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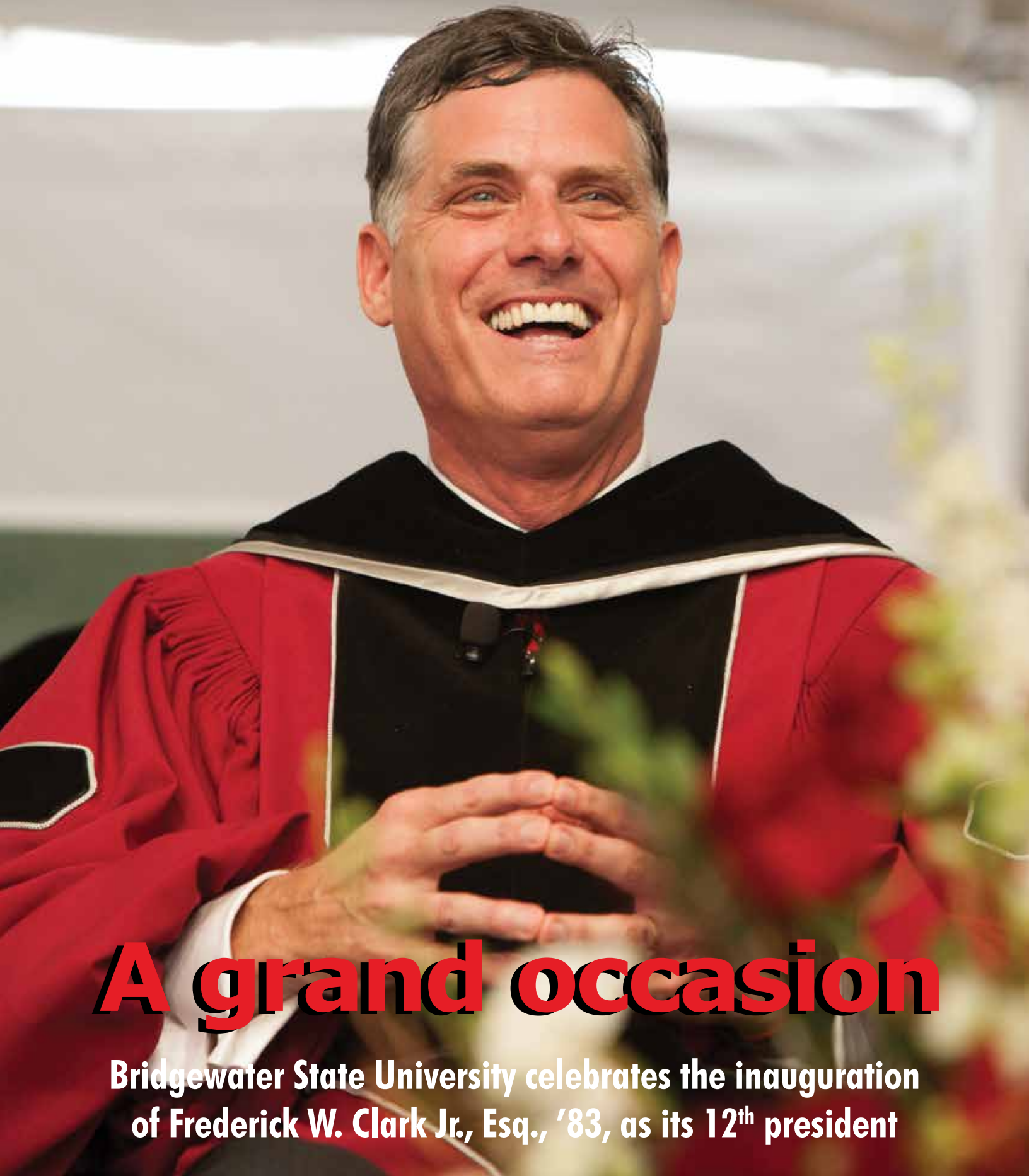
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A grand occasion

Bridgewater State University celebrates the inauguration
of Frederick W. Clark Jr., Esq., '83, as its 12th president

StudentSpotlight

BY EVA T. GAFFNEY, G'01

Jonathan T. McDonald, a senior who majors in philosophy with double minors in history and American studies, made history at the institution's 174th Spring Commencement Convocation when he was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Education — the first time the honor was bestowed on a current student.

The framed honorary degree cited Jonathan's demonstrated leadership and volunteerism on and off campus, positive attitude, and tenacious focus on his contribution to education and the student experience — despite his physical setbacks. We asked the Middleboro resident about the unprecedented honor, his passions in life, and why BSU will always "have a big place in his heart."

Why did you choose to major in philosophy?

A priest friend of mine knows I want to eventually go into the ministry. Philosophy was the best major that an aspiring priest could take that wasn't theology. My passion in American studies, which is interdisciplinary, led me to history. I like 19th and 20th century American history. It's important for me to understand what it means to be an American.

You've been at BSU since 2009 and have had to overcome a number of medical obstacles to persist in your studies. Where are you in your academic career?

I am a senior and will graduate in May. Then, I hope to get a master's degree here and work here in student affairs. I want to be able to facilitate the sort of experience that I've had with students — to become a go-to person. I'm 26 years old, and I've been able to make these connections. Students need that.

Can you discuss your campus activities?

My social life keeps me going and focused on academics. I am able to do what I do because of other people. A year ago, I went to the hospital, and the people from the Student Government Association reached out to me. It's an honor to now serve as senator-at-large. Phi Kappa Theta has also done a lot for me. I know what kind of man comes out of there. They've gone above and beyond. I've been a member of the Cape Verdean Student Association (CVSA) for four years, and they've been like my family. Two of my closest friends are from the organization. An international student named his child after me. And I became an orientation leader over the summer. I've wanted to do that ever since I went through orientation. I felt like I had been knighted.



Did you know that you were going to receive an honorary degree?

Two years prior, I saw President Dana Mohler-Faria getting coffee in the campus center. I went over to introduce myself and to tell him that the Cape Verdean community has been very supportive of me. We met over the next two years. The week of finals last spring, he wanted to see me. He said, "The real reason I called you in is that I always wanted to be the one to give you your degree, but I won't be able to do that. You embody everything that Bridgewater State University stands for." He then told me he'd be giving me an honorary degree at commencement.

What was your reaction?

That shocked me. I don't know what to make of it sometimes. It's just who I am. I'm very open and affectionate. These are things I do anyway. I've had health issues, and I've struggled and persevered. Then I saw all of the connections and relationships I've made, and now I understand that I have been commissioned to go forward and establish these relationships. At a CVSA meeting, Dana told us, "Great leaders empower other people to be leaders." That is what he wants me to do.

What does Bridgewater State University mean to you?

Not only do I have a voice, but my voice on this campus matters. I remember being a 9-year-old kid who didn't have friends and struggled with depression, so seeing my status on this campus ... it's hard to fathom. Bridgewater is like a second home. I'm so grateful for everything that people have done and the validation they have chosen to give me when they don't have to. ■



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ON THE COVER:

BSU President Frederick W. Clark Jr., Esq., '83, enjoys a light moment during his inauguration ceremony.
photo by Cathleen Broderick

Dear Friends,

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS of not only transforming students' lives, but also, in doing so, strengthening the world in which we live – such is the legacy of Bridgewater State University.

It is truly my honor to serve as the 12th president of this great university, the 10th largest institution of higher education, public or private, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and, I am proud to say, my alma mater. I am especially blessed to begin my presidency during its 175th anniversary year, a time of unparalleled strength, as evidenced first, by the 2,500-plus degrees and certificates conferred each year, and, second, by the 92 percent of graduates who secure a job or enroll in graduate school one year after graduation.

The university's robust undergraduate research program – more than 1,700 students participate annually – is yet another metric of accomplishment and one of many ways faculty demonstrate their deep commitment to students' academic success and to their personal and professional growth. The Council on Undergraduate Research has honored BSU as one of 57 institutions of higher education, among its 900 members, as "leading the way" in undergraduate research.

Equally significant is BSU's expansive study abroad program, offering students the opportunity to take classes with any one of our 46 university partners around the world.

Additionally, our campus has been radically – and strategically – transformed over the last decade. Most notably, our 211,300-square-foot, state-funded Dana Mohler-Faria Science and Mathematics Center stands as a beacon of scientific inquiry and a testament to the faith the commonwealth has in BSU.

The success defining Bridgewater State University, however, would not be possible without the support and friendship of our alumni, who contribute to the university through service and by providing student internship opportunities, offering financial support and much more. Most recently, BSU received \$1.8 million from the estate of Ruth Donnelly, '52, G'76. In September, our Day of Giving far exceeded our goal, and I thank everyone who participated. I was heartened to see so many alumni support their alma mater.

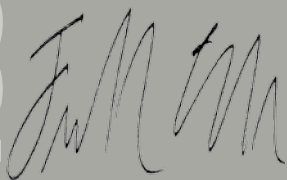
The mission of our great university remains unchanged – providing opportunity through access to excellence in higher education. However, we have much more work to do. Although we have made great progress in closing achievement gaps, we will not rest until all students reach their highest potential and graduate with a BSU degree.

As your president, I will dedicate myself to student success; I will help transform the lives of adult learners, many of whom have graduated from high school, completed some college or earned an associate's degree and aspire to do more; I will expand our partnerships locally and globally; and, I will fight to keep a BSU education affordable.

We have much to be proud of at BSU. If you have not been back to campus recently, I encourage you to visit. I welcome the opportunity to greet you personally as you return.

I thank you all for your support and look forward to our journey together.

Thank you,



Frederick W. Clark Jr., Esq., '83
President





BSU alumnus named vice president

BSU's Class of 1983 produced not only the university's new president, Frederick W. Clark Jr., Esq., but also its new vice president of marketing and communications, Paul Jean.

Mr. Jean was a political science major with a minor in history, graduating summa cum laude. He earned a master's degree in government from Georgetown University.

His years as a student at Bridgewater State left their mark on him, he said. "I have a passion for this institution. It afforded me so many opportunities. My experience as a student here was transformational. I just have enormous respect for our

faculty, our mission and for what we do at BSU. This is the only position I would have left my previous life for."

For the past decade, Mr. Jean worked at Denterlein, a Boston-based public relations and public affairs firm, where he was senior vice president. In addition to his work with numerous high-profile corporate and government clients, he was a principal adviser to the Massachusetts State Universities' Council of Presidents and successfully led the segment's overarching communications campaign relative to university status.

In his new role at BSU, Mr. Jean will report directly to the president and oversee integrated marketing and communications, media relations, university news, publications and the campus TV studio, ensuring that BSU's mission-driven brand and message are accurately presented to a broad range of internal and external constituencies. His initial work included a comprehensive assessment of relevant systems and structures, which produced a formalized reorganization plan. He will also act as spokesperson for the institution, as needed.

"We have such a great story to tell in terms of our students and our faculty, and I want to make sure we are reaching as many people as possible with that story, and that we're reaching people through all our channels of communication," he said.

Mr. Jean's experience includes working on several large-scale initiatives for the Massachusetts public higher education system. His new position continues that trajectory. "I've been advocating for the system for so long, and now I'm advocating primarily for the lead institution within that system," he said.

Mr. Jean lives in Plymouth with his wife, Cathy, and children, Christopher and Samantha. ■



Brava!

Dr. Colleen L. Rua, assistant professor of theater, has been awarded the Leonidas Nickole Award by the New England Theatre Conference. The award recognizes excellence in theater education at all levels as demonstrated through dedication to theater pedagogy, innovation in the field and achievement throughout one's career.

"I was surprised and so honored," said Dr. Rua, who came to BSU three years ago. "It particularly means a lot because I was nominated by my students." Another reason the award is special, Dr. Rua said, is that two of her former teachers, Robert Colby and Bethany Nelson, have received it in the past.

Dr. Rua previously worked in community theater and with educational programs for young people. She has been active with Arlington Children's Theater and with youth groups while earning her undergraduate degree at Suffolk University. "Youth and community theater have always been part of my life," she said.

Dr. Rua's areas of expertise include theater history and criticism. She also teaches classes on acting and Latin American theater. Dr. Rua has a master's degree from Emerson College and a PhD from Tufts University. ■



Twenty-nine of the 30 Bartlett Scholars join Bruce Bartlett, '68, and his daughter, Brooke Bartlett Rodriguez (front row, fourth and fifth from right) at the Bartlett Scholarship Funds Luncheon.

'The future looks bright'

The inaugural Bartlett Scholarship Funds Luncheon was held in the spring, recognizing the achievements of 30 students.

Bruce, '68, and Patricia Quinn, '67, Bartlett are the university's largest benefactors. Of the more than \$5 million the couple has given to BSU, their most recent \$3 million donation has endowed the scholarship program. Each student received \$5,000 toward the continuation of his or her education. Some of the scholarships were given in part due to financial need, however, academic excellence is a governing prerequisite for all.

Bruce Bartlett, who attended the event with his daughter, Brooke Bartlett

Rodriguez, said, "We are delighted to play a small part in your education. This allows all of us to celebrate your success."

The Bruce Bartlett, '68, Endowed Scholarship Fund benefits deserving undergraduate students who have demonstrated high financial need and an outstanding academic record documented by a grade point average of 3.0 or higher.

The recipients are Cristy Arias Pena, Emily Cerce, Julia Cunha, Kayla Marie Dowd, Emma Lu Justice, Christian Lonergan, Lynn Ly, Bryan Macedo, Julie Munson, Michael Niccoll, Thomas George Pike, Alyssa Preston, Tara Strange, Daniel Tabiale and Fianna Walsh.

The Patricia Quinn Bartlett, '67, Endowed Scholarship Fund benefits students who have a record of outstanding academic achievement documented by a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

Receiving the scholarships are Makenzi Astore, Jamie Costa, Angela Curry, Tricia Gordon, Erin Graciani, Andrew Houldcroft, Emily Hyde, Charlotte Kerwin, Phoebe Kurriess, Rachel Mehmehl, Joseph Murphy, Patrick O'Connell, Sydney Quirk, Leonard Sprague and Emily Wiegand. ■

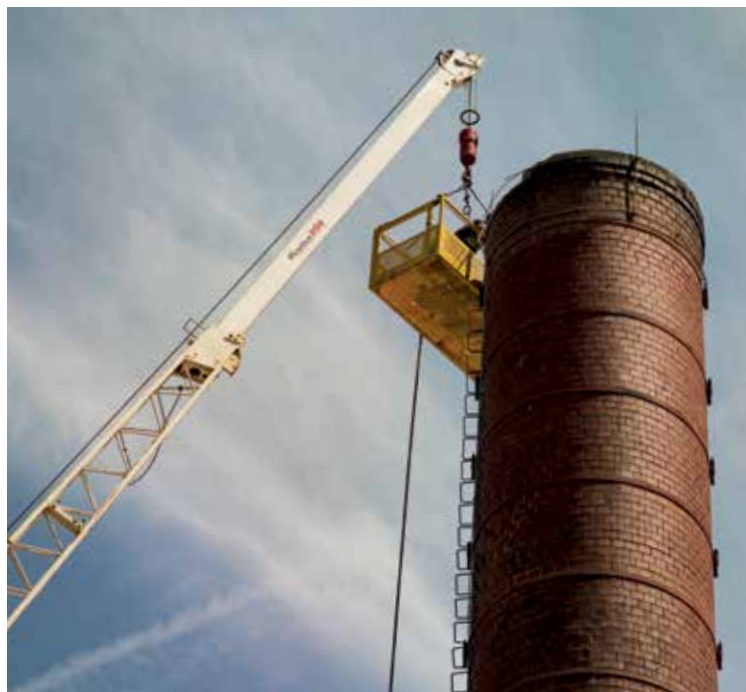
Breathe easier

The last visible trace of dirty energy production at Bridgewater State University – a 149-foot-tall brick smokestack that conspicuously marked the steam-generating plant off Plymouth Street – was taken down, brick by brick.

The plant converted from number 6 oil to natural gas in May 2013 – a move that has reduced carbon emissions by 31.3 percent and will generate in excess of a half-million dollars in savings every year. Following the conversion, the old oil-burning boilers were demolished, and the final components of bygone power production, the smokestack and four 30,000-gallon underground tanks, were removed over the summer.

Karen W. Jason, G'04, G'10, G'15, associate vice president of facilities management and planning, said the discussion to convert to natural gas began in 2012 after a cost analysis demonstrated the project would pay for itself in five to seven years.

The steam-generating plant, built in 1964, feeds most buildings on the West Campus, including Boyden Hall, Rondileau Campus Center and Maxwell Library. ■





Joining Governor Charlie Baker at The Home for Little Wanderers' fundraiser are (from left) Maria DaSilva, Bianca Fonseca and Melissa Oquendo, all members of BSU's Class of 2014.

Beating the odds

Maria DaSilva, Bianca Fonseca, Melissa Oquendo, Ashley Davenport and Amer Galuak were honored in May at The Home for Little Wanderers' 11th Annual Voices & Visions fundraiser at the Seaport World Trade Center. The five young women from the Class of 2014 are the first BSU students to graduate as part of the university's partnership with The Home for Little Wanderers' Academic Support for College and Life Program (ASCL). ASCL at BSU is a program for young adults who have aged out of state systems of care and are pursuing higher education.

Governor Charlie Baker was on hand to help recognize the women who were honored for their individual achievements. He also applauded the awardees for choosing careers in human services.

"The ASCL program provided me with life skills and the support needed to pursue higher education and independent living," Ms. DaSilva said. "Thanks to the program, I have a wider network of support and have developed relationships with staff and other graduates that have changed my life. Together, the program and these bonds are helping us to thrive, succeed and beat the odds."

