporary affairs relatively seamlessly, in a continuum of consideration that balances questions of stewardship, economic necessity, and communal responsibility," according to Winslow. The book, a compendium of 51 new essays by an equal mix of noted New Hampshire writers and new voices from the North Country, brings together the past and present and looks to the future of this unique region.

Howard Mosher, noted fiction writer in Vermont's Northeast Kingdom has called it, "The best anthology of a distinctive American region I have ever read." In his foreword to the book, Richard Ober, President of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, wrote, "It's not sentimental about the region's stunning beauty, and it doesn't flinch from the reality of a boom-and-bust economy. It is, in short, a collection worthy of the singular place it chronicles so well." In addition to stunning cover art and five specially commissioned paintings by Bethlehem resident Amy Delventhal, the book is lavishly illustrated by historic and contemporary photos, maps, and art by the White Mountain School of 19th century artists.

Beyond the Notches retails for \$29.95 and is available in bookstores throughout the state and directly from www.northcountrynhstories.org or Bondcliff Books in Littleton, N.H.



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MONADNOCK FORUMS

The Fitzwater Center for Communication at Franklin Pierce University and the *Monadnock Ledger-Transcript* co-sponsored The Monadnock Forums. This series of citizen-driven conversations with the candidates for the 2012 Republican nomination for President of the United States began in October 2011 with former Louisiana Governor Buddy Roemer. The Fitzwater Center for Communication at Franklin Pierce University hosted the forums in Pierce Hall on the Rindge, N.H., campus.

Franklin Pierce junior journalism major Erica Tomaszewski and junior political science major Heather Wombolt were part of the Front Row, a group of citizens who started the conversation with the candidate; members of the live audience in Pierce Hall and those watching via webcast had an opportunity to ask their questions. Franklin Pierce University Professor Dr. Robin Marra served as moderator for this forum.

This forum continued last year's collaboration of the Monadnock Debates which focused on the U.S. congressional campaigns. "Franklin Pierce University's Fitzwater Center is proud to once again co-sponsor political forums with the *Monadnock Ledger-Transcript*," says President James F. Birge. "This is a great opportunity for our students and the local community to have direct access to the candidates and become fully informed on all of the issues in the upcoming Presidential election."



Emerson Sprinting to Build the New Track & Field/ Cross Country Programs at Franklin Pierce

By Doug DeBiasi

ATHLETICS

To say the last four months have been a “whirlwind” for **Zach Emerson** would be an understatement. In fact, there isn’t a word to describe it.

Emerson was tapped as the first head coach in Franklin Pierce Men’s and Women’s Track & Field/Cross Country history back in early October. Since that time, he has traveled the New England region trumpeting the opportunities of the new program, recruiting student-athletes who are up for the challenge of building the program from day one, hiring an assistant coach, continuing to pursue his master’s degree in sports & recreation management, and welcoming his new daughter, Ruby, into the world on Jan. 15, 2012.

“Two pots of coffee a day,” Emerson says with laughter. “That’s what gets me through the days right now.”

Anyone who has seen Emerson walking around campus will attest to him always having a cup of joe in his hand. But it’s more than that. It’s a passion for the sport and the determination to recruit and coach. Emerson embodies all of those characteristics, which makes him a natural fit for the Franklin Pierce Athletics Department, which has built its rich history and tradition by hard work and overachieving.

“The reaction from coaches and prospective recruits in the region has been phenomenal,” he says. “They are excited to be part of starting a program from the ground up. They are also excited to be a part of a rich athletic tradition which Franklin Pierce University offers. Being a Raven will be something special.”

Emerson came to Franklin Pierce after spending the past two seasons in a similar role, shaping the New England College track and cross country programs. He produced outstanding results while at NEC, including leading the men’s cross country team to the 2011 North-Atlantic Conference championship – the first title in school history. The 2010 cross country teams had five student-athletes earn academic all-conference distinctions and tied for the highest grade point average of any team at NEC for the entire school year. In addition, Emerson guided 17 all-conference first-team award winners, four individual conference champions, the 2011 ECAC individual men’s cross country champion, as well as an individual qualifier for the 2011 NCAA Division III Cross Country Championship in Oshkosh, Wis.

