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A photograph of two men standing in a workshop. The man on the left is wearing a dark blue t-shirt and glasses. The man on the right is wearing a purple t-shirt with a logo and has safety glasses on his head. They are standing in front of a large piece of industrial machinery, possibly a lathe or mill, with a red ladder visible in the background.

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Forging careers

INSIDE: Meet BSU alumni who work in corporations and nonprofits, elementary schools and higher ed, in science labs, on Broadway, and as artist-entrepreneurs, like Derek Riley, '03, (right) who with his former art professor Rob Lorenson created a thriving business

StudentSpotlight



BRITTANY CHRISTIAN, '20, has big dreams. They're not focused on climbing a corporate ladder or founding a successful startup. They involve helping others.

The Boston native, boasting a strong record of service while at BSU, hopes upon graduation to start an international non-profit organization to help young people in Belize.

A political science major, Brittany credits service trips to Cambodia and Belize with sharpening her focus on a career devoted to helping others. She's also worked on campus as a peer counselor and served as a legislative and community affairs intern in the office of State Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz.

In February, Brittany participated in the 2018 Harvard Kennedy School Public Policy & Leadership Conference (just 73 students out of 800 applicants from across the country were chosen). That experience helped her decide to pursue a joint law-public policy degree in the future and to become a civil rights attorney.

We caught up with this busy junior to talk about her time at BSU and to find out what drives her.

Can you talk about those formative service trips?

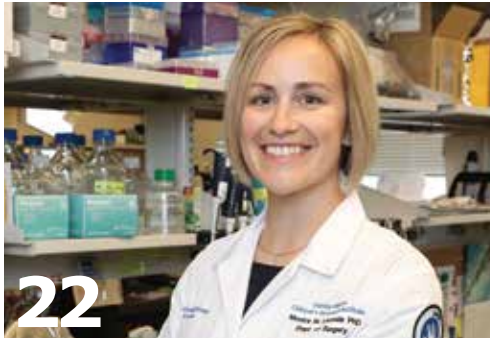
I traveled to Cambodia this past March, and we had the opportunity to build water filters in rural villages alongside students attending a local university. They told us that despite their community service, they didn't receive any government aid to attend school. It's all personal funds. I thought there should be more effort by the government and outside sources to promote educational opportunities both there and in Belize. In Belize, where I traveled to three months prior, we worked in a primary school, which is unfortunately surrounded by gangs and other dangers to the youth attempting to get their education. We were under the leadership of Dean Lisa Battaglini, who has led this trip for several years. I fed off her passion and realized that I want to help kids obtain educational equality.

How did you become concerned about social justice?

My passion was born when I was in 10th grade. Trayvon Martin was killed, and the Black Lives Matter movement was gaining momentum. I felt there needed to be more advocates of color out there. At first, I wanted to be a journalist, because I thought it was a good opportunity to go into the field and tell stories about socioeconomically marginalized individuals. Then I met a teacher at Belmont High School, and she was a former lawyer herself who was now teaching. She taught me that if I was passionate about making change in this world that I could effectively do it as a lawyer. I said, 'That's the career for me.'

Did your family influence you, too?

Both of my parents' families emigrated here from the Caribbean; my mother's side from Barbados and my father's side from Dominica. Both taught me about the importance of hard work and the American Dream. Neither obtained a four-year college degree, but my mother was often told over the years that she would make an amazing attorney, so when I shared with my family that being an attorney was, coincidentally, my dream career, I believe it made my mother the proudest. Holding on to the dream of my mother is something that keeps me going.



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Dear Friends,

There are many great aspects to being president of Bridgewater State University. One of them is meeting alumni from across the state and around the world who are leading active and fulfilling lives.



This issue of *Bridgewater* is dedicated to capturing some of their stories. While “student success” is the objective for faculty and administrators at BSU, it means little unless it translates after graduation into meaningful work. In the pages that follow are prime examples of Bears who earned their degrees and found their places in highly competitive fields, the nonprofit sector, or in top graduate and doctoral programs.

These stories are emblematic of the countless ways in which BSU graduates are making a difference in the world every day. Our alumni are part of the backbone of the Massachusetts economy and beyond, ensuring that they remain in great demand by employers. They work in research labs finding cures to diseases and improving the health and well-being of countless people. They teach in some of the neediest school districts in the state, the country and around the world. Our graduates are brightening and enriching lives through their work in the arts – on Broadway and television, as well as at cultural institutions near and far. In short, BSU alumni are making a difference in the lives of so many with their hard work, creativity, dedication, and extraordinary acts of love and kindness.