To learn more visit www.thehome.org/ascl. ■

High demand

The work of BSU faculty, librarians and students would seem to be in high demand around the globe.

During the final weekend of August, BSU's Virtual Commons – home to more than 6,100 publications, articles, yearbooks, catalogs, images, sound recordings and works of art created by members of the BSU community – reached one million downloads.

"It's always a fascinating mix," Ellen Dubinsky, associate librarian and head of BSU's digital services, said of the things people choose to download.

Virtual Commons went live in October 2011 and now averages between 1,000 and 2,000 visits per day. Popular downloads include university publications, yearbooks and faculty scholarship, but it's hard to predict what will get the most hits during any given period of time, Ms. Dubinsky said. For instance, in July, a biography of Martin Luther King Jr. that's part of BSU's Hall of Black Achievement website, was the most popular download.

The Virtual Commons is an Open Source platform, meaning anyone from anywhere can access its holdings. Thanks to real-time analytics, Ms. Dubinsky can see what's being downloaded and from where. This fall she noticed someone in Vietnam had just accessed a recent graduate student's thesis.

"Making these items available is critical," Ms. Dubinsky said. "The underlying purpose of an institutional repository like Virtual Commons is to provide open access to scholarship, thus disseminating and sharing knowledge, and supporting the development of critical analysis and new knowledge. I think this aligns exactly with our core essence and purpose as a university." ■



Opening held for Cape Cod campus

BSU Cape Cod, housed in the former MacArthur School in Yarmouth, was formally dedicated on June 23. Close to 100 people were on hand for the program, which included a ribbon-cutting ceremony and the signing of an official agreement between Bridgewater State University and Cape Cod Community College to offer a degree completion program in strategic communications.

President Frederick W. Clark Jr., Esq., '83, expressed his personal thanks to the people of Yarmouth, stakeholders, Yarmouth Town Administrator William Hinchey, Superintendent Carol Woodbury and the entire Dennis-Yarmouth School District team "for working with us and for trusting us to continue to use this building as part of an educational mission." ■



Last waltz

Nearly 2,000 bachelor's degrees in the arts, sciences and education were awarded during Bridgewater State University's 174th Spring Commencement Convocation. The day also brought the announcement that the Science and Mathematics Center, opened in 2012, will be named after President Emeritus Dana Mohler-Faria. As if all this wasn't enough, there was even an onstage marriage proposal during the afternoon ceremony.

Undergraduate majors from the Louis M. Ricciardi College of Business, the College of Education and Allied Studies, and the Bartlett College of Science and Mathematics were awarded their degrees during the morning ceremony; while graduates from the College of Humanities and Social Sciences received their diplomas in the afternoon.

An emotional Dr. Mohler-Faria presided over the last commencement of his 13-year tenure as president. He delivered

the keynote address, telling graduates they need not ascribe to the conventional wisdom that says "make a living," and find your "comfort zone." He continued, "Reach deep, understand what's below that surface."

During his speech, the former president introduced William and Denise Richard, both of the Class of 1993, and parents of Martin Richard, the young boy who was killed in the 2013 Boston Marathon bombings. The couple was in the audience with their daughter, Jane. Dr. Mohler-Faria told of how William Richard was in his office the day before commencement advocating for a student who needed a hand with his future education. This, while the jury in the marathon bomber's trial was deliberating its verdict. "That's true character," Dr. Mohler-Faria said.

In the end, the president emeritus urged the graduates to live a life dedicated to improving the lot of others. "Become

a servant to the world," he said. "The world desperately needs you."

In what may be a first in BSU's history, a marriage proposal took place during commencement, orchestrated by Dr. Mohler-Faria. Graduate Ashley Nelson was brought onstage during the afternoon ceremony, the ruse being to celebrate her perfect 4.0 GPA. Instead, BSU senior Josh Tillinghast stepped onstage, got down on one knee and said, "I love you so much... Will you marry me?" For the record, she said yes.

An honorary degree was presented during the afternoon ceremony to Louis M. Ricciardi, '81, former long-serving member of the university's Board of Trustees. The College of Business is named after him for his generous contributions to BSU over the years. Mr. Ricciardi was introduced by President Emerita Adrian Tinsley, who called him a key collaborator to two presidents.

A second honorary degree was presented to current BSU student Jonathan T. McDonald, who has attended BSU since 2009, battling health problems every step of the way. President Mohler-Faria said of Jonathan, "Even when he's ill and has to take time off during a semester, he comes back time and time again." He also cited Jonathan's active involvement on campus and his being an exceptional friend to all.

Earlier in the week, more than 450 graduate students received master's degrees and certificates of advanced graduate study at Bridgewater State University's 10th Graduate Commencement Convocation. ■



As President Emeritus Dana-Mohler Faria looks on, senior Josh Tillinghast proposes to Ashley Nelson during commencement.



A 2015 BSU graduate stops to pose for photos following the commencement ceremony.

Meet Dr. Deniz Zeynep Leuenberger, new chief of staff



Dr. Deniz Zeynep Leuenberger spent her first decade at Bridgewater State in the classroom and taking on several other roles, including coordinator of the Master of Public Administration program and faculty director of BSU's Institute for Policy Analysis and Regional Engagement.

President Frederick W. Clark Jr., Esq., '83, cited Dr. Leuenberger's vast experience when he appointed her as his chief of staff. He also praised her record of achievement on campus and beyond. "Through each of her current leadership positions, she has consistently demonstrated an intense focus on student success, an unwavering commitment to academic excellence,

a prolific ability to deliver value-added research benefitting regional municipalities and organizations, and a high standard of personal integrity," he said.

Dr. Leuenberger holds a bachelor's degree from Midland University and received her MPA and PhD degrees from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. A public administrator by training, with experience working in the health and human services sector, she is well positioned for her new role. She has worked on more than 100 strategic plans, primarily helping health and human services agencies solve infrastructure-related issues, and she's worked with young people throughout her career.

"My favorite age group to work with is actually college students," she said. "They bring all their strengths and values, but then there's this blossoming that takes place when they come up against new ideas and new people, and it's really fun to watch that growth and to see that change."

Dr. Leuenberger's new position has three areas of focus: development of a strategic plan, ensuring the smooth day-to-day operations of the university and facilitating the work done by the Board of Trustees. The challenges are large, but it's more than just a job, Dr. Leuenberger said. It's personal.

"The vision that Fred has and our community has is really inspiring," she said. "Working at Bridgewater and having the opportunity to do this job here is what's really important to me. It's my community; I consider it my home." ■

'Bank'ing on the future

Bridgewater State University and Santander Bank have entered into an agreement where Santander Universities will support study abroad opportunities for BSU students and the Bridge Partnership Program, a residential summer program on campus for middle school students in New Bedford, Brockton and Boston.

Beginning in summer 2015, Santander supported the Bridgewater State University Foundation to broaden the base of educational outreach services provided by the university for the Bridge Program. Santander's support will expand the



number of students participating in the program over the next three years.

BSU students will be selected as Santander Scholars on a semi-annual basis with eligibility being weighed by the degree of their documented financial need. Depending on other available aid sources, each Santander Scholar will be awarded between \$1,000 and \$2,500. ■



Kudos from the commonwealth

Things have been looking up over the past decade for those working at or attending Plymouth South High School. Thanks go in large part to Principal Patricia Connors Fry, G'99, who has been recognized with the commonwealth's 2015 Principal of the Year award.

She said she was encouraged by the recognition, but was quick to credit her colleagues and the Plymouth South community at large. "The school has come a long way, thanks to my entire staff and the students," Ms. Fry said. "I always say they make me look good."

Her tenure at the helm of the Plymouth school includes a highly successful accreditation process conducted last fall by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, increased student course selection (including a jump in the number of advanced placement classes offered) and a general improvement in the school's culture.

The award recognizes principals who demonstrate exemplary skills in instructional leadership, school safety and the fostering of collaboration. It is presented annually by the National Association of Secondary School Principals and the Massachusetts Secondary School Administrators' Association.

"I enjoyed the program; the professors were fantastic," said Ms. Fry, who lives in Plymouth with her husband, Scott, and son, Cooper, of her time at Bridgewater State, the largest producer of teachers statewide.

She said the philosophy she, the teachers and the administrators at Plymouth South High School espouse is simple. "We do the best for the kids. That's always our priority."

It seems to be working. ■



Outside Nasdaq are (from left) Louis M. Ricciardi, '81; President Emeritus Dana Mohler-Faria; Patricia Quinn Bartlett, '67; Bruce Bartlett, '68; and Eugene J. Durgin Jr., chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Name in lights

There were many highlights as Bridgewater State University celebrated its 175th anniversary. Seeing the institution's name in lights over Times Square is definitely one of them.

President Emeritus Dana Mohler-Faria and a group of faculty members, administrators, supporters, trustees, foundation members and students traveled to New York City to participate in the closing bell ceremony at Nasdaq, the world's second-largest stock exchange. While only members can actually ring the bell, special provisions were made for members of the BSU contingent to be present for the closing bell that marked the end of trading for Tuesday, May 19.

"This is a rare opportunity," said Dr. Jeanean Davis-Street, associate dean of the Louis M. Ricciardi College of Business, who helped organize the trip. ■

Research hits 'home'

When Kevin Durant, a BSU student pursuing a master's degree in social work, decided to look at policies pertaining to educational services for children experiencing homelessness, he did not imagine his course assignments would become valuable tools for members of the Massachusetts Joint Committee on Education.

However, that's exactly what happened. Hearing of his research, Representative Denise Provost (Middlesex) invited Kevin, a part-time BSU student and employee of the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families, to attend and testify before a July legislative committee hearing. HB468, if passed, would require reports on the state's implementation of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, a federal law that ensures immediate enrollment and educational stability for homeless children and youth. McKinney-Vento provides federal funding to states to support district programs that serve homeless students.

Kevin, unable to attend the hearing, submitted written testimony. He also provided Representative Provost with a revised policy brief on McKinney-Vento and state-level implementation of this and other policies addressing the education of children who are experiencing homelessness.

Faculty members Kenna Liatsos and Margaret Boyd were Kevin's policy course instructors. ■



Joining President Emeritus Dana Mohler-Faria (center) at the Celebration of Excellence are his lifelong friends Charles Andrade (left) and Dr. Donald Monteiro.

Final look back

It was a night to celebrate more than a dozen years of growth and achievement at Bridgewater State University, and to say goodbye to the man who was at the helm for all of it, President Emeritus Dana Mohler-Faria.

A Celebration of Excellence drew more than 600 attendees to bid a fond farewell to Bridgewater State University's 11th president one week before he left office.

The night featured video tributes from alumni, current students, faculty and staff, as well as former Governor Deval Patrick. Dr. Bryan Baldwin, former chief strategy officer, served as emcee, paying tribute to Dr. Mohler-Faria as the architect of the largest expansion of the institution's physical plant in its history and a leader on issues of social justice and diversity. ■



Enter here

The newest building on campus, the two-story Welcome Center that houses the offices of undergraduate admissions and financial aid, was dedicated in June at a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The facility is where prospective students and their families will receive their initial impression of BSU and be introduced to the wealth of learning resources available to them.

Eugene J. Durgin Jr., chairman of BSU's Board of Trustees, spoke at the ceremony and said, "I'm so excited to see this building open, because I've watched for many months the progress of its construction, and it's a great joy to see it completed. This handsome facility is going to serve our community exceedingly well in the years to come." ■



Well "stock"-ed

At the Louis M. Ricciardi College of Business, students not only learn about investing but also have an opportunity to put those skills into actual practice.

A computer lab in Harrington Hall has been transformed into the BSU Trading Room, where business students research corporations, create hypothetical investment portfolios and track their investments with simulation software that uses actual market data and prices.

"The BSU Trading Room allows business students to take financial, accounting and management theories learned in the classroom and apply them in a real-world investment setting," said Dr. Jeanne J. Davis-Street, the college's associate dean, who oversees the project.

BSU is one of only about 120 colleges and universities nationwide, and the only one in Southeastern Massachusetts, with a trading room, said Dr. Davis-Street.

In the lab's first phase last fall, its 32 computers were equipped with special software packages that let students research, select and "trade" stocks, bonds and mutual funds. The university also installed an interactive instructor's podium, three large monitors, a projector screen and, in an adjacent room, a specially equipped Bloomberg terminal. A real-time electronic stock ticker was mounted in the building's rotunda.

Funds are being raised to establish a \$100,000 investment portfolio to be managed by selected students with guidance from a trading room director. If you would like to contribute to this fund, visit give.bridgew.edu/SMIF2015. ■



Governor Charlie Baker swears in Frederick W. Clark Jr., Esq., '83, as the 12th president of Bridgewater State University.

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BY DAVID K. WILSON, '71

The inauguration of a university president is a grand occasion, replete with pageantry, steeped in tradition and charged with meaning.

The inauguration of Frederick W. Clark Jr., Esq., '83, on September 9 was all of that and more. It was when President Clark delivered his inaugural address that the guests – numbering in the thousands – embraced the thrilling reality

that Bridgewater State University would continue its forward trajectory.

The day, itself, was perfection: The sun, high in the sky; the Boyden Hall Quadrangle, cloaked in a huge, billowing white tent. Dignitaries of all political persuasions joined BSU faculty, students, administrators, alumni and friends, and sat in rapt attention as Governor Charlie Baker administered the oath of office to the 12th president of Bridgewater State University.

Adding to the splendor of the occasion, a Massachusetts “A-List” of distinguished guests shared the stage with the governor and President Clark and offered powerful endorsements of BSU’s new leader.

Massachusetts Secretary of Education James A. Peyser spoke of some of today’s challenges in public higher education and how meeting these challenges would take a leader with courage. Martin Meehan, president of the University of Massachusetts System, expressed his faith in President Clark

and pledged to work collaboratively with him to the benefit of the commonwealth. Representative James P. McGovern, 2nd Congressional District, spoke of President Clark's early career in the office of Congressman Joseph Moakley, for whom Mr. McGovern also worked at the time. "The Moakley experience was a lesson in values," he said. "Work hard, everyone's important ... compassion is strength ... This university is lucky to have him [President Clark]."

The sheer number of distinguished guests in attendance was a testament to the commonwealth's collective belief in the strengths of BSU's new president. Among them were Representative Stephen F. Lynch, 8th Congressional District; Dr. Jean F. MacCormack, vice chairwoman of the BSU Board of Trustees; and Dr. Carlos E. Santiago, commissioner of the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education.

Presidents Emeriti Dana Mohler-Faria and Adrian Tinsley presented the presidential medallion to President Clark. BSU's two former leaders echoed the sentiment of the day. Dr. Mohler-Faria said of the selection of Mr. Clark as president, "We could not have chosen better." Dr. Tinsley said emphatically, "No one on planet Earth can do this job better than you can."

President Clark took to the podium and delivered a clear and unambiguous call to action on a number of fronts, each related to his overarching theme, "student success," which he said will be his primary focus.

President Clark celebrates his inauguration with his immediate predecessors, Dr. Dana Mohler-Faria and Dr. Adrian Tinsley. To view the ceremony, visit <https://goo.gl/0a908N>.

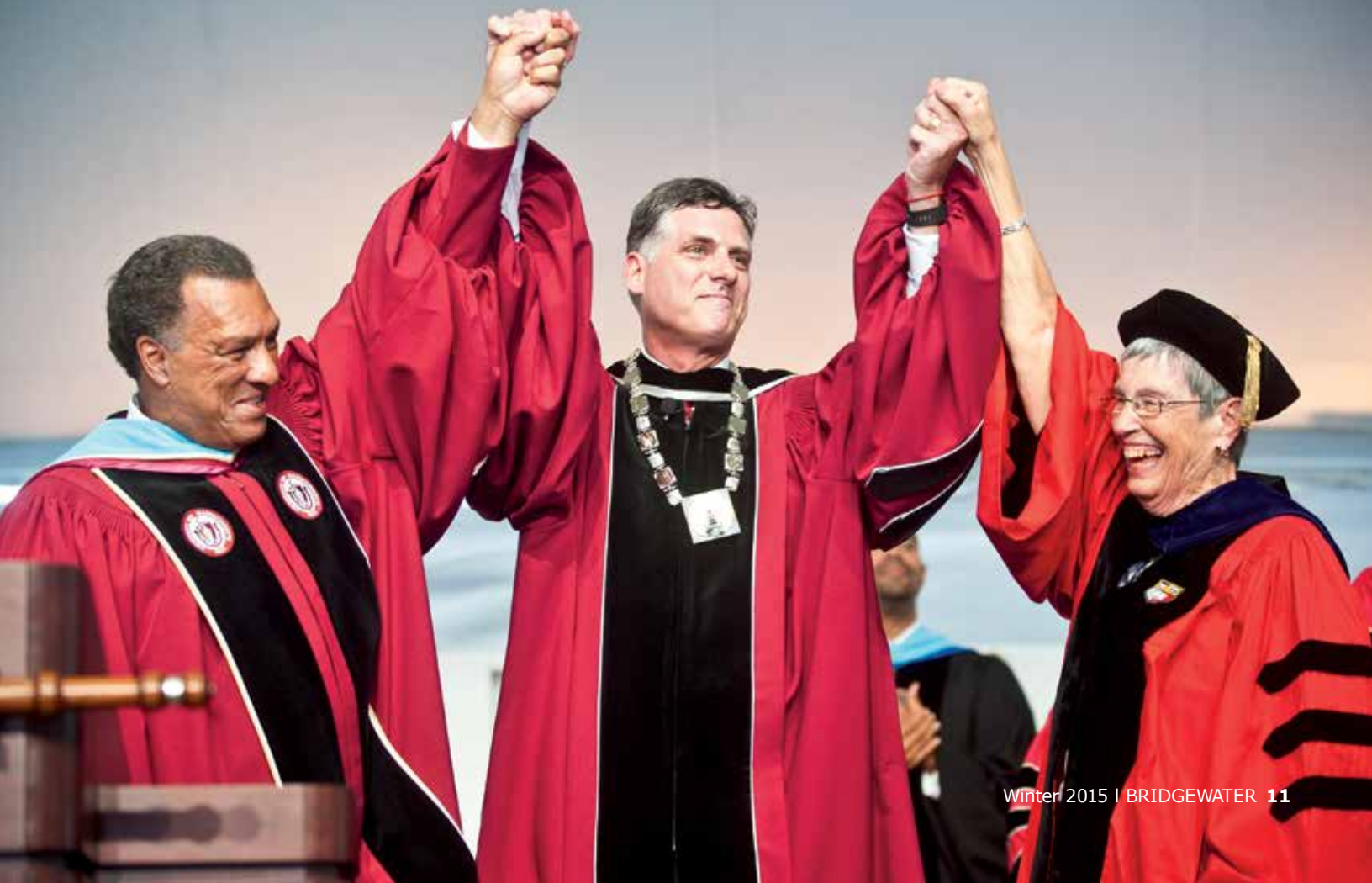
PRESIDENT CLARK'S THREE PRIMARY OBJECTIVES

During his inauguration speech, President Clark emphasized three key goals of his administration:

FIRST, I want Bridgewater recognized nationally as the leader in student success among our peers. Every single one of our students should have the best opportunity possible to earn a degree. We will aid students by expanding proven practices that help them persist, graduate, transition to employment, and succeed in a highly competitive and rapidly changing workplace.