After Emerson accepted the job at Franklin Pierce, he quickly set out traveling to various high school meets throughout New England, which occupied his time for the remainder of the calendar year.

“I had the luxury of taking in a lot of meets throughout New Hampshire and Massachusetts,” he says. “It was great because I had the opportunity to meet with recruits, coaches, and parents



face to face and sell all the benefits of being a part of our program. I was able to form strong relationships, which will help in future recruiting years.”

When he wasn’t on the road, Emerson would make the hour drive from his home to the Rindge campus to meet with prospective student-athletes who wanted to tour the school that is nestled between the heights of Mount Monadnock and the shores of Pearly Pond. Emerson hired his assistant coach, Dyrace Maxfield, in early December and the two typically welcome two to three kids to campus most days every week.

“We have a beautiful setting here at Franklin Pierce and I think it showed when recruits visited the campus,” Emerson says of the initial tours. “They came away really impressed with how friendly everyone was, and the scenery of the surrounding area put them and their parents at ease. I think it’s an easy sell for the most part.”

Emerson’s and Maxfield’s sales pitch to prospective recruits is a simple and direct one: “Be a part of a program from day one.”

“We let the recruits know that this is a first-year program, and when building a team from the ground up, it’s going to take a lot of hard work and determination to get better every day,” Emerson says. “You can tell right away who is excited and up for the challenge. Those are the athletes we want competing in our program, both on the track and in the classroom.”

While he has been busy on the road recruiting, he has also been working a lot at home with his family and the newest addition, Ruby. The entire family — Zach, wife Kim, Ruby, and her sister Maisie — are doing fine and looking forward to cheering on the Ravens next year.

“There have been a lot of new, exciting changes in my life over the past couple of months,” Emerson says. “It’s been an outstanding last couple of months, and I look forward to the future when we are able to get out there and coach the student-athletes and have them represent Franklin Pierce University in a positive manner.”



Ewald Selling Football at Franklin Pierce

By Doug DeBiase

Since late fall 2011, a man has walked through the halls of high schools throughout New England setting up meetings with coaches and prospective student-athletes. His sales pitch has been direct: "Allow me to tell you about being a part of the foundation of the new football program at Franklin Pierce University."

Long time followers of the University might do a double take when reading that line, which includes the words 'football' and 'Franklin Pierce' in the same sentence. But it's true! Football, in particular sprint football, is coming to Franklin Pierce beginning in the fall of 2012.

The man delivering that sales pitch and bringing the pigskin onto the Rindge campus for the first time ever is new head coach **Peter Ewald**.

"I was really excited when I accepted the job here at Franklin Pierce, and after meeting with everyone on campus and getting positive feedback from prospective recruits, I know this is going to be a special place and a special program," says Ewald. "Franklin Pierce has never had football, and I know a lot of people on campus have always wanted their own team to cheer for. I think the campus is really going to embrace our program."

Ewald is no stranger to building a sprint football program from the ground up. He served in the same role at Collegiate Sprint Football League-rival Post University during the 2009 and 2010 seasons. Ewald began his duties at Post in January of 2009 and quickly set out fielding a team of 41 players during the program's first season that fall. Along the way he oversaw every facet of the program, from purchasing equipment, to practice schedules, to travel plans and uniform designs. Post continually improved in each of its first two years under Ewald, including picking up a pair of wins in 2010 and almost pulling off upset victories over traditional league powers Army and Penn.

"We asked our players to believe in the process and how we were going about building the program at Post," Ewald says. "They did all that we asked of them. We will do the same thing here at Franklin Pierce. The challenge is to get better every day as we build a top-notch program in the CSFL."