Success like this doesn’t happen by accident. Faculty members, research mentors, maintainers, administrators, coaches, librarians and many others across campus play a role in these stories of accomplishment and achievement. High-impact practices, innovative programs and the philanthropic benevolence of hundreds of individuals who believe in the great potential of public higher education and the BSU experience have combined to help students past, present and future realize their dreams.

In September, a new group of first-year students stepped onto campus, eager to begin their own journeys. It is my hope these new arrivals see themselves in the stories presented herein. For sooner than they realize, it will be their time to take that Bridgewater State University degree out into the world, where they, too, will have a chance to fulfill their dreams, challenge themselves and, in many cases, make life better for others.

With warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Frederick W. Clark Jr.'.

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

Center for Transformative Learning opens

Fostering student achievement is the primary goal of Bridgewater State University, and a new center aims to help the school meet that objective.

The Center for Transformative Learning connects students, faculty and administrators working within the areas of high-impact practices, such as undergraduate research, the Honors Program, global engagement and community engagement. These initiatives have been proven to help students succeed, said Dr. Jenny Shanahan, assistant provost for high-impact practices.

Dr. Karim Ismaili, provost and vice president for academic affairs, said he expects the center to be a busy place, and one focused on scholarship. "We want to broaden and deepen these experiences for our students," he said. "We envision the center to become a hub for students, faculty and staff."

The center, located in Maxwell Library, room 330, is a gathering and studying place for students and a location where leaders of a variety of programs can collaborate. It houses offices for the Honors Program, undergraduate research and one focused on helping students apply for national fellowships, such as the Fulbright. ■

'Honored to serve'

Governor Charlie Baker appointed President Frederick Clark Jr. to serve as a Massachusetts delegate on the New England Board of Higher Education (NEBHE).

Each state is represented on the NEBHE board by eight delegates drawn from the ranks of education, business and government leaders. They are appointed by the governor and legislative leadership of their state.

NEBHE promotes educational opportunities and services for New England residents in implementing higher education policies based on best practices. ■



University ranks near top in national report

Bridgewater State University has been recognized for its efforts to serve black students in a new report from the University of Southern California Race and Equity Center. It lists BSU among the top 36 four-year, public higher education institutions in the nation when ranked on several data points related to black undergraduates. The study reviewed enrollment equity, gender equity, degree completion equity and the ratio of black students to black faculty members.

BSU received high rankings in several areas:

- Having a higher percentage of black students than blacks' representation among 18- to 24-year-old citizens in Massachusetts
- Having a comparable breakdown of black male and female students as the national figures for all racial/ethnic groups
- Having a graduation rate for black students comparable to the institution's overall graduation rate

BSU scored a three on a four-point scale overall, placing it above the Massachusetts average of 2.81 and among the top schools in the United States.

"Bridgewater State University has a campus-wide commitment to supporting the success of all of our students and to closing achievement gaps," said Dr. Sabrina Gentlewarrior, vice president for student success and diversity. "This report is a testament to the entire campus' efforts over a great number of years." ■

Space exploration

Many American colleges face issues with parking. With spaces on campus almost always at a premium, BSU has launched a new Smart Parking module boasting real-time space availability and directions to the university's parking garage and Spring Street Lot. The module can be found on the BSU mobile app. It works thanks to an antenna that reads the barcode on students' parking decals and tallies how many vehicles are parked at each location.

Before leaving home, students can pull up the module to find available parking.

Currently, only the parking garage and Spring Street Lot are being monitored, but soon both the Hooper Street and Swenson Field lots will be added. ■

Bartlett College introduces cybersecurity courses

Cybersecurity professionals are in demand, and Bridgewater State University is working to educate the next generation of students seeking careers in the growing field.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates the growth rate for information security analysts at 28 percent, and some experts worry not enough information-security professionals will be available to meet growing demand from law enforcement, businesses and elsewhere in the coming years.

The Department of Computer Science introduced a course in Windows operating system forensics in fall 2018, and courses in mobile device forensics and network and cybersecurity are planned for the spring semester.

The new courses will be unique as they focus on technical skills students need, said Dr. Kristen Porter-Utley, dean of the Bartlett College of Science and Mathematics.

The classes are designed to be hands-on and students will gain practical skills by investigating real-life cases. ■



Dr. Mohammad Karim, provost and executive vice chancellor for academic affairs at UMass Dartmouth (left), and President Frederick Clark Jr. sign a partnership agreement between the two universities.

University teams with UMass School of Law

Bridgewater State University and the University of Massachusetts School of Law have launched a joint Juris Doctor/Master of Social Work program allowing students to earn both degrees in four years, rather than five. Participating students will graduate with less debt and have a unique skill set with which to help people in need.

"This type of unprecedented collaboration by our two public universities reinforces our mutual commitment to students who want to dedicate their lives to social work and the law for the advancement of social justice and equality," said President Frederick Clark Jr.