SECOND, to maintain our standing as the most affordable, quality, four-year higher education gateway for the people of Southeastern Massachusetts, we must also continue our current practice of careful fiscal stewardship. We can, and will, do more to secure alternative resources by leveraging private philanthropy and grants, and by finding efficiencies through collaborations with our sister institutions. Our students demand our best effort on this front.

THIRD, we will leverage regional and global partnerships to assist our students. We will forge new alliances with regional businesses, nonprofits and with other higher education institutions to create pathways of opportunity for our students. To advance this objective, we will more than double our current number of paid internships by creating 1,000 paid internships for our students within the next five years.



"Our mission of advancing the lives of our students, promoting social justice and serving the people of our region has been fixed like the North Star since 1840."

—President Frederick W. Clark Jr., Esq., '83, in his September 1 inaugural address

"It is truly my honor to stand before you today as Bridgewater State University enters its 175th academic year. One-hundred and seventy-five years of advancing equity and social justice; 175 years of serving Southeastern Massachusetts and the commonwealth; 175 years of transforming student lives," he began. "I chose to have my inauguration at the same time as the convocation for the Class of 2019 because I want to highlight what is – and what will be – most important to me during the term of my presidency: the success of our students."

The success of BSU students, he explained, is an ever-enduring hallmark of this institution. "Over the years, our graduates have made their mark on our state, our country and the world," President Clark said. "It was a Bridgewater graduate who founded and led Northeastern University as its first president; a Bridgewater graduate who became the first female president of a four-year college in America; a Bridgewater graduate who founded the modern educational system in Japan; a Bridgewater graduate who served as the chief education adviser to seven United States presidents; and yes, we even have a few television stars and a Hollywood producer as well."

The pride was evident in President Clark's voice when he spoke about the state of the university today. "Bridgewater is the

10th largest institution of higher learning – public or private – in Massachusetts. We are educating and graduating more students than ever before. Our students are more diverse now than at any time in our long history, and we understand that diversity is a powerful source of our strength," he stated.

President Clark shared the stories of two such outstanding recent graduates.

"Julianna Langille immigrated from Brazil as an 18-year-old single mother. She worked hard, lifting herself and her daughter out of homelessness," he said. "She transferred to Bridgewater after attending Massasoit Community College. With the guidance and support of the faculty, she stayed the course, earned her bachelor's degree while holding down two jobs and now heads an important social service provider in Brockton.

"Joe Matta was working construction and delivering auto parts before coming to Bridgewater. Here, he found his calling. He undertook an extensive undergraduate research project and had the honor of being one of only 12 students to present his research at the national meeting of the American Chemical Society. Today, Joe is in his second year in a PhD program in chemistry at Yale University.

President Clark and his wife, Carrie Kulick-Clark, '85, G'98, listen to one of the afternoon's speakers.





President Clark is congratulated on his investiture as BSU's 12th president by his father, Frederick W. Clark Sr., as his children, (from left), Reilly, Derek and Justin look on.

"These are the kinds of students we educate at Bridgewater – students who are capable of accomplishing great deeds if only they are given the opportunity to do so," he said.

The president connected the university's growth and achievements to those individuals – past and present – who have earned the institution's gratitude.

"I would also remind you of a universal truth: No one succeeds on his or her own," President Clark said. "This university stands on the shoulders of giants: the people of the Town of Bridgewater who struggled to raise the \$10,000 needed to locate the college within their community; our founders: Horace Mann, Daniel Webster and John Quincy Adams; other leaders from the past: Tillinghast, Boyden, Pope, Woodward, Rondileau; or more modern legends: Ricciardi, DiNardo, Weygand, Bartlett, Hart and our courageous friend David Flynn, to name only a few."

Acknowledging his immediate predecessors, both of whom were present and delivered greetings at the ceremony, President Clark said, "As our 12th president, I stand on the powerful shoulders of President Adrian Tinsley and President Dana Mohler-Faria who have done so much to shape and transform this great university."

He drew on his own heritage and upbringing to make the point. "I recall, too, the giants in my life. People whose sacrifice, courage, guidance and support have given me an opportunity to fulfill my potential. I remember James Comerford, an ancestor on my father's side who came to the

United States from a very poor family in Ireland after working as an indentured servant at the remarkably late date of 1907. I remember the sacrifices of my grandparents and my parents," he said.

"My remarkable parents, Fred and Ellen, instilled in me and in my five brothers and sisters, who are here today, deeply held



Prior to the inauguration day brunch, President Clark poses for photos with his parents, Ellen and Frederick W. Clark Sr.

BSU students enjoy a barbecue on the Boyden Hall quadrangle following the inauguration ceremony.



Three Bridgewater State University students pose with a life-size cardboard cutout of President Clark.

principles of integrity, dedication to family, an unparalleled work ethic, the importance of education and an unwavering commitment to public service. Although neither of my parents had the opportunity to earn college degrees themselves, they made sure that each of their six children did. From them, I grew up admiring not wealth or position, but rather those who demonstrated courage and commitment in serving others. I am very proud of my parents and of my family."

To emphasize the point, President Clark drew on his own student experience at Bridgewater State. "When I arrived at what was then Bridgewater State College in 1979, I knew that I was in the right place. I found a community of scholars who cared deeply about the intellectual and personal growth of their students. They were teachers and mentors who took me under their wing and continued to guide me long after I graduated," he said.

"I met my wife, Carrie Kulick-Clark, Class of 1985, here," he continued. "At the time, I was president of the political science club, appearing before the Student Government Association – of which she was a member – seeking funds for the organization. We started dating and four years later, she became my wife. She has been my life's partner ever since – my love, my friend and the mother of our three children: Justin, Class of 2014; Derek; and Reilly."

It is no surprise that when President Clark was asked to raise his right hand, he discreetly reached behind with his left to grasp the hand of his wife, which he held firmly while repeating the oath.

"I know the transformative power of Bridgewater State University," he said. "I have lived it. And when I say I owe Bridgewater everything, I mean everything.

"Despite the university's dramatic growth over the decades, Bridgewater retains much of the small community feeling it's always had," President Clark noted. "From the original class in 1840 to today's student body of more than 11,000, the core of a Bridgewater education remains the close engagement of students with faculty.

"This was true when I was here; it remains true today. Bridgewater State is a community, a caring family that emphasizes the growth of its students," he said. "To say it another way, we are a university with a mind and heart, and we are also a university that preserves the best of what we do while embracing change and challenge."

Speaking of the timeless value of a liberal arts education, President Clark cited the fact that today's students can expect to hold as many as 10 to 14 different jobs in their lives. "Don't worry, Class of 2019, we know how to prepare you," he said. "At Bridgewater, we realize that a strong liberal arts education coupled with the development of specific skills obtained through proven high-impact practices – such as internships – absolutely provide the best education available."

The president added that one of his key priorities is the expansion of the new College of Continuing Studies in order

to accelerate the development of high-quality and affordable programs, and eliminate some of the obstacles that hinder working adults who want to earn a BSU degree or certificate.

At the end of his address, President Clark turned his gaze once again to the freshman class. "Changing lives through intervention. That, Class of 2019, is what this university is all about. It is the meaning behind our motto: Not to be Ministered unto, But to Minister. It is what we all hope that you will be about when you graduate," he said.

"So as you embark on your academic journey, my charge to each of you is this: Take pride in your university and its heritage; celebrate the diversity of your fellow students; respect each other; be safe; work closely with our distinguished and caring faculty; participate fully in the life of the campus; take advantage of all that we have to offer you; serve humanity; do your best; and most of all, fulfill your potential," he said.

"And, finally, to our university community, as we look ahead with energy and optimism, we remember our mission, we remember Joe Moakley and Martin Richard, we remember the giants who have made this journey possible for ourselves and for this great university," President Clark said. "We remember where we have come from, who we are and why we are here. Thank you and, Godspeed, Class of 2019." ■

Representing BSU's partner institutions in Jordan are Dr. Abdullah Al-Jarrah, vice president for academic affairs and international relations at Yarmouk University, and Dr. Shtaywy S. Abdulla, president of Tafila Technical University, (below, second and third from left), who present President Clark with a photograph of the monument of Khazneh/Treasury, Petra, Jordan, as an inauguration gift. Looking on is Dr. Jabbar Al-Obaidi (left) of BSU's Department of Communication Studies.



'175 years of excellence'

BY JOHN WINTERS, G'11

A celebration marking the 175th anniversary of the founding of Bridgewater State University was held Wednesday, September 9, on the Boyden Hall quadrangle.

President Frederick W. Clark Jr., Esq., '83, welcomed members of the campus community, alumni, friends of the institution and residents of the town. He shared a handful of facts and stories about the institution's history, including how what was then Bridgewater Normal School came to be.

"It was described as 'a holy and philanthropic cause' that needed to be supported," President Clark said.

John Quincy Adams, Horace Mann and Daniel Webster, leaders of the normal school movement in the commonwealth, were involved in the vote regarding the site of a new normal school. "The vote landed the prize here," President Clark said, "And we think it's quite a prize."

The founding principles of the normal school endure today, he said, including "a complete dedication to the teaching of truth."

The president expressed his gratitude to the town and its residents. "We dedicate our anniversary, our birthday to you – the people of the Town of Bridgewater," he said. The president also announced a gift to the town of \$175,000.

Kevin Perry, a member of the Bridgewater Town Council, presented the university with a proclamation from the town honoring the milestone anniversary.

Cutting the 175th anniversary cake are (from left) Eugene J. Durgin Jr., chairman of BSU's Board of Trustees; Kevin Perry of the Bridgewater Town Council; State Representative Angelo D'Emilia; retired State Representative David Flynn, '58; President Clark; and Bridgewater Town Manager Michael Dutton.



President Clark made special mention of retired State Representative David Flynn, '58, who was instrumental to BSU's expansion over the past several decades. (Mr. Flynn died on December 10 after a brief illness. His career in public service spanned seven decades, including six terms as a state representative. He played a pivotal role in securing funds for every major building project from 1965–2010 at his alma mater.)

The day of celebration was also marked by the rededication of Woodward Hall, across from the quadrangle on Grove Street. The oldest residence hall on campus, Woodward Hall opened in 1912 and has been fully renovated over the past five summers.

In conjunction with the celebration, University Advancement sponsored A Day of Giving, with a goal of accruing 175 donations for the BSU Foundation. That number was far exceeded by the day's end with 263 contributions totaling close to \$26,000. The donations will help fund internships, financial aid and other student activities.

President Clark announced a \$1.8 million donation given by the estate of the late Ruth Donnelly, '52, G'76. The largest gift ever received by the College of Education and Allied Studies, the donation will fund 15 annual scholarships of \$5,000 each for students planning to become educators. [See story, page 32.]■



BSU's mascot, Bristaco, poses for a photo with two students.



President Clark addresses the crowd gathered on the Boyden Hall quadrangle for the anniversary celebration.

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Helping to release a sea of balloons at the end of the day's festivities are (from left) President Clark; David Flynn, '58; Barbara Flynn; and Miguel Gomes Jr., vice president for administration and finance.

President Clark speaks at the rededication of Woodward Hall, BSU's oldest residence hall, which has been fully renovated over the last five summers.



The family of Martin Richard, along with President Clark, admire the statue of Martin following its unveiling. From left are Henry and William Richard, '93, President Clark, and Jane and Denise Richard, '93.

Institute for Social Justice named for Martin Richard

BY JOHN WINTERS, G'11

At a ceremony held on September 26, Bridgewater State University named its Institute for Social Justice after Martin Richard, the youngest victim of the 2013 Boston Marathon bombings. In addition to the dedication of the institute, BSU officials, Boston Mayor Marty Walsh, along with the Richard

family, William and Denise, both 1993 Bridgewater State graduates, and their children Henry and Jane, unveiled a sculpture of Martin in University Park.

The crowd at University Park numbered in the hundreds and included the Richard's friends and family, local and state officials, residents from across the commonwealth and members of the BSU community.

The morning's events opened with a performance by the Saint Ann Youth/Teen Choir, which included Jane Richard, Martin's younger sister.

In his remarks, Mayor Walsh spoke of Martin and the photo of him holding a sign asking for peace that went viral after the bombings. It turned Martin into a symbol, but now he's more than a symbol, the mayor said. "His spirit is still moving people; it's inspiring people to be their best."

After quipping that half of the Richard's neighborhood of Dorchester was present for the ceremony, the mayor reminded the family, "There's a lot of love on this campus, a lot of your friends are here today. Martin's infectious energy touched many of us."

The mayor concluded his remarks by saying the naming of an institute that is dedicated to the betterment of others was a fitting tribute to the eight-year-old. "Martin Richard and his family have changed our city and our state for the better," he said.

President Frederick W. Clark Jr., Esq., '83, told those gathered, "We are truly honored to remember young Martin Richard on this day."

The Martin Richard Institute for Social Justice, the president said, inculcates much of what BSU stands for. "We believe social equity can only be achieved through educational opportunity and service to others. That is our definition of social justice. We don't just talk about social justice, we live it," he said. President Clark then listed the many programs incorporated under the institute's umbrella, many of them helping at-risk and marginalized children, both locally and globally. "The Martin Richard Institute is already transforming lives," he said.

President Clark then took the Martin Richard Social Justice Pledge (see sidebar), vowing to support and expand the mission of the institute named in Martin's honor.



President Emeritus Dana Mohler-Faria addresses the crowd.



The Saint Ann Youth/Teen Choir, including Jane Richard (center) sings "God Bless America" at the beginning of the ceremony.



Boston Mayor Marty Walsh fist bumps Jane Richard as the Reverend Sean Connor looks on.



Sculptor Victoria Guerina describes her inspiration for creating the sculpture of Martin Richard.



Linda Chorney performs a song she wrote in memory of Martin.

President Emeritus Dana Mohler-Faria, who founded the institute, said, "This is an emotional day. It is a day that brings a new chapter in Martin's life. It is a day in which we begin to understand that his life and legacy will continue, that in his name this great university will do great things for people who are less fortunate."

The final speaker was Martin's father, William Richard, who recounted the years he and his wife, Denise, spent as Bridgewater State students. He then spoke about his son.

"I find some peace in knowing what kind of man he would have become," Mr. Richard said. He added that at first the idea of a statue of Martin placed on campus struck him as

unrealistic. That was an honor reserved for presidents and legendary athletes, he said.

Mr. Richard shared stories of Martin, which exemplified the young boy's kindness and generosity of spirit. Finally, he recalled a few years ago on a summer day how he and his family visited campus. They sneaked into Tillinghast Hall and then jumped the fences at the athletic fields where they played with a few baseballs they'd found in the dugout. In his memory, he said, is preserved an image of his late son sitting in the dugout. "I think it was around that time that Martin told us he wanted to go to BSU," Mr. Richard said. "So, a statue for Martin? Really? Absolutely."

Victoria Guerina, creator of the sculpture, and Grammy-nominated recording artist Linda Chorney, who performed a song she wrote in Martin's memory, both shared with the audience how they were inspired to develop their artistic works, despite never having met Martin or his family.

Governor Charlie Baker was unable to attend the ceremony; however, he sent a citation in honor of the event and the naming of the institute after Martin Richard. Master of ceremonies Eugene J. Durgin Jr., chairman of BSU's Board of Trustees, recognized two special guests in the audience: former first lady of Boston Angela Menino and former Boston Police Commissioner Ed Davis.

In closing the ceremony, Mr. Durgin imagined the thousands of students who on a daily basis will pass the statue of Martin Richard, and the benefit they will receive from his message and memory. ■



William Richard, '93 pauses to look at the sculpture of Martin as he shares stories of his son with the audience.

The Martin Richard Social Justice Pledge was developed as a living embodiment of Martin's message of peace, and to actuate his message into personal commitments to advance equity, fairness and peace in the world.

Individuals taking the pledge agree to take some action, big or small, whether in their family, neighborhood, community, country or abroad, to foster peace and understanding, or to improve the lives of those less fortunate than they are.

The pledge gives people the opportunity to respond to Martin's call in their own personal way.

"In honor of Martin Richard, I pledge to promote peace and social justice this year by..."