Before the first tailgate party is thrown, the first coin tossed in the air, the first kickoff, the first touchdown, the first victory at Franklin Pierce, Ewald knows he must recruit and field a team of at least 45 players to handle the rigors of playing the sport for an entire season. Five to six

practices a week, plus five games over a two-month span is a taxing process, especially considering a majority of the players will be true freshmen getting their first taste of collegiate action.

"We need a lot of players, but I'm confident we will get them," he says. "I've talked to a lot of prospective recruits and I can tell which ones are interested right away. You can tell the excitement in their voice because they want to be a part of something big and laying the foundation for a brand new program. Plus, it's a sport that has never been played on the Franklin Pierce campus, so the kids can envision themselves being pioneers at the school."

Ewald's recruiting schedule is a busy one. Mondays are typically set aside for travel planning and setting up meetings with coaches and players at various high schools. Tuesday through Friday is filled with in-school visits during the mornings and afternoons, and the evenings are filled with phone calls and emails. In addition to visiting several high schools, Ewald makes time to get on the Rindge campus to meet with visiting recruits.

The first thing he talks about to recruits and their families are the academic opportunities offered at the University. "First and foremost, the kids are coming to college to get an education that will benefit them the rest of their lives," he says. "After we talk about academics, then we talk about athletics and the chance to make a major impact on building this program." The reviews of the campus and

the program have been extremely positive.

"This campus sells itself," Ewald says. "There is a natural beauty to it, and I think it comes out when we have recruits visiting. A lot of them have said they like the buildings on campus, and the Franklin Pierce community has been extremely friendly in making them feel welcomed."

Ewald also thanked his family for its support of his busy schedule as he builds a new program. His wife, Charlene; his two sons, Benjamin and Nathan; and his daughter, Emma, are looking forward to joining the Franklin Pierce community. Benjamin is a junior at RPI in New York and competes on the school's Division III football team, thus following in his father's shoes of playing college football, (Peter was a four-year letterwinner at Syracuse from 1983-86). His youngest son, Nathan, is a freshman at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, and his daughter will be entering high school next fall.

"I can't thank my family enough," he says. "They have been great throughout the past couple of years. I've gone from building one program to building another and it takes a lot of time, but they understand. I can't thank them enough for all of their support. We look forward to being a part of Franklin Pierce."



David Stockdale Travels All Over to Talk Franklin Pierce Women's Ice Hockey

By Doug DeBiase



In only a few short months, **David Stockdale** has traveled all over New England and as far as the Midwest to talk Franklin Pierce women's ice hockey.

Cover the state of New Hampshire visiting prep school and high school recruits? Check. Make numerous trips into Boston and surrounding areas to visit recruits, their families, and their coaches? Yes. Travel to Providence for several junior tournaments? Sure. Head down to Connecticut over the holiday season to watch more hockey tournaments? Definitely. Head over to upstate New York to watch more amateur tournaments? Absolutely. Fly out to Detroit twice to take in tournaments and meet with potential recruits? Done and done.

Needless to say, the word about the new women's ice hockey program in Rindge is spreading quickly in various pockets of the country.

"When I accepted the position I knew I had to bring in approximately 25 student-athletes, so I quickly set out a course to cast my net as far and wide as I could to let people know that we have a program at Franklin Pierce," says Stockdale. "The travel has been well worth it as the feedback has been tremendous so far."

During the search for a new head women's ice hockey coach, several references for Stockdale spoke about his relentless drive in recruiting student-athletes and his keen eye for talent. They spoke of his in-depth knowledge of recruiting New England, and those testimonials stuck out to the search committee. Those references weren't wrong.

Just days after stepping foot on campus as the new head coach, Stockdale went to various tournaments throughout New England and went about with his sales pitch to potential recruits. The sales pitch was simple: "Be the first."

"There are a lot of unique elements to being a start-up program," he says. "The athletes that come in here and play hockey will have the opportunity to say they were the first team, the first goal scorer, the first captain, the first goalie, the team to get the first win, etcetera. We don't have the history and tradition as other programs in New England, but what we can offer is opportunity and the chance to play right away if they are committed to working hard."