Students can focus on topics that relate to their professional goals, and will collaborate to provide legal and social services across Southeastern Massachusetts. ■

Tunnels and bears and art, oh my!

Artist Sagie Vangelina hopes that when BSU students are out and about they take notice of the striking mural she painted in the tunnel that separates the East and West sides of campus.

It took the Boston-based artist 60 hours to cover the tunnel's ceiling and walls with black-and-white lines of varying sizes mixed with designs in pink, white and BSU-red to create a psychedelic vibe. "I used repetitious lines and patterns to represent life's journeys and struggles, and how students can overcome them and keep pushing forward," Ms. Vangelina said.

Associate Director of Collections and Exhibitions Jay Block commissioned the up-and-coming artist to create the tunnel art. Ms. Vangelina also embellished one of four life-sized fiberglass bear sculptures placed across campus. Her bear, "Off Track," is nested in the pond area of University Park and carries the same design and pattern she used in her mural.

Ms. Vangelina was a recent student herself, having earned a degree in industrial design from Wentworth Institute of Technology in August. "I know myself how tough school can be," she said. "I definitely wanted to bring some positive energy onto the campus." ■



Erupting all over

When most people hear about a volcano erupting and producing rivers of lava, they run away, quickly. Geology professors Michael Krol and Richard Enright do just the opposite. In fact, at the end of June, the two, sponsored by BSU, traveled to “the Big Island of Hawaii,” where for 10 days they studied active hotspot volcanism and the recent eruptions associated with the Kilauea Shield Volcano.

“This was a once in a lifetime thing. Typically you don’t get to witness active geological processes like this,” said Dr. Krol. “It’s an experience we get to take back into the classroom.”

The volcanic materials the pair collected during their visit will be used to help engage students in undergraduate research as well as in upper-level geoscience courses. “It’s one thing to watch a video on YouTube,” Dr. Krol said. “Being able to share with students and show them what I collected, it provides more imagery and details.”

Over the last 31 years, Dr. Enright has led 10 field excursions with students to visit active and inactive volcanic sites in Hawaii. During their recent visit, the professors determined that the area is now too compromised for students to take part in a visit scheduled for the spring. Other sites will instead be considered, including Iceland, Mexico City and the Southwestern United States.

The professors will continue to follow the Kilauea eruption. It’s unclear how long the volcano will emit lava, but it will be at least a year before the area is accessible, Dr. Enright said. ■



Dr. Michael Krol (left) and Dr. Richard Enright travel by helicopter in Hawaii. Below are scenes from the Kilauea Shield Volcano. *Photos by Dr. Enright*



Bridge Partnership program awarded grant

The groundbreaking Bridge Partnership program will be getting a facelift, with the help of a \$10,000 grant from HarborOne Bank.

Since 2012, the program has invited select eighth graders from New Bedford and Brockton for a two-week summer session on campus that provides the students with academic enrichment, as well as ongoing educational case-management services. While Massachusetts is ranked as a top leader in education, many students in the commonwealth are still struggling,

said Dr. Kelly Brotzman, executive director of the Martin Richard Institute for Social Justice, which administers the program. “We look for students who are not succeeding in school, but could,” she said.

The Bridge Partnership program hosts two, two-week sessions each July, and afterward follows up with program participants. Still, it appears more needs to be done, which is why Dr. Brotzman and her staff have taken action, and where the HarborOne grant comes into play. Follow-ups

with the students show that the education and experiences gained during the two weeks on campus aren’t enough to create long-term change.

The program has been amended to include formal visits throughout the school year by Bridge Partnership staff members Jillian Lucchetti and Diana Mendes. Summer programming will also be expanded.

A community-service-oriented opportunity was launched for participating ninth-graders this past summer, and, next year, a job-shadowing experience will be added for the 10th-graders. ■

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New faces on campus

DR. JOSEPH ORAVECZ, vice president for student affairs and enrollment management

Connecticut native Dr. Joseph Oravec is Bridgewater State University's new vice president for student affairs and enrollment management. He brings more than 25 years of student affairs experience to the position.

"Dr. Oravec is a thoughtful, engaging, inclusive and collaborative leader who shares BSU's deep commitment to student success," said President Frederick Clark Jr. "I look forward to working with him in the years ahead."

Dr. Oravec was previously vice chancellor for student affairs at Montana State University-Billings. He received his PhD in higher education administration from Florida State University, a Master of Arts in higher education and student affairs from Ohio State University, and a Bachelor of Arts from Gettysburg College.