You can post your pledge online at **www.bridgew.edu/peace**.

Please tweet your pledge at **#BSUPeace**.

Taking weather prediction to the next level — literally

BY KAREN AUDE BOOTH

GLOBAL WARMING IS A HOT TOPIC — no pun intended. Water is another; the threat of “super” El Niños on global weather patterns, yet another.

So critical are these issues to the health of our planet and the well-being of future generations, scientists from a multitude of disciplines dedicate themselves to researching and monitoring weather patterns in different parts of the world.



Dr. Robert Hellström conducts research monitoring weather in the high Andes in Peru.

Dr. Robert Hellström, professor of geography at BSU, has joined forces with researchers from Syracuse, Ohio State and McGill universities, among others, to explore one area of grave concern – the retreating glaciers of the Cordillera Blanca in Peru. Dr. Hellström monitors weather in support of scientists studying water resources and its quality.

The effects of glacial retreat are complex and far-reaching. Scientists predict that, in part because of rapidly rising temperatures, the glaciers in the high Andes will continue to shrink and, in time, disappear entirely.

To Peruvians, the immediate concern is the availability – or lack thereof – of drinking water for the country's growing population. Add the need for water to irrigate crops and generate electricity, and their situation is dire with projections of less meltwater with fewer glaciers.

To scientists, Peru's imminent danger notwithstanding, the concern is the implications of glacial retreat in Peru on weather systems globally. For example, monitoring glacial retreat helps scientists better understand El Niños – to look at what happened in the past to better predict what might happen in the future.

At the risk of oversimplifying, El Niños affect ocean temperature, and water temperature affects hurricanes; hurricanes affect wind speed and water surge, all of which impact everything in their path.

"Scientists have been monitoring weather in Peru ever since weather monitoring instruments have been in existence," said Dr. Hellström. "In Peru, of course, the well-being of the local community is at stake. But monitoring the weather goes beyond the local community. If we can measure precipitation, wind, temperature, radiation from sun and cloud cover, we can better understand how the weather system works and, thus, more accurately predict future conditions, like El Niño."

Dr. Hellström first got involved in the project several years ago when a colleague from Ohio State University – who was studying water resources and the chemistry of water – asked him to install a weather station in the high-altitude valleys in Peru.



Dr. Hellström admires the view from the Casa Del Agua weather station in the lower part of the valley, at 12,500 feet. From there, he hiked to the high camp weather station, Cuchillacocha Lake, which sits at an elevation of 15,500 feet.

"He needed to know more about precipitation, so he needed a person with expertise in instrumentation and weather stations," said Dr. Hellström. "He needed a sustainable observation network where there wasn't one in the past."

"My specialty is micro-climatology, which means I study small scale climates within, say, a 60-mile radius. I monitor what happens in one area and how that changes from one place to another. I'm fascinated by the mountains and how high altitudes affect weather patterns and winds."

Installing a weather station in Peru was no simple task. Imagine Everest without the snow; imagine upwards of five "amazingly fit and strong" porters, six mules laden with hundreds of pounds of heavy equipment, a team of scientists, tents and camping gear. Now imagine hiking several hours up steep mountain terrain and rocky ridges. And that's just to set up base camp.

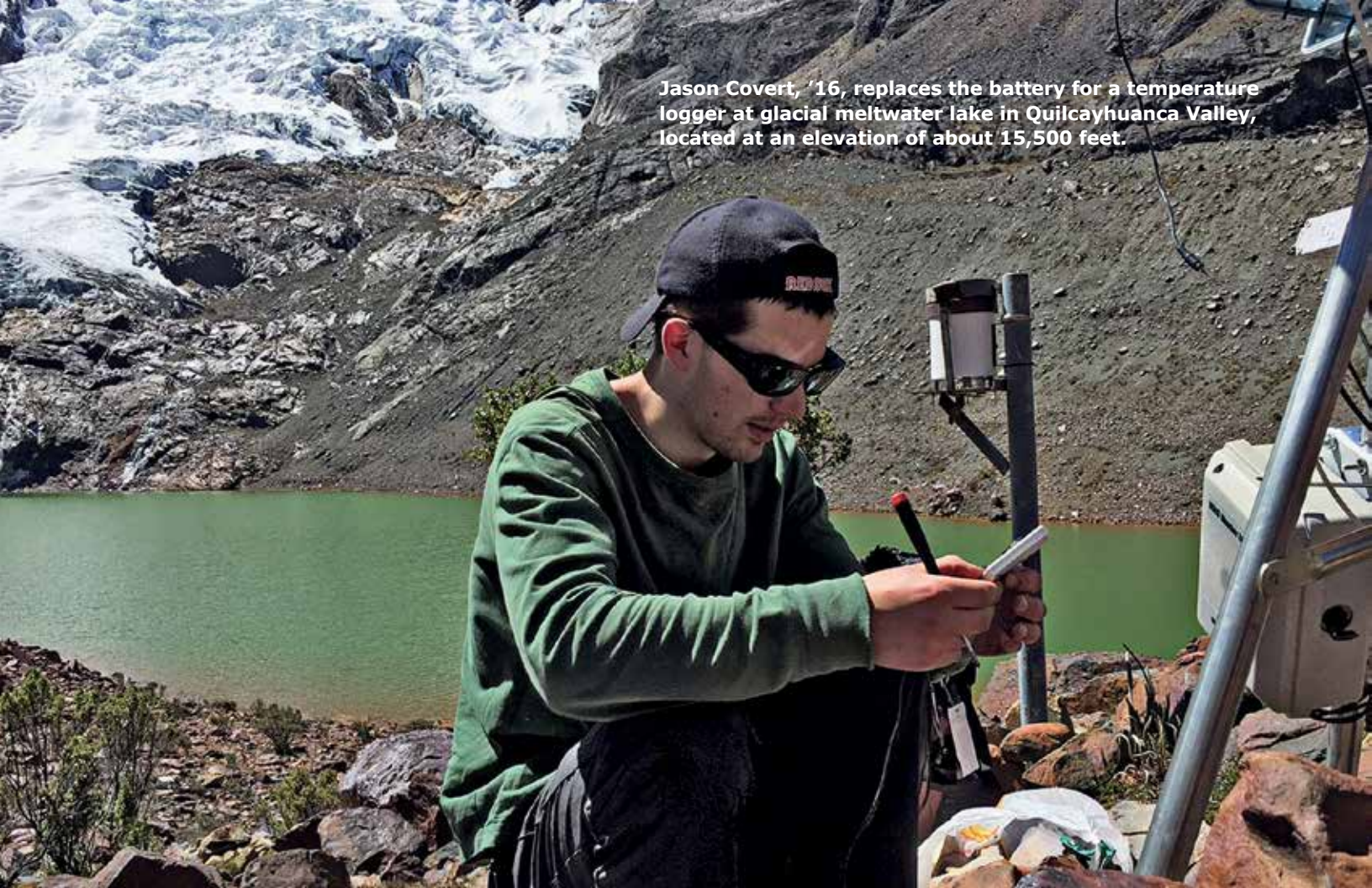
To date, Dr. Hellström has installed four full-weather stations and several smaller temperature and humidity stations in two different valleys in the high Andes. The full stations measure everything – rain, wind, temperature, humidity and solar radiation. Two years ago, he linked two of the full stations to a satellite, allowing him to monitor the weather in remote areas in real time.

"It's a beautiful thing," he said, "not only our ability to disseminate data on our BSU website, but also my ability to share the research with my students in the classroom and on our newly installed digital weather display in the science center."



BSU student Jason Covert, '16, treks to the base camp in the Quilcayhuanca Valley.

Jason Covert, '16, replaces the battery for a temperature logger at glacial meltwater lake in Quilcayhuanca Valley, located at an elevation of about 15,500 feet.



Another component of Dr. Hellström's research is measuring what is called the "lapse" rate, or how the temperature changes at varied elevations. "I do this," he said, "to find out at what elevation freezing occurs. We know that glaciers will melt below this elevation, which helps us project the loss of glaciers."

To a layman, weather is not so complex. It rains, or it doesn't, there are clouds, or there aren't. To Dr. Hellström, it's all about the why and the how.

Wind, too, is a significant factor. "I also want to study how the valley wind system works," said Dr. Hellström. "This would help us better understand how clouds form and, therefore, how rain forms; rain affects snow, affects glaciers, affects hydrology."

In July 2015, he and his student Jason Covert, '16, mounted yet another expedition to the area to maintain and upgrade the weather station network. They installed a weather sensor at 15,500 feet and another in the lower part of the glacial valley where the meltwater lake is, meaning where the glacier used to be.

"The lower station allows us to compare weather conditions within the valley and up at the ridge," said Dr. Hellström. "And that allows us to study wind patterns that originate at lower elevations and move upward. The valley wind causes air to rise up the mountain and interact with the trade winds coming from the east out of the Amazon. As valley winds and trade winds interact, they create clouds in the mountains, and clouds are important for precipitation and water resources."

To measure how the micro-scale wind systems in the valley interact with the global trade winds and impact clouds, Dr. Hellström and Jason installed a new sensor to measure cloud cover.



Dr. Hellström works on the Portacheulo weather station along a knife-edge ridge at the top of the Llanganuco Valley at an elevation of 15,700 feet. (Photo by Bryan Mark of The Ohio State University)

"Clouds are a very important aspect of the hydrological cycle in these glacial regions," said Jason, "but there were no sensors in place to measure them other than satellites, which do not have adequate spatial or temporal resolution for our research."

Jason built the cloud sensor using what he had learned in meteorology class and from prior experience in electronics using a thermopile, which he explained as, essentially, a passive infrared thermometer.

He spent a lot of time testing his various prototypes until he had a version durable enough to stand up to the harsh weather conditions in Peru and, importantly, to provide reliable data. "When the sensor is pointed up, it will measure the apparent sky temperature, which is correlated to the presence of clouds," he explained.

"Cloud cover sensors are few and far between, and their application in mountains is very limited," said Dr. Hellström. "First of all, they're very expensive, and, secondly, they require a lot of power to run, and power in remote areas is tough to come by."

"Jason's sensor requires very low power, costs about 50 dollars, as opposed to thousands, and is good enough for our purpose, which is to determine whether there are clouds at night. I've seen very little data in Peru on cloud cover, especially at night."

Jason is passionate about his research. "This was an opportunity of a lifetime. I was incredibly fortunate to be part of the expedition and to work with Dr. Hellström and all the scientists. It gave me great hands-on experience that will be



A cloud sensor designed and built by Jason Covert, '16, was installed in the high Andes in Peru.

invaluable to me as I continue on to graduate school to study atmospheric science."

Dr. Hellström is equally passionate about the research, but not just for research's sake. He values the ways in which his fieldwork enhances his teaching and is grateful for the opportunity to mentor students. "The fact that Jason could accompany me on the expedition and be there doing fieldwork alongside scientists and PhD students – that's what this is all about. It's all very gratifying." ■



Thanks to his Adrian Tinsley Undergraduate Research Program grant, Jason Covert, '16, traveled to Peru with his mentor, Dr. Robert Hellström. Jason installed a new weather station and cloud sensor in the Llanganuco Valley in the Peruvian Andes. This location is nine degrees south of the equator at 15,500 feet above sea level. Jason poses here at the base of a glacier.



Synthia Viltus, (center) and her twin daughters, Shanel (left) and Sharrisse, all BSU students, stand near a painting from Haiti donated to the university by the family.

It's a family affair

BY KAREN AUDE BOOTH

The three women share the daily commute. They share the passion to learn and the drive to succeed, and, barring unforeseen circumstances, they'll share a stage – although on a slightly different schedule. Synthia Viltus, '16, an economics major, will graduate one semester before her daughters Shanel, '17, and Sharrisse, '17, both English majors.

They also share a deeply ingrained philanthropic spirit, beginning with Synthia's trips back to her native Haiti. "We can all give in different ways, big or small," said Synthia. "I like to go to Haiti and, in my own small way, help to boost the local economy. I visit the street vendors, and I buy their art. I go with cash, pay with cash and help that way. These are people who are just trying to care for their families."

Synthia's husband, Gardy, travels with her, and Shanel and Sharrisse often join their parents. Gardy, who serves in the U.S. Coast Guard, helps to organize and fund every trip.

The Viltus family doesn't go to resorts; they don't go to the shops. "We go with the purpose of assisting the Haitian people in whatever way we can," said Synthia. In 2012, they launched what they call a "micro-loan" project. Micro-loans might involve the family in helping a seamstress start her own business or purchasing tools for a young Haitian man to launch his carpentry business. They purchased a used motorcycle for an older gentleman to use as a taxi, which would assure him income to support his four children. Recipients are not required to repay the "loan," but if they choose to do so, the money is recycled back into the project.

"Our side project," said Synthia, "is to pay for a school year, including uniforms and donated school supplies, for domestic child workers. I already have one suitcase full of school supplies ready for my next trip.

"We go with the express purpose of spending money, whether it's with people who have been recommended to us by family and friends or with individual street vendors," said Synthia. "Then, we bring our purchases back to the States to give to our family and friends on the holidays. Helping others feels good. It is very fulfilling. My whole family enjoys doing it."

But it's not just about gifts. Synthia recently donated two Haitian paintings (top right and below) to BSU. "I hadn't seen much representation of Haitian art at the university, and I wanted to share the Haitian culture and art with the Bridgewater community," she said.

One painting is particularly meaningful to Synthia. "It's a painting of a village. Everyone's busy," said Synthia. "It represents for me the economy of the area and how hard the people work to support their families. The other is a very colorful painting of four women beating drums."

Synthia's decision to donate paintings to the university was her way of thanking staff and faculty in the mathematics and economics departments. "This is an incredible group of people," she said.



She cited several individuals at BSU who, in particular, have helped her along the way. "Dorie AuCoin made me feel like I was important; Dr. Michael Jones, who made such an impression on me at orientation that I requested him as my adviser; Dr. Margaret Brooks, the most supportive woman I've ever met; Professor Suzanne O'Brien, champion for women and minorities in the sciences; Brian Witzgall, my math tutor for two years; and department administrators Ann Reichert and Judith Morin – they're all the best." ■





Students at the Okari School pose for the camera. (Photo by Jessica Lewis)

BSU alumni and the children of Kisii, Kenya

BY KAREN AUDE BOOTH

“Not To Be Ministered Unto, But To Minister”

– Horace Mann

“If you want to go quickly, go alone; if you want to go far, bring everyone.”

– African Proverb

One a motto to live by; the other, an African proverb. Together, an inspiration for three 1983 Bridgewater State alumnae who bonded together to serve the noble purpose of the Margaret Okari Children's Foundation, a residential school for orphans in the Kisii Hills region of the Nyanza Province in Kenya.

Maureen (Mo) Killay, Peg Alexander Campbell and Cam Mirisola-Bynum show us how the hearts of BSU alumni touch the hearts of others and change lives. Their ongoing involvement demonstrates how caring, compassion and career can intertwine in so many meaningful ways.

Ms. Campbell first heard about the foundation from an involved colleague in Boston. She learned that an estimated 6.3 percent of the adult population in Kenya is infected with the HIV/AIDS virus, and in the province where the foundation operates, that percentage jumps to 13.9. She also learned that

what first emerged as a troubling disease in Kenya rapidly transfigured into a pandemic of alarming proportions. Today, the tragedy shows little signs of retreating. Men and women, fathers and mothers, succumb to the virus at frightening rates leaving the children – approximately 1 million of them – without parents or guardians, without homes and with little hope.

As a result, Ms. Campbell, who earned her degree in communications at BSU, reached out to two friends and former classmates: Mo Killay, also a communications major, and Cam Mirisola-Bynum, who graduated with a degree in education and a minor in health and human services. While at Bridgewater State, the three served together on the Program Committee and credit that experience with teaching them how to get involved, how to manage their time and, importantly, how to have fun while helping others.

Dennis

Dennis was orphaned at 10 years old and was nearly sold by poor relatives to work as a cattle herder for a wealthy family. His grandfather intervened, and the Okari Foundation stepped in. Understanding his close call and the importance of education to his future success, Dennis put all his energy into studying. Today, he holds a bachelor of commerce degree in finance and economics from the University of Nairobi. After working briefly for a mining company on Kenya's coast, he is back in Nairobi working for an international conservation organization and studying for the Certified Public Accountant Level 4 exam.



1983 BSU alumnae (from left), Peg Alexander Campbell, Cam Mirisola-Bynum and Mo Killay, helped raise funds to build the Okari School.

With their shared philosophy and complementary skills, the three women set about raising funds to help the foundation build the now thriving residential school. They worked closely with the foundation's creator and executive director, Kwamboka Okari.

Ms. Okari is an entrepreneur, having established a successful business exporting soapstone carvings from Africa's Kisii region to America. In 2003, after years of trying to support the ever-growing number of orphaned children with her own funds, Ms. Okari established the foundation. She named it in honor of her sister, Margaret, who, before she died, also



With rope at a premium, the children cut pieces into shorter lengths to create more jump ropes. (Photo by Karole Moe)

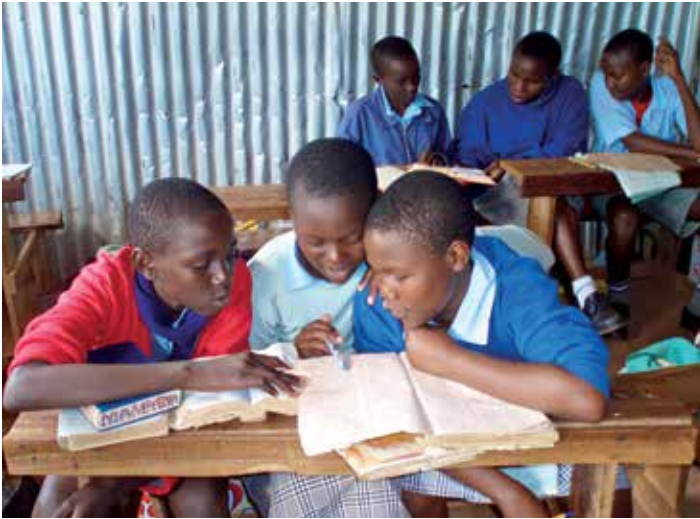


Students at the Okari School enjoy using supplies they received in an art exchange between the Okari students and an elementary school in New Hampshire, organized by the three BSU alumnae in 2011. (Photo by Karole Moe)

supported the children, suffering not only from poverty and homelessness, but also from the social stigma of being the offspring of parents who died from AIDS.