While several club tournaments dominated his weekends during late fall, he spent most weeknights traveling to various prep school and high school games in New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

"I haven't had too many free weeknights, but I'm not complaining," he says. "The schedules are spread out very well, so I have more opportunities to visit with more potential recruits, their coaches, and

their families. This gives me a better idea of what kind of player they are, while they get to know more about me and our program."

Before he hits the road most nights to watch regional hockey games, Stockdale spends his afternoons on the Rindge

campus giving several tours to recruits. He likes so many facets of the campus and makes sure to point them out to the visitors.

"We've got a lot of great feedback from recruits, especially their parents," he adds. "They really like the scenery and have been impressed with how many people take time out of their busy schedules to talk with them and show exactly how much pride there is on campus." As stated above, his travels haven't been restricted to New England, but also upstate New York, including Rochester and Lake Placid.

"There are a lot of good tournaments and good players in those areas," Stockdale says. "It's important that we are visible in those areas, because with the depth of talent in that region and so few schools that play the sport, we have a chance to recruit some outstanding student-athletes to Franklin Pierce."

Chalk up the Midwest, especially Detroit, as another area which has heard a lot about the Franklin Pierce program. Stockdale made two visits out to the Motor City in late December and early January to meet with recruits from several club teams throughout the region.

"Just like New York, a lot of kids play hockey out in the Midwest, and there aren't many schools out there that sponsor the sport at the collegiate level," he says. "Again, we have a chance to land some very talented players that will help this program grow and achieve the goals that I have set for it."

The recruits and Stockdale share the common feeling that next season can't get here soon enough. "The recruiting has been a lot of fun, but I really miss being out on the ice and interacting with the players," he adds. "I know a lot of the recruits are excited to go through the first practice and play in the first game. I know I'm excited, but to see their anticipation will make it that much more enjoyable for me when we do hit the ice next fall."





A Very Busy Man: Steve Jeune Talks about Lacrosse and Life in General on the FPU Campus

By Anthony Chighisola (FPU Athletics Student Writer)

Editor's Note: This is the latest installment in a series featuring Franklin Pierce student-athletes. Anthony Chighisola sat down with Steve Jeune at the beginning of the spring semester to talk with him about lacrosse and all the different activities he was taking part in on campus. Steve graduated in May 2012, and we wish him much success.

AC: What position do you play in lacrosse?

SJ: I play as a long-stick midfielder (LSM) in lacrosse. This is mainly a defensive role.

AC: What other extracurricular activities do you take part in on campus?

SJ: I do a few things besides hitting the books at Pierce. Of course, I play lacrosse, but some days I consider that more of a class than a sport because head coach Rick Senatore always provides us with lessons that are very applicable to life's experiences. I have been in the Civic Scholars Program, a four-year member of Brother's Reaching Out (B.R.O.), participated in Pierce Activities Council (PAC), and participated in Black Student Alliance (BSA). I also do not want to forget about Agape and also representing the men's lacrosse team in SAAC (Student-Athlete Advisory Committee). I am also fortunate to be employed as an Admissions Tour Guide and as an Information Desk Clerk. I used to be part of the Franklin Pierce fire department, but had to step down from active duty due to scheduling conflicts. However, I would very much recommend the school EMS squad and fire department as worthwhile causes to students who are interested.

AC: How do you handle athletics, school, and the extracurricular activities?

SJ: I really do not know how I handle everything. It's a lot of hard work and time management. One thing I do know is that my peers, as well as the faculty and staff, are always encouraging.

AC: What is your favorite thing about Franklin Pierce?

SJ: There is something about spring time at FPU that always gets me in a good mood. The weather gets nice again in the spring and everything is green. In the winter everyone seems to be in hiding, but



when spring comes you can see all the smiles again. More importantly, I get to play lacrosse and represent the school!