Kwamboka Okari's goal was to build a residential school for orphaned children – emphasis on school as opposed to orphanage. With help from the government, which donated the land for the school, and the support of her friends, the facility – with classrooms, dormitory and dining hall – opened with 60 children in residence. Today, more than 200 children live in this nurturing environment, receive medical care and study “at one of the best academic programs available in the region,” according to the foundation.

Indeed, the Okari School was built thanks to the efforts of many donors and volunteers, among them, BSU alumni. While acknowledging their part in raising funds to support the school, Ms. Campbell, who serves on the foundation's board as the communications chairwoman, described their efforts as “more holistic than simply fundraising. We offer expertise,” she said. “We show the teachers and volunteers how we do things in the United States – not to diminish what they bring to the table, nor to say ‘do it this way,’ but more to inspire ideas that work within their own culture. We share what a curriculum looks like; we help with issues like hiring teachers. We share examples of what other schools do.”



The classrooms at the Okari School are simple, but the children are fully engaged. The school's education rankings are among the highest in the region. (Photos by Jessica Lewis)

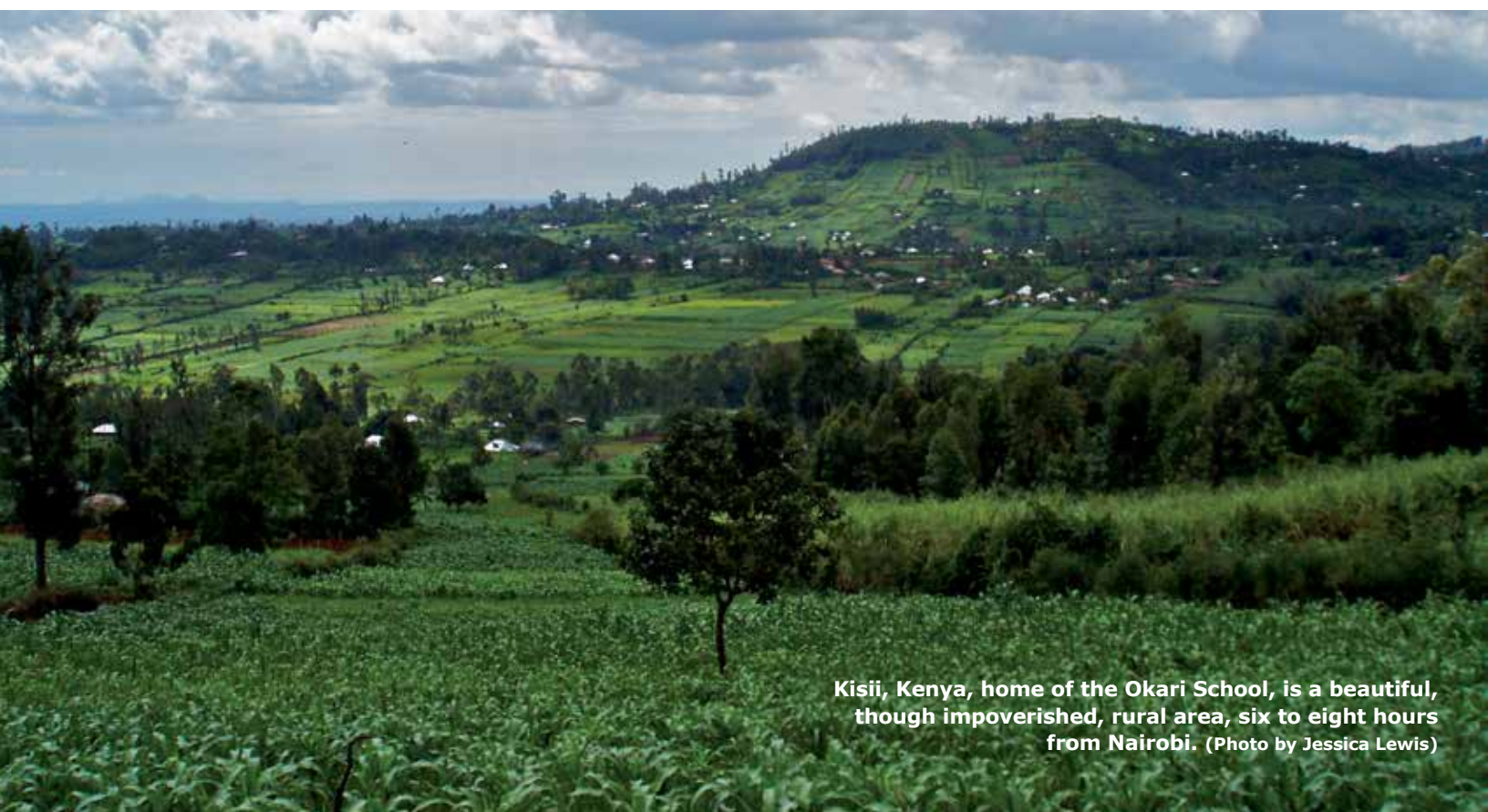
Ms. Killay had an opportunity to meet Ms. Okari and was hugely impressed with what she learned. "I got a real sense of how the education system works there," she said. "School is all about learning. Teachers are allowed to teach. It's not about teaching to a test. Learning is fun. It reinforced for me what the educational process really is all about."

Currently, the school serves children preschool through eighth grade. Dozens who graduate attend high school, and two have graduated from a university. This is laudable in a country where only 44 percent of children attend secondary school.

Academics notwithstanding, fundraising is essential to the school's continued success. To wit, Ms. Campbell reported that the foundation funds 11 months of the year, while donors from the Kisii community fund the remaining month.

To ramp up their efforts, Ms. Mirisola-Bynum said that, as former BSU program committee members, she, Ms. Killay and Ms. Campbell decided to contact their former classmates. Last August, they did just that. "We reached back to our roots," said Ms. Mirisola-Bynum. "We shared what we're doing, and we got a great response." The groups' latest effort involves an online auction, and the alumni in attendance at the August meeting each agreed to solicit donations with proceeds benefiting the school.

The Okari Foundation also works with interns, although, with finances being what they are, the internships are unpaid. "We provide the experience," said Ms. Campbell. "But the interns must find the money to support their trip. However, we help with the pre-trip planning and set up the logistics upon their arrival in Kenya – greeters at the airport, safe vans with vetted drivers for transportation to the school, etc."



Kisii, Kenya, home of the Okari School, is a beautiful, though impoverished, rural area, six to eight hours from Nairobi. (Photo by Jessica Lewis)



Cam Mirisola-Bynum, '83, (fourth from left) traveled to the school with Peg Alexander Campbell (not pictured) and Boston artist Karole Moe (second from left), who sells African soapstone to benefit the foundation. (Photo by Nikki Ranwell)

The Margaret Okari Children's Foundation reports: "Each year since opening our school, we have ranked in the top 8 percent of 135 schools in our district on national exams. With over 200 children and an annual budget of \$60,000, we consistently deliver one of the highest-quality academic programs in the region – while also providing a nurturing home for a marginalized group of children – at a cost of roughly 80 cents per day."

An impressive accomplishment by any measure, and one of which Bridgewater State University alumni can be proud. ■

To learn more about the foundation and how you can help, visit www.margaretokari.org.



Several BSU alumni, many active on the Program Committee while students, met on campus and expressed an interest in participating in the efforts of the Margaret Okari Children's Foundation. They include (front, from left) Mo Killay, '83; Doreen Schreiner Floyd, '84; and Deborah Maloney Lucas, '84. Back (from left) are Kathy Daly Leo, '84; Valerie Medwar Desmond, '83; Linda Ragosta, G'79; Peg Alexander Campbell, '83; and Cam Mirisola-Bynum, '83. Others involved in the effort and not pictured are David Leo; Pam Kenny Arrighi, '82, G'89; and Jay Reming Dowe, '86.

Yvonne

Yvonne was three years old when her aunt, who could not afford to care for her, brought her to the Okari School. Her older sister had been sold and sent to work for another family. The aunt feared the same for Yvonne. Today, Yvonne is a thriving third grader and hopscotch champion whose favorite class is Swahili.



Catholic Center turns 50 years young

BY KAREN AUDE BOOTH

Fifty years is a milestone by any standards. So it is with genuine joy that the ministry, parishioners and BSU celebrate the Catholic Center's 50 years of service – not only to Catholics, but also to the university and local communities. To mark the occasion, dozens have come together to create the 50th anniversary quilt, each square a visual representation of what the Catholic Center means to its creator. Betty Wilson,

Evelyn Ekberg DeLutis, '63, and Judy Hinesley Armour, '70, spearheaded the effort, as they did 25 years ago when the center celebrated its silver anniversary.

This brief narrative offers a glimpse into the center's storied past and its place in the life of a secular institution.

Bridgewater State officially recognized the Newman Club on campus in 1936. Newman Clubs exist nationwide and were named in honor of theologian John Henry Newman. The idea for the club then, as now, was to promote opportunities for social and spiritual gatherings. In 1957, Frank Hilferty, dean of graduate studies, first expressed the need to have a physical structure on campus for club members to gather and worship.

Dean Hilferty appealed to Richard Cardinal Cushing of Boston with a solid argument. According to Catholic Center records, the Newman Club at that time was the second largest organization of its kind in the nation. Of Bridgewater State's 1,300 student enrollment, 700 identified as Catholic; 450 belonged to the Newman Club.

By 1965, thanks to Dean Hilferty's efforts, Cardinal Cushing's support, and funds donated by alumni and area parishioners, the Catholic Center opened on Park Street. At the time, it was staffed with a full-time priest, building manager, secretary and assistants. Today, staff includes part-time campus minister Marlene DeLeon, one part-time administrator and a building maintainer. Mass is offered by priests from St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Bridgewater.

However, the vibrant spirit of giving remains strong and includes monthly dinners, community service projects, student activities, lectures and discussions. In many ways, the Catholic Center is reminiscent of the early 19th century lyceums, where community members gathered to socialize and debate the issues of the day.



A crane lowers the steeple onto the roof of the Catholic Center, circa 1964/1965.

Ms. DeLeon came to BSU six years ago, attracted to campus because of its vibrancy, she said. "I liked the university's emphasis on social justice and on educating students to become compassionate citizens of the world. I believe that students recognize that their faith is expressed when helping people."

The Catholic Center offers a detailed calendar of events on its website, and Ms. DeLeon encourages those interested to visit.

"I break down what we do into four areas," she said. "The first is focused on worship and prayer, and everyone is invited; we are not exclusively Catholic. Secondly, we perform service projects with a charitable or social justice focus. Thirdly, we build a sense of community through events like our spaghetti dinners. I would categorize the final area as exploration and education, with topics ranging from readings of the scripture to discussing ethics and ethical dilemmas.

"We are a place that encourages humans to flourish," Ms. DeLeon said. "The Catholic Center is not about inculcating the tenets of the Catholic faith. It's about each person flourishing in their own God-given ways." ■



Betty Wilson, Judy Hinesley Armour, '70, and Evelyn Ekberg DeLutis, '63, (from left) stand before the quilt they made 25 years ago to celebrate the Catholic Center's silver anniversary. The three women, along with campus minister Marlene DeLeon, are stitching together another quilt to celebrate the church's 50th year.

RUTH DONNELLY

15 Park Street

Norwood

Elementary

"Languor is not in your heart."

Arnold

W.A.A. (Representative, 3; Activity Director, 4); Student Council, 1, 2, 3, 4; Division Representative, 1; Lecture Funds Committee, 3, 4; K-P. Club, 1, 2, 3, 4 (Vice-Pres., 3, 4); Newman Club, 1, 2, 3, 4 (Vice-Pres., 4); Red Cross, 2, 3, 4.



Ruth Donnelly, '52, G'76, remembers her alma mater with a \$1.8 million bequest in support of undergraduate scholarships

BY DAVID K. WILSON, '71

The path Ruth Donnelly's remarkable life of service would take after her graduation from then Bridgewater State Teachers College in 1952 was evident before she received her diploma.

The proof can be found in the list of her college activities, next to her photo in the yearbook. Some of the entries are routine – for four years she was a member of the Student Council and the Kindergarten-Primary Club; for three years, she served as a member of the local chapter of the Red Cross. Equally significant, for four years, Ms. Donnelly was a member and officer of the school's Newman Club, a national organization affiliated with the Catholic Church that provides college students with opportunities for ministry and service to society.

"Languor is not in your heart," reads the inscription next to Ms. Donnelly's yearbook photo. Knowing what we do now, it's clear how farsighted her classmates were when they used those words to summarize her character. Never in her 82 years did Ruth Donnelly lack spirit or energy.

"Bridgewater was truly a wonderful place to be, and a great environment to study in among great teachers," said Ms. Donnelly in an interview two years ago. In 1976, she returned to Bridgewater State to earn a master's degree.

After teaching in Greenwich, Connecticut, and overseas in Germany, she moved to California where she taught in the Palo Alto school district for 35 years. She started a school at Stanford University Medical Center for terminally and critically ill children who were unable to leave the hospital to continue their studies.

Although Ms. Donnelly would spend much of her adult life 3,000 miles away from her alma mater, her appreciation for her years at Bridgewater State never flagged, and in her will, she left \$1.8 million to the BSU Foundation in support of education majors, the largest gift ever received by the university for that purpose.

The bequest will enhance the Ruth Donnelly, '52, G'76, Scholarship Fund, the endowed fund she established in 2013

that has provided scholarships to undergraduate students who intend to become elementary school teachers.

"Ruth believed that without the scholarship she received to attend Bridgewater, she never would have had the opportunity to pursue higher education," said Christine Pellegri, G'14, associate director of development and major gifts officer at BSU, who met Ms. Donnelly two years ago.

"Ruth never expected to be able to make such a significant gift, but once she was in a position to give back, she wanted to help other students achieve their dreams," Ms. Pellegri said.

Born in Worcester in 1931, Ms. Donnelly was orphaned twice: at birth and later as an adolescent when her parents, who had adopted her when she was three years old, died within a few years of each other.

Despite these early hardships, Ms. Donnelly never lost her positive spirit and love of life. She said she made her own family. That family included her three dear Bridgewater State friends who all ended up in California together: Ruth Blottman Chippendale, '51; Pauline "Polly" Tardanico Marion, '55; and Denise Gosselin Valencia, '55.

Ms. Donnelly's initial connection to BSU traces back to 1948, when she arrived as a freshman. The student body then was



small, numbering fewer than 800. She graduated four years later with 132 classmates, 110 of them women, and all of them education majors, the only programs offered at the time. Tuition was \$100 a year, and room and board cost less than \$500 annually. Adding books and incidental costs brought total expenses to about \$700 a year.

Ms. Donnelly received a scholarship, but she also worked hard waiting tables on campus and in Falmouth during summer breaks to be able to afford her Bridgewater State education.

Ms. Chippendale and Ms. Donnelly became close friends. Ms. Valencia was Ms. Donnelly's "little sister" at BSU, and the three waited tables together on the Cape one summer. Ms. Donnelly and Ms. Marion knew each other at BSU, but it wasn't until they moved to California after graduation that they became close friends.

"Ruth was a woman with wit and humor and grace," recalled Ms. Marion. "I loved being in her company. She could lift spirits and turn a gloomy day bright."

What clearly lifted Ms. Donnelly's own spirits were her memories of Bridgewater State, some of which she shared with Ms. Pellegrini. Among the faculty and administrators Ms. Donnelly remembered most vividly, she said without hesitation, was Miss S. Elizabeth Pope, the dean of women from 1919 to 1955.

"I was once summoned to Miss Pope's office because I had tried to test the escape plan in case of a fire at Woodward Hall – this is in the years before there was a fire escape on the building," she began. "Each room in the dormitory had a small metal hook near the window and a thick rope, which, in case there was a fire, students were supposed to use to attach to the metal hook and then go out the window, 'shimmying' down the rope to the ground," Ms. Donnelly said. "But I lived in Woodward, and I didn't think that was a safe plan, so one evening I went to the third floor of Woodward and followed the directions for escape."

Unfortunately, she got stuck between the third and second floors and was rescued by a team of fellow students who stood on each other's shoulders to reach her, Ms. Pellegrini said.

Ms. Donnelly continued, "When I was summoned to the dean's office the next morning, I was pleased to report to Miss Pope that I had proven that the escape plan was flawed. Miss Pope was unimpressed, however, and no changes to the escape plan were ever made. I don't even remember what punishment I had to pay for my 'experiment.'" The memory of that bravado still brought a smile to Ms. Donnelly's face, Ms. Pellegrini said.

That Ms. Donnelly had a strong sense of adventure is evident in her decision in 1958 to head west after completing her teaching assignment in Germany.

Ms. Pellegrini said, "Before leaving Germany, Ruth sent her friend Denise a letter saying that she was returning to the United States and planned to head to California, inviting Denise to join her. Ruth shipped the Volkswagen Beetle that she had purchased in Germany, and she and Denise drove it across the country."

Meanwhile, Ms. Chippendale had married, and her husband, George, was working at Lockheed in northern California. When Ms. Donnelly called and said she was coming to California, Ms. Chippendale invited her to stay with them in Palo Alto. Ms. Donnelly and Ms. Valencia arrived in California on Labor Day weekend and had jobs by the start of school.

"Ruthie became a part of our family when she arrived at our home in 1958," recalled Ms. Chippendale. "She added so much joy, laughter and fun to all our family gatherings. Ruthie was like a second mother to our three children and was loved so much by all of us."

Ms. Pellegrini continued, "Ms. Donnelly worked in Cupertino for one year before taking a position with the Palo Alto school district. Later, Polly joined them in California after planning to visit Denise. Denise was away in Mexico at the time, so she suggested that Polly stay at her home and split the rent with her roommate, Ruth Donnelly. While Polly was visiting, her Bridgewater friends helped her to find a suitable teaching position and she stayed on. The four remained close friends."

Ms. Donnelly's death in April 2014 left a considerable void in the lives of those close to her. The three friends told Ms. Pellegrini that they miss Ruth terribly. She was so important in all of their lives.

Ms. Marion said, "Ruth was a gifted teacher. Ruth loved children and would start a conversation with any child she encountered in a restaurant, park or wherever. Children gravitated to her, possibly attracted by her purple clothes, dangling earrings and warm smile. Children, as well as adults, found it very easy to talk with her. Ruth had so many friends and was a good friend to all."



Sharing memories of their friend Ruth Donnelly, '52, G'76, are (from left) Pauline "Polly" Tardanico Marion, '55; Ruth Blottman Chippendale, '51; and Denise Gosselin Valencia, '55.

"Ruth was such a good friend to me from the days when she became my 'big sister' during my freshman year at Bridgewater, when I had no idea as to what I should be doing. She was there for me," recalled Ms. Valencia. "We both spent most of our weekends on campus when things weren't so busy, and we did a lot of talking and laughing. No wonder we became lifelong friends. As time went on, and even to this day, I remember and appreciate how generous she was to me – cheering me up during the bad days after my parents died within six months of each other. She knew how that was, and her attention was so precious. Much later, after our trip across the country, and during our teaching days in Palo Alto, she was still helping me. I never reached her level of loving expertise, but I tried, and I thank her still for some of those lessons for dealing with children."

Ruth Donnelly's life and legacy are recalled with gratitude and respect by her entire Bridgewater State University family, as her gift will continue to improve the lives of students for generations to come. As much as any graduate in BSU's history, Ms. Donnelly adopted as her own the university's motto: "Not To Be Ministered Unto, But To Minister." ■

Upcoming ALUMNI EVENTS

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

SATURDAY, MARCH 12
Naples, Florida

PRE-PARADE BREAKFAST

9 AM
Foxfire Country Club
1030 Kings Way
Naples, Florida

FLORIDA ALUMNI BRUNCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 11 AM-1 PM
IMG Academies
Bradenton, Florida

AFRO-AMERICAN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION DINNER

SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 5 PM
Rondileau Campus Center Ballroom

AWARD NOMINATIONS

The Bridgewater Alumni Association Awards are presented annually to deserving alumni, faculty, staff and friends of BSU who have made an impact in their communities through their work or service to others.

Nominations are accepted throughout the year and may be submitted by mail to the Davis Alumni Center or online at www.alumni.bridgew.edu.

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AlumniUpdate



The founding members of the Afro-American Alumni Association (seated, from left) are Jeanne Oliver Foster, '77; Gloria Stanton, '74, G'00; and Barbara Jackson, '80. Standing (from left) Curtis Bailey, '87; Whitfield Daley, '77; Bruce Wayne Gaines, '73, G'77; and Paul Bonitto, '87.

Celebrating the journey

"Celebrating Our Journey" was the theme of the gala dinner sponsored by the Afro-American Alumni Association commemorating its 25th anniversary.

Established in 1990, the association's membership has grown to more than 700 alumni. Some of those who have helped the association along the way were honored at the event.

Dr. Brenda Molife, vice president for university advancement, brought greetings from the university to the occasion. Angel Figueroa, '08, introduced the program.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of the 2015 Afro-American Achievement Award to Dorie AuCoin, '76, G'79, assistant director of the university's Academic Achievement Center.

"Dorie's main mission over the past four decades at Bridgewater has been working with students who had to overcome unique obstacles to succeed in college," noted the script accompanying her award. "Her titles have changed over the years, as have the names of the programs and the centers with which she has been affiliated. But one thing hasn't changed: her belief that a college education should be open to all. As she often says, 'Working with students of color and bilingual students has been my calling.'"

The anniversary was another milestone on a path that can be traced back to 1968, when Paul Gaines, G'68, was appointed



Vinda Butler, '08, Afro-American Alumni Association vice president (left), and Anne Ulett, '92, past president of the Afro-American Alumni Association (right), present Dorie AuCoin, '76, G'79, with an award for her service to the organization.

Bridgewater State's first minority affairs director. The following year, he founded the Organization of Afro-American Students, and in 1990, the Afro-American Alumni Association was officially formed. During the anniversary celebration, Ms. AuCoin paid tribute to Mr. Gaines, who, in 1968, began actively recruiting students of color into the college. "Many of the alumni here tonight benefitted from the steady guidance of Mr. Gaines at a time when social acceptance was uncertain," she said. "We owe him our gratitude for paving the way to making tonight possible; when so many alums can come back to celebrate so many accomplishments."

Michael Henry, '92, president of the association, said the event was meant to celebrate the past, as well as a future of continued success. "It's an exciting time for Afro-American alumni as we continue to grow and build upon our foundation," he told the hundreds gathered. "We are privileged to have an opportunity to celebrate this wonderful event with you."

Professor Emeritus Henry Santos, a renowned pianist and composer and a member of the faculty for more than 30 years, performed two musical selections. ■



Attending the Afro-American Alumni Association 25th anniversary celebration are current and past presidents, (seated, from left) Nanette Baines, G'04; Lenny McClean, '90; Jeanne Oliver Foster, '77; and (standing, from left) Luis Rosa, '05; Anne Ulett, '92; and current president, Michael Henry, '92.



Alumni employee mixer

President Frederick W. Clark Jr., Esq., '83, joined other BSU graduates at the second annual alumni employee mixer last April at Barrett's Alehouse in Bridgewater. Attendees included (standing, from left) President Clark; David Morwick, '64; Gina Guasconi, '76; Ken Davidson, '96; Barbara Freeman, '98; Liz Chappuis, '82; Gloria Moran, G'69; Nicole Tranter, '11; Jessica Creutz, '09; Margarida Vieira, '02, G'07; Susan Diniz, '89; Christine Pellegrini, G'14; Betsy Dubuque, G'11; Shana Murrell; and Jane Doherty, '84. Seated (from left) are Crystal Howard; Kelly Hess Salisbury, '05; Mary Delgado, '75; Dave Marion, '06, G'13; Marie Murphy, '86; Eric Disbrow, '96; Janet Cartwright, '00; and Kathy Flaherty, '91. ■



Class of 1955 luncheon

Several members of the Class of 1955 visited campus in June for a reunion luncheon. From left are Martha Crooks, G'62; Carol Barbato Mauro; Betty Harrison Green; Joan Sawyer LeLand; Martha Cook Batchelder; Faith Cummings Crandall; Kathleen Knoll Simpson; Lillian Wolczik Estes; Jessie Shaw Martin; Marie Sawyer Holbrook; Patricia A. Park, G'76; and Greta Tyson. ■

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To apply online, visit the alumni services link listed above. Contact the alumni office at 508.531.1287 for more information.

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Through American Student Assistance® (ASA), a nonprofit organization that financially empowers college students and alumni, BSU alumni have access to expert student loan counselors. They can be reached at 877.523.9473 (toll-free) or loanhelp@saltmoney.org.

For more information, visit www.saltmoney.org/bridgew.

WEBSITE

Visit the Alumni Association website, <http://alumni.bridgew.edu>, to learn more about events, services, and the activities of alumni chapters and committees.

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The "Official Bridgewater Alumni Association" group on LinkedIn is more than 3,000 strong. Request to join the group today.

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The Donor Appreciation Reception

The Donor Appreciation Reception gave many donors the opportunity to meet the student recipients of their scholarships. The university's innovative Sponsor-A-Student Program asks donors for a gift of \$1,000 or more to award in its entirety as a one-time scholarship. The scholarships can be in the donor's name, or in honor of another, and they are awarded to a student in financial need. The reception gave students a chance to share stories with their benefactors. For more information on the Sponsor-A-Student Program, visit give.bridgew.edu/sas or contact Betsy Dubuque, G'11, at 508.531.2100.



Marie Baroni Allen, '65 (right); with scholarship recipient, Lauren Meehan, '18



Donald Smith, '59, with scholarship recipient Arianna Jefferson, '19



Lexa Keenan with Maureen Jecrois, '18, (right) recipient of the Dr. Robert A. Daniel African American Scholarship



Amelia Leconte, '52, with two recipients of the Frieda Randa Music Scholarship, Jiaying Zhu, '18, (standing) and Richard Moran, '18



Students Tiago Dovale, '18, and Alyssa Langis, '18, (fourth and fifth from left) receive the Facilities Management and Planning Cares Scholarship. The scholarship honors Tony Chaves, who was a maintenance foreman in the department. Tiago and Alyssa posed with their families and members of the Chaves family.

Class of 1962 gathering

An annual summer tradition took place in Brant Rock, Marshfield, where members of the Class of 1962 gathered at the home of Professor Emeritus Jack Jones, '62, to share food and conversation. Professor Jones's house is only feet from the Atlantic Ocean, and a warm, sunny day made for a perfect setting.



Seated (from left) are Jack Jones, Joan Leclair Cotter, DeDe Leary DiPasqua, Barbara Aguiar Lombardo, Janice Souza Randall, Mike Lombardo, Judy Murphy DeFillipo and Sandra Lans Newhal.

Standing (from left) are Carolyn Van Buskirk Turchon, Diane Ciaramitaro Foley, Carol Taylor Vernazzaro, Jackie Bouchard Fitzpatrick, Jim Argir, Gail Ellis Vincent, Bonnie Bubar Jacobs, Sheila Tunstall McKenna, Barbara Mattinson Nagle, Walt Nagle, Helen Callahan Demers, Cathy Howard Kitchen, Bob Kitchen, Donald Vincent and Dr. Brenda Molife, BSU's vice president for university advancement.

Past presidents

The Davis Alumni Center hosted 13 former presidents of the Bridgewater Alumni Association at the Past Presidents Breakfast to thank them for their years of service leading the Bridgewater Alumni Association.



Pictured (from left) are David Wilson, '71 (1986-1988); Cynthia Booth Ricciardi, '81 (1997-1998); Carrie Kulick-Clark, '85, G'98 (1998-1999); Donna Daley Brown, '68, G'74 (1981-1983); Nancy Hart Flynn, '61 (1983-1984); Carol Sacchetti, '98 (2013-2015); Jason Stocker, '04 (Current BAA president); Jack Jones, '62, G'66 (1985-1986); Clifford Wood, '60 (1988-1990); Sheila Tunstall McKenna, '62 (1992-1994); Carol Wilusz Kryzanek, '69 (2008-2010); Edward Meaney Sr., '63 (1966-1972); and Francis Sherry, '63 (1973-1975)



BAA annual meeting

The Bridgewater Alumni Association held its annual meeting and dinner in May. Outgoing and current board members (standing, from left) are Don Smith, '59; Tom Devin, '88; Michael Vieira, '75; Ronald Rezzani, '83; John Blake, '74; Brendan Concannon, '14; Charles Stockbridge, '76; John Rodriguez, '12; Carrie Kulick-Clark, '85, G'98; Margaret Caulfield, '00; and Jim Argir, '61. Seated (from left) are Jason Stocker, '04; Annmaria Greco Tierno, '92; Joan Ando Casabian, '66, G'78; Jacqueline Bouchard Fitzpatrick, '62; Judy Murphy DeFilippo, '62; Carol Sacchetti, '98; and Peter Castonguay, '05.

Football reunion



Wearing matching shirts, the "Original Bears" came together at the annual football reunion dinner. From left are Charlie Worden, '70; Dave Fee, '62; Bob Mason, '65; Mike Hughes, '65; Dave Morwick, '64; Dave Rodriquez, '66; and Jim Tartari, '64.



The 2015 Football Reunion Dinner, held in May at the Charlie Horse in West Bridgewater, honored former BSU football players who have served in the military, including the alumni pictured above.

CAREER SERVICES

Ways to get involved

CAREERLINK@BSU

Post jobs and internships available at your business on Career Services' online, easy-to-use system that allows access to BSU students and alumni.

ALUMNI MENTOR PROGRAM

Register as an alumni mentor and network with students and other alumni, provide internships and job shadowing, and/or participate in Career Services' on-campus programs, including the Mock Interview and Workplace Protocol programs.

EMPLOYER-IN-RESIDENCE

Spend five to 10 hours a month improving your company's visibility on campus while offering students résumé and cover letter critiques, as well as workshops.

JOB SHADOW PROGRAM

This program invites alumni and other employers to host students at their company sites for one day during BSU's winter break in January, allowing students to explore careers, network with professionals and learn about professional organizations.

EDUCATION CAREER FAIR

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

Employer Panel: 4-5:15 PM

Dana Mohler-Faria Science and Mathematics Center Auditorium

Students will hear from a panel of K-12 administrators about the current job market in education and what schools are looking for in teacher candidates.

Networking Fair: 5:30-7 PM

Rondileau Campus Center Ballroom

Students have the chance to network with representatives from more than 45 school districts, hand out résumés and discuss teaching positions anticipated for the 2016-2017 school year.

JOB & INTERNSHIP FAIR

THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 11 AM-2 PM

Adrian Tinsley Center

BSU's largest job fair will include more than 100 employers from a variety of corporations, businesses, nonprofits and government agencies.

For information regarding the above programs, call Career Services at 508.531.1328 or email the office at careersrv@bridgew.edu.

ChapterEvents

Florida in March – What's better than that?

If it's March, it's all about Florida alumni. So if you weren't able to attend any of the 2015 events – reception in Palm Beach; luncheon at The Villages, hosted by Paul, '63, and Betty Sawin, '63, Callahan; reception in Tampa, hosted by Phil DeSilva, '88; or receptions in Naples, Bradenton and Fort Myers – here are some highlights.

"Bridgewater in Bradenton" is one of BSU's signature events. Hosted by Art and Sue Libby, '64, G'74 Thevenin for many years now, it takes place at the IMG Academies Golf and Country Club and is always well attended – and delicious.

The Naples St. Patrick's Day Parade was a definite high point. This all-day affair was jam packed with excitement, beginning with a breakfast celebration hosted by Donald Shea, '94; Judy Medeiros, '78; and Kay Parolin, '52. From there, BSU alumni hopped on a trolley and took part in a festive parade through the streets of Naples.

Last but not least was a barbecue followed by a Red Sox spring training game at JetBlue Stadium in Fort Myers. This is always a sold-out event for BSU alumni, who come from far and wide to enjoy the afternoon with friends and fellow alumni. ■



At the Tampa alumni reception (from left) are Janice Metz, '61; Philip DeSilva, '88; and Dr. Brenda Molife, vice president for university advancement.



BSU alumni take part in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Naples.



Attending a luncheon in West Palm Beach (standing, from left) are Davis Sousa, '60; President Emeritus Dana Mohler-Faria; Geoffrey Fanning, '67; and John Catterall, G'79. Seated (from left) are Lillian Starr, '44; Freda Saltz, '43; and Mabel Colon, '10.



Ann and Robert Seaver, '66, and Marie and Ryan Schoeb, '11, (from left) attend the Tampa reception.



BSU alumni and friends cheer on the Red Sox at spring training in Fort Myers.

California

BEVERLY HILLS

Patti Reinstein, '65, generously hosted fellow BSU alumni at her home in Beverly Hills. Guests were treated to a taste of home with an authentic New England lobster boil.



Standing (from left) are Shana Murrell, director of alumni relations; Christine Pellegri, G'14, associate director of development and major gifts officer; and Patti Reinstein, '65. Seated (from left) are Bernice Reed, '49, and Jessica Fama, '06.

CARLSBAD

The past two years, Bruce, '68, and Patricia, Quinn, '67, Bartlett, have hosted an alumni luncheon in Carlsbad to bring together BSU's San Diego area alumni.



Bambi Broccoli and Joanne Broccoli, '56, (from left) join Dr. Brenda Molife, vice president for university advancement.

Rhode Island



Professor of Art Mary Dondero (right) hosted alumni at IMAGO gallery in Warren, including (from left) Natasha Laurenson-Gaudette, '14; Andrew Dooley; and Christine Pellegri, G'14.

SAN FRANCISCO

Neptune's on the Embarcadero in San Francisco was the site of BSU's 2015 Bay Area alumni reception.



William Amaral, '01; Melissa Easton, '01; Christine Pellegri, G'14; and Shana Murrell (from left) at Neptune's.



Joseph, '08, and Suzanne, '09, Coleman take part in the Bay Area reception.



Enjoying the Carlsbad alumni luncheon (from left) are Janice McAteer, '65, G'70; Lynne, '78, and Sidney, '77, Tufts; Rosanne Marion, '77; and Richard McAteer.



Dr. Jason Pina, BSU's vice president for student affairs and enrollment management and a Providence resident (center) joins Kathryn Cantwell, '05, and David Oliveira, '77, at IMAGO.



New York

In April, Bridgewater State University hosted its first ever New York City alumni event at the Sky Room. Special thanks to John Pine, '04, for helping to organize a great event for more than 30 fellow BSU alumni (above) living and working in the city.