AC: What advice would you give to people who want to follow in your footsteps and do a lot of things on campus?

SJ: I would say do it at your own risk [laughter]. Although being involved is thrilling, thought provoking, and an overall great experience, it can sometimes take its toll on academics and overall willpower and energy. I do not mean to warn others against it, but I do want to emphasize the drawbacks. Yet, I would not have done anything differently. Every success and failure was an important lesson. With that mindset, anyone can follow the school involvement brick road.

AC: What is the biggest challenge for you during the school year?

SJ: Keeping my grades up is always a challenge for me. I am not a scholarship athlete. I have received all my scholarship money from academics and other scholarships, which I have applied for. To maintain my scholarships I must also make sure to keep my grades up. With athletics and everything else, it is sometimes more difficult than it should be, but I make do.



AC: Who is your idol, or who do you look up to?

SJ: I have the highest respect for all the adults in my life. Although, the one person I look up to most would have to be my dad. Don't tell my mom [laughter]. He never stays angry too long, and he was the first to teach me about life and ethics. I can always remember his speeches, and they have helped me make some tough decisions. He got me started with exercising, which led to athletics. My dad took me to the gym and signed me up for an aerobics class. At that time I was a 198-pound eighth grader. I remember him telling the aerobics instructor in his broken English, "I want him be sexy man." I think it worked [laughter].

AC: How does the lacrosse team look this year?

SJ: It's looking really good this year for men's lax. The schedule is set up just right, and the squad is motivated. We are rolling deep this year with quality depth at each position. Every year I have been at Pierce has been a building process for the men's lacrosse team, but I think this year is just the right time to show the league what we have been putting together.

AC: What does an average day in Rindge look like for you?

SJ: On an average FPU day, I would probably have practice in the early morning at 6:30. Next, I would go to work in Admissions,

followed by class, then one or two hours of free time where I would check emails, go to the gym, and catch up on homework. Then, I would have club meetings, work at the info desk, and finally conclude with more homework, if I can keep my eyes open.

AC: What is your biggest accomplishment so far in college?

SJ: I would have to say keeping my GPA up above a 3.0 all four years has been my biggest accomplishment. My parents hold education with high regard. After living in Haiti the first nine years of my life, moving to the U.S. was mainly to ensure the education of myself and my younger sister. After this semester, when I'm able to walk across the stage and receive my degree, I will confirm that my parents' hard work was not a waste of time. I guess the accomplishment really is not giving up.

AC: What do you want to do after college?

SJ: My main plan, like most college graduates is to survive! There are a couple of job opportunities I have been looking at in the marketing and advertising field. Currently, I am revamping my resume, which will hopefully get me interviews. To be honest, I am not too worried about where I start my professional work experience. I just hope to get my foot in the door and build my way up from there.



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1967

Sheila (Speeney) Bergeron retired and sold their family business, Telestar Display Fireworks, Inc. Her husband passed away in February. She keeps busy substitute teaching.

1983

Melissa Hadley is a two-and-a-half-years stage 4 metastatic melanoma survivor. She would love to chat with the old Granite dorm gang.

1969

Richard Falconi has retired after 42 years in the heating and cooling business. He is happy to have more time to spend as an alumni volunteer.

1984

Jerome Jackson says, "Happy that the University continues to grow. My Pierce experience was one of the best in my life. Hello to all my former classmates!"

1970

John Cafaro is retired from public education and is continuing work as a counselor to undergraduate students at Fairleigh Dickenson University in Teaneck, N.J.

1985

Hannah Coyle, daughter of **Kevin** and **Karen Coyle '84**, is a sophomore at the University of New Hampshire.

1975

David "Sonny" Zeidman, after living in Norwood, Mass., for 31 years, has recently moved to neighboring Sharon, Mass.