Washington, D.C.

The Washington, D.C., area alumni event featured several BSU students who are participating in The Washington Center Program for Internships and Academic Seminars. It was a great night for alumni and interns to network, say thank you to President Emeritus Dana Mohler-Faria and meet incoming President Frederick W. Clark Jr., Esq., '83.



Enjoying the Washington, D.C., area alumni event are (from left) Raul Vazquez, '11; Laura Goodspeed, '09; Lisa Goodspeed, '12; and Lea Wink, '09.



At the Washington, D.C., event (from left) are Diane Bell, director of BSU's internship program, and two of BSU's Washington Center interns, Destiny Ithenacho, '16, and Georgina Addo, '18.

1954

Claire Appling, G'57, was honored with the fifth annual James Edgar Community Service Award, sponsored jointly by Good Samaritan Medical Center and USA Christmas Town. The honor memorializes the late 19th century Brockton businessman, known as the nation's first department store Santa, whose commitment to children was legendary. Ms. Appling's name will be added to a plaque on Main Street at the site where Edgar's Department Store was located. In September, the Bridgewater Alumni Association honored Ms. Appling with the Dr. Adrian Rondileau Award for Professional and Community Service.

1955

In March, **Ursula Tafe** received the Mabel Canto Democrat of the Year Award from the Harwich Democratic Town Committee.

1962

Judith DeFilippo is the 2015 recipient of the Dr. George A. Weygand, '53, G'56, Award for Outstanding Service to the Bridgewater Alumni Association. A former BAA Board Member, Ms. DeFilippo has authored and co-authored 14 textbooks for English language learners, including *Basic Dictations*, published by ProLingua Associates.

In July, **Sheila Tunstall McKenna's** basketball team, the Connecticut High Fives, competed in the National Senior Games in Minnesota. After losing their first three games by only a few points each, the High Fives dropped into Division 2 and came out with a 35-6 win in the gold medal championship game.

1965

Donna and **Michael Hughes** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 21.

1967

Carol Gates, G'74, former teacher, naval reservist and real estate broker, adds another accomplishment to her list. Her paintings were featured in the Conanicut Island Art Association's

exhibit, which was shown in Rhode Island's Jamestown Philomenian Library through June.

Phyllis Wells-Klock was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Commercial Sciences by the University of Central Florida after serving as a charter member of the board of trustees and chairwoman of the foundation board of directors.

1973

Dolores Kent retired from her position as director of Easton's Council on Aging in January.

1974

Steven Gorman was awarded a doctorate in educational leadership from Southern Connecticut State University.

1975

Barry Lew retired from teaching biology at Leominster High School in April and returned to what he enjoys most: acting. He starred in *Old Jews Telling Jokes* at the Regent Theatre in Arlington.

A book by writer and editor **Michael Vieira**, *A Brief History of Wareham: The Gateway to Cape Cod*, was published in 2014. In the spring, he was elected to a position on the Bridgewater Alumni Association board.

1976

Robert Foster, G'76, was inducted into the Fairhaven High School Hall of Fame on June 29, 2014.

1977

Stephen Washkevich retired from his position as fitness director after 20 years of service at Mount Wachusett Community College.

1978

In April, **Sandra Raynes, G'84**, was promoted to associate vice president at Tidelands Health in South Carolina.

1979

The Bridgewater Alumni Association has named **Dr. Lisa Battaglini** the 2015 recipient of the Nicholas P. Tillinghast Award for Achievement in the Field of Education. Ms. Battaglini is dean of the

College of Education and Allied Studies at BSU and a 2008 recipient of the BSU Presidential Fellowship Award.

Cynthia A. Coffin retired as health agent at Bourne Health Department after 29 years of service.

Fifth-grade teacher **Carol Snow** retired from Molin Upper Elementary School in Newburyport after 36 years of service.

Kevin P. Wells is the director of the Co-Operative Federation for Educational Experience (COFFEE) program, which helps at-risk students. Under Mr. Well's leadership, COFFEE was selected as one of the model programs to attend the 2015 At-Risk Youth National Forum.

1981

Paul Cuniffe was named vice president of Freeman's Exposition Division in December 2014. Freeman's is the leading global partner for integrated experiential marketing solutions for live engagements.

Alberta DePesa retired as director of the Special Victims Unit in the Norfolk County District Attorney's Office. She was honored as the Victim Advocate of the Year by the Massachusetts Office of Victim Assistance and the Massachusetts District Attorney Association.

Dr. Catherine Holbrook, G'81, was named vice president for student affairs and dean of students at Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts. Prior to this appointment, she was the associate vice president for student affairs at BSU.

1982

Ed McDonough, G'82, retired as principal of Braintree South Middle School. The school's auditorium will be named in his honor.

1983

Brian Heffernan, G'93, G'05, wrote and published a book, *Big Bri's Survival Guide to High School*, in September 2013.

Terri Ivankoski was hired as enhanced living program manager for Vista Terrace, part of the North Hill retirement community, in January.



Flanking former UMass Dartmouth Chancellor Divina Grossman, are George Charbonneau, '66, G'70 (left) and Armand Marchand, '66, G'70, who were recognized for their 25 years of service with the New Bedford Festival Theatre.

UMASS Dartmouth honors BSU alumni

In May, George Charbonneau, '66, G'70, and Armand Marchand, '66, G'70, were awarded the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth Chancellor's Medal for their 25 years of service working with the New Bedford Festival Theatre. Mr. Marchand is the theatre's executive producer and founder, and Mr. Charbonneau is the artistic director.

Dr. Divina Grossman, former chancellor of UMass Dartmouth, cited their contributions to providing audiences with superlative theater experiences, as well as educating and inspiring young people (high school apprentices and college-aged interns) in the performing arts through the Festival Theatre Summer Academy.

Mr. Charbonneau and Mr. Marchand both received the Adrian Tinsley Award for Excellence in the Arts from Bridgewater State in April 2004. ■

1984

The Bridgewater Alumni Association named **Denise Wallace-Spriggs** the 2015 recipient of the Dr. Adrian Tinsley Award for Achievement in the Arts. Ms. Wallace-Spriggs is a lecturer in theatre (costume crafts) in Boston University's College of Fine Arts, the resident crafts artisan/dyer for the Huntington Theatre Company and proprietor of Winged Heart Millinery.

1985

Len Mihalovich wrote and published a comic book, *The Adventures of Track Suit Man*, in July 2014.

1986

John Crowley was named Brockton's chief of police. He began his career on the Brockton police force 28 years ago as a patrolman.

Carl Dietz was hired as building commissioner for the City of Chicopee in January.

Patricia Wright is executive director at Chore Service in Sharon, Connecticut, which provides at-home care services for seniors and disabled residents living in the northwest corner of the state.

1987

Mary Beers, education director for the Thorton W. Burgess Society, led a lecture titled "Shipwrecks of Cape Cod" in

April at the Jonathan Bourne Historical Center. Her lecture featured stories of shipwrecks from the Sparrowhawk in the 1600s to the Blueberry in 1939.

Former Brockton High School athletic director **Thomas Pileski, G'87**, received the 2015 Distinguished Alumni Award from the Brockton High School Alumni Association. Mr. Pileski also serves as trustee of Save Our Sports, which raises funds for athletic programs in Brockton public schools.

1988

Joyce Keay was named Falmouth Hospital Volunteer of the Month in April. She primarily works off-site in the occupational health services department.

Brad Kilby was appointed city assessor in Fall River this past spring.

1989

Tracey Armstrong has been named to the board of trustees for the Andover Newton Theological School.

James Dunphy was named president and CEO of South Shore Bank in December 2014.

In April, **Lieutenant-Colonel William Salvaggio** visited the students of Scott Elementary School in Illinois and detailed his travels to Antarctica. He created a video and brought some of the cold weather gear he used during his trip.

Kathy Thornton is president of Athletic Trainers of Massachusetts.

Tracy Toupin is director of human resources at Catholic Memorial Home in Fall River.

1990

Donna Castelone was named an account executive for *Gulfshore Business* magazine, based in Florida.

John Dillon III is principal of Minuteman High School in Lexington. He previously served as assistant principal of education services at the school, assistant principal at Maynard High School, and as a health teacher and acting assistant principal at Burlington High School. In addition to his physical education degree from BSU, Mr. Dillon earned a master's degree in education from Cambridge College.

In June, **Anne Heywood** was awarded the International Association of Pastel Societies' Eminent Pastelist Designation at its 11th Biennial Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Artwork by **Carol Holder, G'90**, was featured in an exhibit at The Front Street Art Gallery in Scituate in March.

Emily Nyman, G'90, performed in March at the Now Playing Newport Music Series in Newport, Rhode Island.

ALUMNI SNAPSHOTS



Kelly Hess Salisbury, '05, married Derek Salisbury on May 2, 2015.



Jessica Cormier Cosgrove married **Jesse M. Andrade, '08**, on July 27, 2014.



Caroline Michaela Belmore was born on July 28, 2015, to **Colleen Gallagher Belmore, '03, G'05, G'13**, and **Peter Belmore, '03**.

Liberty Bay Credit Union appointed **Frederick Williams Jr.** as first vice president, controller and chief accounting officer. In his new role, Mr. Williams will apply leadership and direction to the credit union's accounting and information technology operational units.

1991

Longtime Pittsfield Municipal Airport manager **Mark Germanowski** accepted a position at Modesto City-County Airport in California, where he will be working on a proposed expansion.

In July, New York Rangers President Glen Sather announced the appointment of **Jeff Gorton** as the 11th general manager in franchise history.

Liane Jalette, G'93, was appointed to the school board in North Smithfield, Rhode Island, in February.

1992

With a 9-0 vote, the Woburn City Council elected **Charles Doherty** as city auditor.

1993

Peter Boucher was named the Milford public schools athletic director in November 2014.

Jonathan Frattasio has traveled the country working for the last 25 years as a troubadour, playing guitar for a living, often around New England. It's a job he says he loves.

Debra Gately, G'01, received the Principal of the Year award from the Massachusetts Secondary School Administrators Association.

Heidi Letendre returned to Mitchell Elementary School in Bridgewater as its principal. She had previously served as assistant principal at the school before leaving to become principal of the L.B. Merrill Elementary School in Raynham in 2012.

Jennifer Woodside is the associate director of engagement, reunions and alumni relations at the University of New Hampshire.

1994

Bonny Gifford, G'94, has been appointed superintendent of the Dartmouth public school system.

1995

Charlene Bonner, G'95, served as chairperson of the Massachusetts Parole Board from November 2014 until September 2015.

Chuck Carter Jr. is president of the New Hampshire Athletic Trainers Association.

Jeffery Colburn, a teacher at Beatrice H. Wood Elementary School in Plainville, received the 2014 Massachusetts State Universities Educator Alumni Award. Mr. Colburn began many programs to help support physical education, including Everyday PE. He is also the 2015 recipient of the Dr. Catherine Comeau Award for Professional Achievement from the Hyannis Bridgewater Physical Education Alumni Association.

Barry F. Kertanis is a commander in the U.S. Navy. In December 2014, he took command of Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron TWO SIX (HSC-26) with 17 MH-60S helicopters and 400 sailors. The squadron deploys worldwide.

Linda Lotto moved to New Zealand in 2006 after working for 10 years as an oceanographer and environmental engineer.

1996

Christopher Daley, G'97, hosted a lecture titled "The Roaring Twenties: A Historical Presentation" at the Athol Public Library in April.

Jane Daly, G'96, was named assistant superintendent of Rhode Island's Chariho Regional School District in November 2014.

1997

Nicole Rich, G'02, G'06, was appointed assistant professor of early childhood education at Ashford University.

In May, author **Randi Cooley Wilson** released the fourth installment in The Revelation Series titled *Revolution*. The next book in the series was scheduled to be released in November.

1998

Captain Michael Day, G'98, U.S. Coast Guard commander, Sector New York, received the 2015 Dr. Marilyn White Barry, '58, Graduate Alumni Award, from the Bridgewater Alumni Association.

1999

Daniel P. Birolini was named principal of Hanover Middle School. He had served as principal of Abigail Adams Middle School in Weymouth for the past six years and has taught social studies and other subjects at the middle-school level.

Richard MacLean was promoted to sergeant by the Amherst Police Department in February. He has been with the department since 2001 and has risen steadily through the ranks, starting as a patrol officer and then promoted to detective in 2008.

Helen Malone, G'03, was appointed assistant athletic director at St. Mary Academy - Bay View in East Providence, Rhode Island.

2000

Kristine Krishtal ran in the "Law Enforcement Torch Run" for the Special Olympics World Games.

Christine McMahon, G'00, is interim principal for the 2015-2016 school year at Kennedy Elementary School in Canton.

Jeff Shanley is president-elect of the Connecticut Athletic Trainer's Association.

2001

Kristy Acevedo, G'10, has had a love for books since she was a little girl. After watching a popular sci-fi show, she began the novel she thought she wouldn't finish. Her debut novel, *Consider*, was one of three winners of the 2015 PEN New England Susan P. Bloom Children's Book Discovery Award.

John C. Klimm, G'01, was named city manager of Aiken, South Carolina, in March.

Gordon O'Connell, G'01, released his debut album, *A Collection of Lives*, in January. The album is a compilation of Mr. O'Connell's instrumental work.

Brockton High School Spanish teacher **Noah D. Roseman, G'05**, was one of six New England high school teachers awarded the fall 2014 Excellence in Teaching Award from the Harvard Club of Boston.

2003

Rita Camara, G'10, assistant director of assignments for Residence Life and Housing at BSU, was honored by the Bridgewater Alumni Association as the 2015 recipient of the Martha D. Jones, '64, Award for Outstanding Dedication to Students.

David R. Croteau was promoted to database analyst and report writer at BankFive in December 2014.

Jennifer Ellis made her Reagle Music Theatre debut in the award-winning musical *Wonderful Town* in August at the Robinson Theatre in Lexington.

Robert Foster Jr. is the veteran service representative at Northeastern University.

Catherine Holmes, G'03, released her second book, *How to Draw Cool Stuff: Shading, Textures and Optical Illusions*, in March.

John Looney, G'03, executive director of marketing and communications at Lahey Health, received the New England Society of Healthcare Communications Evans Houghton Memorial Award, which recognizes the best and brightest public relations, marketing and communications work from healthcare organizations throughout New England.

Nicole Reed was named principal of Chapin Street Elementary School in Ludlow.

2004

Nicholas Davidson was promoted to detective for the Somerset Police Department.

Brian Hughes, G'04, was elected vice chairman of the Frisbie Memorial Hospital Board in Rochester, New Hampshire.

Katherine Parker, G'04, published her first children's book, *Fred Freckle*, which was influenced by a conversation with her son, Jake.

2005

Kathleen Butterfield received three promotions and was recognized as a Triple Fast Start Achiever at Jamerry Nails.

In January, **Justin Kogler** was named head football coach for Old Rochester Regional High School, in Mattapoisett.

Susan Paul was a recipient of the AmeriCorps Alums National Leadership Awards in February. The awards were held in honor of the 50th anniversary of AmeriCorps VISTA.

Alanna Scully published *Cead Mile Failte*, a book of photographs from her trip to Ireland. Proceeds from the book will be donated to the Massachusetts Resiliency Center to benefit victims of the 2013 Boston Marathon Bombing.

2006

Ashlee Kirkwood was promoted to study director and head of the plant toxicology lab at Smithers Viscient in Wareham.

The South Shore Young Professionals, an affiliate of the South Shore Chamber of Commerce, appointed **Kaitlyn Litchfield** as executive director.

Peter Mello received the Meritorious Recognition Award in November 2014 from former Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick for saving the life of a South Shore police officer.

Nicholas Pirelli, G'09, is the assistant director for the Canton Parks and Recreation department.

2007

After performing with the African drumming ensemble Khakatay on campus as both a student and alumnus, **Jeremy Banchiere** has taken over as director.

Lee Brown, assistant property manager at Water View Village in Framingham, was selected by the National Apartment Association Educational Institute to receive a PARAGON Award as the 2015 Leasing Professional of the Year.

Zane Fyfe is head coach of the Apponequet Regional High School football team in Lakeville.

William Hampl III, G'07, was appointed to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

Joseph P. Gordon, '94, G'03, G'12

BY KAREN AUDE BOOTH

Not only did Joseph P. Gordon earn a bachelor's degree in political science from Bridgewater State, he came back again – and again. In 2003, he earned a Master of Public Administration; in 2006, he earned a certificate in finance; and in 2012, a master's degree in criminal justice.

"Bridgewater is a great university," said Mr. Gordon. "There are so many good professors, too many to mention." When pressed, he listed Drs. Michael Kryzanek, Caroline Petrosino and Mitchell Librett. "I found exactly what I was looking for at Bridgewater," he said. "I had great interactions with fellow classmates and with faculty who had valuable real-world experience. Bridgewater was a great learning environment."

In 2004, Mr. Gordon became a correctional officer with the Barnstable County Sheriff's Office on Cape Cod. In 2005, he was sworn in as deputy sheriff, and, in February 2014, he was promoted to emergency management director (EMD). In this position, he is the sheriff's liaison to the Barnstable County Regional Emergency Planning Committee, a multi-agency team responsible for coordinating responses to any crisis in the region. "Representatives from Barnstable County's 20 fire and 15 police departments, the sheriff's office, board of health, Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency and local utilities make up the team," he said. As EMD, Mr. Gordon

coordinates more than 200 volunteers from Provincetown to the Cape Cod Canal.

Prior to accepting his first position in Barnstable, Mr. Gordon served four years active duty onboard the Spruance Class Destroyer USS Stump, which deployed to the Persian Gulf for escort services of United States and coalition merchant shipping. He also deployed with Naval Coastal Warfare Squadron 21 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, and later served two tours of duty in Afghanistan.

His more than 16 years of service in the United States Navy (he continues to serve as a reservist) has earned him countless military awards, including the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, three U.S. Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, U.S. Army Achievement Medal, Enlisted Expeditionary Warfare Specialist Insignia, Seabee Combat Warfare Specialist Insignia, and numerous individual campaign and unit awards. ■



Satoshi Kajiyama will return to South Carolina's Greenville Drive baseball team, Class A affiliate of the Boston Red Sox, as head athletic trainer. While studying for his master's degree, Mr. Kajiyama co-authored a dissertation paper that was published in the *Clinical Journal of Sports Medicine*.

Kevin P. Leaver has been installed as an acolyte at Pontifical North American College in Rome.

2008

Christopher Markey became manager of global initiatives at Hotcourses Ltd in July.

Sharon L. Medeiros, G'08, was named senior vice president and controller of BankNewport.

Martial arts fighter and wrestler **Chuck O'Neil** will begin training to join the Ultimate Fighting Championship.

2009

Joseph Cetrone appeared on *Wheel of Fortune* in March winning both cash and prizes, including a trip to Jamaica.

Nora Conley, or as the staff likes to call her, "Queen of the Audience," is the box office manager, as well as front of the house manager, at the Lyric Stage Company of Boston.

Mary Gans, G'09, is principal of Falmouth High School.

Dr. Christopher Hallenbrook received a PhD in political science from the University of California, Davis, and accepted a position as instructor in the Department of Political Science at Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania.

Paul Martin, a Massachusetts state trooper, has committed his life to public service. He served as a Marine and today volunteers much of his time to My Brother's Keeper, a Christian ministry that assists families in need in Southeastern Massachusetts, by picking up furniture and making deliveries.

Tony Mazzucco, G'11, was appointed town administrator in Adams.

Linda Moscardelli joined the Jack Conway Scituate office as a realtor in April.

2010

April Burge is the laboratory information management clerk at the Massachusetts State Police Crime Laboratory.

Alex Hurd was promoted to destination expert at Discover Newport in Rhode Island. Discover Newport helps in planning meetings and corporate events; assists travel professionals, including media, tour operators and travel agents; and provides information to help visitors enjoy their destination.

In September, **Noubertson Rateau** began teaching TV production at Lynn Vocational Technical Institute.

2011

Jeffrey Brown joined the board of trustees at Andover Newton Theological School.

Katherine Delaporta received the 2015 American History Teacher of the Year Award from the Attleboro chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

In February, **Matthew Lima** was promoted from dispatcher and reserve officer to police officer for the Somerset Police Department.

Christopher McMillan opened his law office in Osterville in February. He specializes in family law, but also provides general services.

2012

Augusto Goncalves Jr., became a finance assistant at Hillary for America in April.

Stephanie Lannon was named head coach of the women's field hockey program at Salem State University in December 2014.

Tim Owens was appointed director of property operations at Hilton Waikoloa Village in Hawaii.

John Rodriguez is the assistant director of residential education at Occidental College in Los Angeles, California.

2013

Sarah Freudenberg, G'14, moved almost 2,000 miles from her Foxboro home to help disabled special education children in Belize and create an environment where they can thrive.

Craig Linscott graduated from Basic Military Training at Georgia's Fort Benning in February.

Nicholas Pistacchio graduated from the Rhode Island Municipal Police Academy in December 2014. He was presented with the Physical Fitness Award, and sworn in as an officer for the North Smithfield, Rhode Island, Police Department.

Heather Rios was named program coordinator for Taunton's Mass in Motion program. With the goal of making the city healthier, the program will help bring walking paths, farmer's markets and community gardens to the city.

Amanda Schiffmann's photography was displayed at Vital Nutrition in Falmouth last spring.

Stephanie Silva has been an early intervention specialist at the Kennedy-Donovan Center since June.

Christine Young was named one of 12 Maytag Dependable Leaders of 2014 and received a \$20,000 award for the Boys and Girls Club of Plymouth, which Ms. Young has designated for scholarships for the club's after-school program. The award recognizes her hard work and dedication to the Boys and Girls Club of Plymouth while she was battling cancer.

2014

Levi Anderson graduated from Army Basic Combat Training at Fort Jackson in Columbia, South Carolina.

In April, **Melanie Appleman** was named women's head volleyball coach at Massachusetts Maritime Academy.

Leigh Brown is a customer relations coordinator with Dunkin' Brands.

Natara Gray is the development coordinator for student diversity and inclusion at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

Olivia Lemmon is the general assignment reporter for Charter TV3 in Worcester, where she began in June 2014 as a freelance news reporter.

Jake Malandrino was sworn in as a Dracut police officer in November 2014.

In January, **Lucie Rice, G'14**, opened her workout studio, Weight Loss Therapies, on Tremont Street in Duxbury.

U.S. National Guard Airman 1st Class **Molly E. Rosen** graduated from Basic Military Training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland in Texas.

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WEDDINGS *The university celebrates the weddings of the following alumni:*

Kacie B. Hinchliffe, '04, G'10, to Ryan Martel on November 1, 2014

Jesslyn R. Wernecke, to **James E. Needre, '06**, on September 27, 2014

Megan Caprarella, '08, to Neil Dupre on November 28, 2014

Kelly E. Russo, '08, to Nathan Claus on July 8, 2015

Meghan M. Haley, G'11, to Jason R. Selinger on April 19, 2015

Erin M. Gale to **Neil T. Avery, '13**, on August 1, 2014

BIRTHS *Congratulations to BSU alumni on the new members of their families:*

Teagan Riley Gadomski on July 11, 2015, and Matthew Orion Gadomski on July 12, 2015, to **Maureen Mallet Gadomski, '00, G'04, G'13**, and Jeffrey Gadomski

IN MEMORIAM *The university is saddened by the deaths of the following alumni and extends condolences to their loved ones:*

Bertha Joseph Kinsella, '35, G'65, on July 10, 2013

Phyllis Galotti Shedlock, '39, on February 23, 2015

Barbara Howes Juliano, '40, on December 31, 2014

Robert K. Shnitzler, '40, on May 1, 2014

Doris Burrell Clifford, '41, on February 13, 2015

Ethel Melin Adamson, '42, on April 12, 2014

Edward Cheromcha, '43, on February 1, 2015

Genevieve Kirsulis Deming, '43, on May 16, 2015

Fluerette Coulombe Kitchens, '44, on January 15, 2015

Alyce Mullins O'Donnell, '44, on January 13, 2015

Marie Eagan Staples, '44, on January 27, 2015

Hannah Leavitt Heifetz, '45, on February 3, 2015

Regina M. Murray, '45, G'56, on November 10, 2014

Patricia Froio Gricius, '46, on April 23, 2015

Marie McGowan, '48, on January 2, 2015

Nathalie Dorman Agostino, '49, G'52, on April 10, 2015

Marie Vincent Costa, '49, on March 3, 2015

Frank F. Dunn Jr., '49, G'51, on June 19, 2015

Frances McElroy Heney, '49, on July 2, 2015

Gloria Gifford Quegan, '49, on January 24, 2015

Claire Danis Sullivan, '49, on February 6, 2015

Kathleen Joyce Wells, '49, on May 23, 2015

Antone R. Costa, '50, on March 19, 2015

Jeanne Perrow Hodgdon, '50, on January 30, 2015

Marie Larrey Johnson, '50, G'65, on July 21, 2015

Mildred Fantini Battistini, '51, on January 29, 2015

Pearl Dyer Berry, '51, on January 6, 2015

Janet E. Dunwoodie, '51, on March 6, 2015

Alice Dusseault Beaulieu, '52, on May 9, 2015

Carolyn E. Lorman, '52, on February 12, 2015

Rita H. Lyons, '52, on November 3, 2014

Carl Z. Ponder, '52, on March 3, 2015

Ernest Remondini, '52, on December 27, 2014

Janina Pietraszek McCloskey, '53, G'55, on December 30, 2014

Joan Grieve Dugener, '54, on April 26, 2015

Robert F. Quegan, G'54, on June 22, 2015

Edward F. Aleixo, G'56, on November 16, 2014

Donald R. Lambert, G'56, on November 26, 2014

Elsie K. Brainard, '57, on February 25, 2015

Patricia Andrews Lee, '57, on January 31, 2015

Gerard A. Paquette, G'57, on February 25, 2015

Richard A. Pierce, '57, on April 4, 2015

Leo T. Wontkowski, G'57, on December 25, 2014

Barbara Shire Magro, '58, G'63, on February 7, 2015

Natalie Hollertz May, '58, G'91, on November 13, 2014

Russell E. Marchand, G'59, on January 30, 2015

Robert A. Wade, '59, on November 20, 2014

Joan Irvine Barlow, '61, G'68, on December 4, 2014

Peter Giannaros, '61, G'64, on June 18, 2015

Barbara Tappen Mahar, '61, on January 16, 2015

Joseph S. Nicastro, G'61, on November 6, 2014

Esther M. Treadwell-Taylor Tucker, '61, G'66, on February 16, 2015

Priscilla F. Wilkins, G'61, on July 5, 2015

Marjorie King Krupa, '62, on December 4, 2014

Argirios A. Kuliopulos, '62, in February 2015

Thomas S. Lee, '62, on November 11, 2014

Harold B. Simpson, G'62, on July 11, 2015

Jane E. Marchand, G'63, on May 12, 2015

Jean Bustard McKiernan, '63, on February 14, 2015

Marilyn E. Rogers, G'63, on July 1, 2015

Gilbert A. Souza, G'63, on November 25, 2014

Carolyn Hackett Chase, '64 on November 30, 2014

Donald D. Lambert, G'64, on December 30, 2014

Jane E. Nerney, '64, G'68, on January 27, 2015

John R. Otis Jr., '64, G'67, on December 28, 2014

Carol Eales Stys, '64, on November 14, 2014

Henry W. Burbine, '65, G'68, on March 12, 2015

Terrence C. Burns, G'65, on July 27, 2015

E. Thomas Doherty, '65, on June 5, 2014

William D. Jenkins, '65, on April 20, 2015

Robert L. Clark, G'66, on November 25, 2014

Elizabeth Sanguinetti Cordeau, G'66, on February 27, 2015

Helen Donnelly Medeiros, '66, on December 23, 2014

Marie Accettullo Reba, '66, on November 13, 2014

Jean F. Stonehouse, '66, on November 24, 2014

Diane R. Tupper, '66, on December 20, 2014

Ronald J. Walker, G'66, on July 11, 2015

Bertha J. Bolduc, G'67, on December 26, 2014

David M. Blowers, '68, on February 11, 2015

Armand L. Boudria, '68, G'73, on May 27, 2015

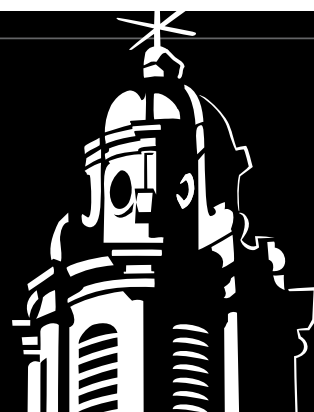
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Cheryl Robbins Modzelewski, '68, on June 1, 2015
Antoinette Oliveira Johnson, '69, G'75, on March 14, 2015
Lorraine Vaslet Keniston, '69, on February 25, 2015
Olga Lyken, '69, G'74, on January 23, 2015
Robert R. O'Connell, G'69, on January 16, 2015
Philip F. Sweeney, '69, on December 19, 2014
Kathleen Granholm DeManche, '70, on January 31, 2015
Barbara E. Underhill, '70, on June 9, 2015
Drew Zabriskie, '70, on April 12, 2015
Marilyn C. Canfield, G'71, on May 19, 2015
Robert W. Foster, G'71, on November 29, 2014
David R. Hosie, '71, on June 22, 2015
Joseph O. Brennan III, '73, on February 5, 2015
Paul J. Caracciola, '73, on January 30, 2014
Christine M. Bevis, '74, on July 8, 2015
Eleanor M. Bumpus, G'74, on December 15, 2014
Roy L. Cooke, G'74, on July 14, 2015
Donald R. Hart, '74, on November 3, 2014
Robert D. Lombard, G'74, on January 16, 2015
Fred E. Ryan, G'74, on June 3, 2015
Claire K. Wood, G'74, on January 27, 2015
George H. Millet, '75, on February 28, 2014
Richard K. O'Brien, '76, on April 5, 2015
Vincent F. Sia, '76, on December 26, 2014
James L. Conroy, G'77, on February 7, 2015
Patricia L. Anderson, G'78, on August 5, 2014
Janet Fitzpatrick DeHimer, '78, on June 29, 2015
Paul A. Gray Jr., '78, on September 4, 2014
Paul F. Tero, '78, on May 7, 2015
Rosemary Ventura, '78, on February 10, 2015
Karen L. George, G'79, on April 15, 2015
James A. Gunning Jr., '79, on January 23, 2015
Helen A. Nowak, '79, G'86, on February 2, 2015

Jeannette L. Irving, '80, on January 20, 2015
Robert J. Boreri, G'81, on April 4, 2015
Nelle P. Connelly, '81, on April 1, 2015
John Kennon, G'82, on October 20, 2014
Anne Audet Donnelly, G'83, on March 31, 2015
Susan M. Hinchcliff, G'83, on April 9, 2015
James M. Briggs, '84, on December 23, 2014
Bernadette A. Flynn, '84, on December 13, 2014
Patricia Quenzel, G'84, on March 2, 2015
Donna S. Hall-Leff, '86, on April 19, 2015
Ruth P. McGlynn, '86, G'88, on May 27, 2015
Richard Sergi, G'86, on December 16, 2014
Jean M. Adams, '87, on January 13, 2015
Esther Houghton, G'88, on April 8, 2015
Joanne E. Fournier, '89, on January 23, 2015
Michael J. Salamone, '89, on June 15, 2015
Jorge L. Neves, Esq., '90, on January 22, 2015
Mark Conlon, '91, on June 15, 2015
Timothy Bulger, '93, on April 22, 2015
Dianne Coyne Quinn, '93, on April 24, 2015
Grace Rudolph, '93, on February 24, 2015
Caroline Hotz Sturm, G'93, on April 25, 2015
Daniel Grimes, '94, on March 16, 2015
Dung V. Nguyen, '96, on December 7, 2014
Matthew C. LaFrance, '00, on July 23, 2015
Audilia T. Daveiga, '04, on November 8, 2014
John W. Sears, Esq., H'06, on November 4, 2014
Laura Anderson Humphrey, '07, on September 20, 2014
Joy Kitchell-McHugh, '09, on January 14, 2015
Stephanie S. Eranio, '10, on November 9, 2014
Mikele M. Gamboa, '10, on April 2, 2015
Robert J. Morrissey Jr., '10, on January 29, 2015
David N. Spalding, '10, on March 3, 2015
Kimberly L. Bartlett, '11, on May 11, 2015

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PartingShot



Equipped with scraps of fabric, magic markers and a healthy dose of hopefulness, hundreds of participants at BSU's Homecoming and Family Day created peace flags, expressing their wishes for a world filled with kindness. The flags were clipped to lines strung across one end of University Park in a vibrant display of optimism.

Sponsored by BSU's newly named Martin Richard Institute for Social Justice, in collaboration with The Peace Flag Project of Providence, Rhode Island, the event was held just feet away from a statue of Martin Richard, the youngest victim of the 2013 Boston Marathon bombings, whose now-famous plea, "no more hurting people, peace," served as inspiration for the day's artists.

photo by Erin O'Leary, '16

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PERCENTAGE OF BSU ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FROM THE STATE

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2005 BUDGET

23%



2010 BUDGET

21%



2015 BUDGET



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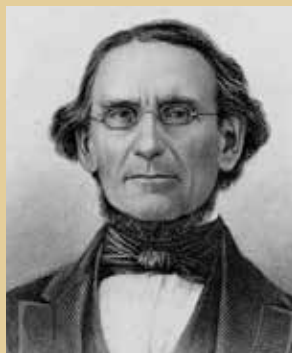
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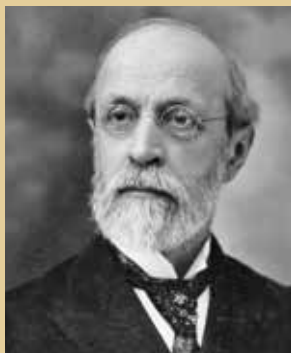


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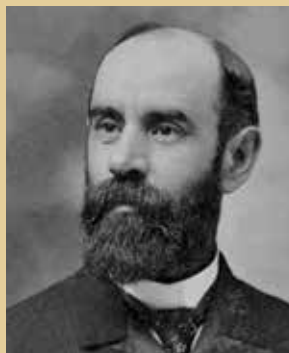
Looking Back



NICHOLAS TILLINGHAST



ALBERT GARDNER BOYDEN



ARTHUR CLARKE BOYDEN



On the morning of September 9, 2015, the 175th anniversary of the opening of what is now Bridgewater State University, President Frederick W. Clark Jr., Esq., '83, and Dr. Thomas Turner, professor emeritus of history, visited the Town of Bridgewater's Mount Prospect Cemetery. There they laid flowers at the graves of Nicholas Tillinghast, BSU's first principal, and the Boydens, father Albert Gardner and son Arthur Clarke, who served consecutively a total of 72 years as the institution's leaders, from 1860 to 1932.

Accompanying them were Marcia Wakeling of Randolph and her son, Robert, '07, who spent several years researching the life of Mr. Tillinghast, uncovering significant new information. The Wakelings are descendants of Nicholas Tillinghast. ■

by David K. Wilson, '71