1991

Paul Jenner has been married for 17 plus years and has a 6-year-old son named Patrick. He has been teaching for seven years, after working in sales and marketing. He has been a member of the Weymouth Elks for 18 years, treasurer of the Wednesday Night Golf League, director of Hoop Shoot in Weymouth, Mass., and head golf coach at Rockland High School.

1976

Clarence (Bud) Brown welcomes his first grandchild, Dajion Trey. Daughter Rebecca gave birth on Sept. 16, 2011. Dajion was 8 lbs. and 21.5 inches.

1992

Todd Verdun is working as a Behavior Specialist at The Florida Center for Early Childhood.

n o t e s

1994

Dianne Paquette is working at Osram Sylvania. She recently took part in a six-year renovation project of the Salem, N.H., Depot Train Station, circa 1867.

Barry Roos is the President of RooSites Web Development, LLC in Sharon, Mass. RooSites designs, develops, and manages websites for small business throughout the United States.

1997

Julie (Burgess) Labonte recently moved to Exeter, N.H., and started her new job with the City of Dover as City Treasurer.

1998

George Dillon is currently trading sugar options on the Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) trading floor in New York City. George is married and has three children: Georgie, 6 years; Liam, 3 years; and Colin, 2 years. He lives in West Caldwell, N.J., and is hopeful that Peyton Manning will return healthy in 2012.

Todd Moses and his wife, Jen, recently moved to Rockville, Md. He just completed his 10th year as a Systems Analyst for Lockheed Martin. In 2011, Todd ran the Army 10-Miler in 92 minutes and currently is training to run his first half marathon. He would love to catch up with friends from FPU via email at: tjmoses1@comcast.net.

1999

Matt Cogswell works as the Student Services Coordinator at Salter College. He still performs theatrical plays and musicals. He is also an avid writer, publishing online and in print.

2001

Julia and Kevin Bargo welcomed a new son, Andrew Michael, on May 4, 2011. Brother Thomas Richard is having a great time being a big brother.

2002

Andrew Dexter was appointed the Library Media Specialist at Marshall Simonds Middle School in Burlington, Mass., in August 2011.

Michael Whitney lives on the seacoast of New Hampshire and has consistently been a top real estate agent for Keller Williams Coastal Realty in Portsmouth, N.H. Recently Michael's team was named the #1 Team in New Hampshire and #3 in New England. Michael has three sons: Davis Michael, 6 months; Garon, 22 months; and Antwun, 24 months.

2003

Jacqueline (McDunnah) Metzger was married November 13, 2010 and honeymooned in New Orleans with her husband, Keith. Jacqueline lives in Wallingford, Conn., where she is active with her church and is the Director of Church School Education.

2004

Heather Gaj Fagan and husband, Jason, were married at the Aqua Turf Club in Connecticut on Aug. 28, 2011. However, due to Hurricane Irene, the reception was postponed to Oct. 4, 2011. Alumni in attendance were **Diana Millett** and **Jennifer Forry (Scott)**. Currently Heather and Jason are house searching in Connecticut.

Class Notes

needs *you!*

Let us know about your achievements, life's adventures, and what you've been doing since graduation.

Please keep the following guidelines in mind when submitting news:

- News should be of reasonable length and not more than 50 words. Please do not send letters, articles, or press releases as they will not be reprinted.
- A class note must be submitted by the alum who is the subject of the note. If a class note is submitted by someone other than the subject of the note, the subject of the note will be contacted for his/her permission before the information is printed.
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Submit your class notes for the next issue by

June 15, 2012

at franklinpierce.edu/alumni. Click on "Update Your Information."

Clinton Daggan and Kristen (Stoll) Daggan

welcomed Jackson Nelson Daggan into the world on February 18, 2011.

2007

Jessica Fantini will be graduating in March 2012 from Capella University with her Master's Degree in Education with a concentration in Leadership in Higher Education. Jessica will be going to Ireland on a trip with Southern Maine Community College for Spring Break. "It's my first trip abroad!"

2009

Jacki Alessio has left NAFI CT and joined The Kennedy Center as a Community Inclusion Counselor.

Anna Kot had the experience to work for Deloitte & Touche in Hyderabad, India.

Erika McGowan is now working as a production assistant on movies local to the Boston area.

2010

Marc Johnson works for Superior Technical Ceramics in St. Albans, Vt.



We're Turning 50! 1962-2012

Kickoff to the 50th Anniversary Celebration of Franklin Pierce!

Alumni and Reunion Weekend: September 28-30, 2012

In honor of our 50th anniversary, Franklin Pierce University will kick off a year-long celebration on Alumni Weekend, September 28-30, 2012. Please join alumni, students, parents, faculty, and staff in celebration of this exciting milestone as we honor the milestone reunion classes of 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2002, and 2007, as well as past members of the alumni association board of directors and the pioneer classes.

Dr. DiPietro, founder and first president of Franklin Pierce, is expected to attend the celebration to present the inaugural Frank S. DiPietro Founder's Award at the Evening of Excellence on Saturday evening, Sept. 29th. The Evening of Excellence program will also feature the Leader of Conscience, Alumni Participation, Outstanding Service, and Power of the Raven Awards. The Pierce Arrow Society of New England will exhibit a display of vintage Pierce Arrow automobiles, and the Rindge Historical Society will present the history of Franklin Pierce and the town of Rindge, as well as conduct pioneer tours of Rindge. These tours will feature some of the early dormitories (who remembers the chicken coops?), classrooms, and administrative buildings in the town.

Professor Doug Challenger will premiere his documentary, tentatively entitled, *The First 50 Year of Franklin Pierce*, which

features interviews with alumni, former professors, and all four presidents of Franklin Pierce.

You can get into the spirit of the celebration *now* by sharing your summer travel adventures with Little Rocky Raven, our 50th anniversary ambassador! The "Where in the World is Little Rocky" photo gallery will highlight Rocky's travels as he visits alumni and friends. Download your own Little Rocky, and send us a photo of Little Rocky's visit to your home town or special event. You never know where he (or she) will turn up, so check the gallery often. Visit www.franklinpierce.edu/50 for details.

You won't want to miss this once in a lifetime event, so book your lodging at one of the area's inns, hotels, motels, or campgrounds! Information on accommodations in the Monadnock Region is available at www.franklinpierce.edu/about/lodging.htm. We will have limited availability for RV's on campus. Call (877) 372-2586 for rate and availability information.

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Celebrating years.



Hello Fellow Alumni,

As another academic year ends at Franklin Pierce University, please join me in offering congratulations to the class of 2012. We wish them the very best as they venture out into the "real world" that

we all know so much about! I also want to be one of the first to welcome them as the newest members to the Alumni Association.

In the last edition of the Pierce Radius Magazine, I shared with you that the Alumni Association's main focus is to identify opportunities for more alumni engagement. This plan includes more effective use of current technologies. I am happy to tell you that we are well on our way with this plan. We've created a committee dedicated to social media communications. The goal of the committee is to create opportunities for dialogue between alumni and the University via Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter. I'm excited about the progress made so far.

I look forward to sharing information about events and programming at future board meetings, and hope to see you at one of the many chapter events.

Sincerely,
Adam Grill '89
Alumni Association Board President

Upcoming Events

September 28-30, 2012

Alumni and Reunion Weekend 2012
Celebrating Milestone Reunion Classes
1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987,
1992, 1997, 2002, 2007, 2012

Kicking off the 50th Anniversary of Franklin Pierce

August 4, 2012

Boston Red Sox vs. Minnesota Twins
5 p.m. ~ Pre-game reception on
the Roof Deck at Jillians
7 p.m. ~ Game time

July 13-15, 2012

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- NH** ~ Needed
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- NC** ~ Tara Shollenberger '04
- RI** ~ Kristen Costa '05
- Southern CA** ~ Sharon Lyn Stein '71
- Washington, DC** ~ Jen DePaul '07, Phil Updegraff '99

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