"Bridgewater State boasts a robust and dynamic variety of academic offerings taught by world-class faculty, as well as a commitment to serve an outstanding and diverse population



of students. It is a student-centered, teaching university and a wonderful point of pride for the Massachusetts system of public higher education," said Dr. Oravec. ■

DAVID ROBICHAUD, '83, assistant vice president for content strategy and development

David Robichaud's career has come full circle, and the longtime broadcast journalist couldn't be happier. Mr. Robichaud, who has worked mostly at WBZ-TV in Boston, is the university's new assistant vice president for content strategy and development. That's a long title that boils down to one word: storytelling.

"That's what interests me about the job," Mr. Robichaud said. "There are an infinite number of great stories to be told. ... And they're all good news stories, positive news stories. In my previous job, that wasn't always the case."

The life of a television reporter involves covering murders and other tragedies. "I'd had enough of that," he added.

As a student at Bridgewater State, Mr. Robichaud majored in speech communications and minored in radio and TV broadcasting. He played football for two years, wrote for *The Comment* student newspaper and brought news reports to WBIM, the student-run radio station. He interned at WBZ and fell in love with the thrill of chasing breaking news and uncovering corruption.

In his new role at BSU, Mr. Robichaud leads editorial meetings and oversees the development of news articles, videos and photos that tell the university's story.

"It feels wonderful and nostalgic, and I keep having flashbacks to my amazing four years here," he said



of returning to campus, where he now works in iconic Boyden Hall. "I've met some of my best friends here. This, then college, now university, basically gave me my career. It gave me all the skills and knowledge I needed to pursue what became a four-decade career in broadcasting." ■

Faculty Focus

DR. KYUNG-SHICK CHOI / Criminal Justice

Professor helps launch new journal dedicated to cybersecurity

BY BRIAN BENSON

Cybercrime knows no geographic borders, so it makes sense that a new journal co-founded by a Bridgewater State University professor aims to forge connections across the globe.

The International Journal of Cybersecurity Intelligence and Cybercrime, published in partnership with BSU and Boston University, seeks to offer empirical research articles, policy reports, case studies and book reviews. It debuted in July and will be published twice a year.

"I think every single scholar wants to establish a specialized journal," said Dr. Kyung-shick Choi, founding editor and editor-in-chief of the journal. "This is one of my dreams. Research is so important. It connects everyone."

A native of South Korea, Dr. Choi's secondary education took place in the United States. He holds a bachelor's degree from Northeastern University, a master's from Boston University and a PhD from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He has been a full-time faculty member at BSU for 11 years.

Dr. Choi was invited to facilitate the United Nations Virtual Forum Against Cybercrime as an instructor in 2009. He is the author of *Cybercriminology and Digital Investigation* and *Risk Factors in Computer-Crime Victimization*.

The new peer-reviewed journal will further his work in these areas, exploring the topics and trends in cybersecurity and cybercrime. The publication welcomes submissions from criminologists, social scientists, computer scientists, cybersecurity practitioners, members of police agencies, policymakers and others.

Dr. Choi hopes the publication serves a wide audience from around the world. Editorial board members hail from about a dozen countries, and Dr. Choi plans to publish issues in languages other than English.

"In order to minimize cybercrime, we have to globally work together," said Dr. Choi, who teaches at BSU and Boston University. "It's not just a U.S. problem."

Dr. Choi recently traveled to Colombia where he delivered keynote speeches at the Cybercriminology and Information Security Seminar at Universidad Antonio Narino in Villavieja and at the First Symposium on Cybercriminology and Cybersecurity. He also visited the Colombia National Police Information & Technology Agency and was interviewed by the Colombia National Police Radio & Television.

He praised former BSU Associate Librarian Ellen Dubinsky, who led the digital library services, and Cybercrime Investigation and Cybersecurity team members for their assistance



Dr. Choi is interviewed by Colombia National Police Radio & Television.



Dr. Choi signs a copy of the Spanish translation of his book, *Cybercriminology and Digital Investigation*, at the First Symposium on Cybercriminology and Cybersecurity in Colombia.

with the journal. Dr. Choi hopes the publication helps bring together government and private sector cybersecurity work. He would also like to improve training in the field and inspire the next generation of cybersecurity professionals.

"Have an open mind. Don't be afraid of challenging new things," he said of his goal for students who will read the journal. ■

Awards & Accolades

In recent months, several students, faculty members and alumni have been recognized with various honors. Some are highlighted below. More honorees can be found in the Classnotes section, beginning on page 40.

Three National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowships granted

Three BSU alumni were awarded National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowships. They were among 2,000 young scholars to receive the fellowship award, which recognizes and supports outstanding graduate students in NSF-supported disciplines. According to the foundation, more than 12,000 applications were received for this year's fellowships.



Nicole Arruda, '17, (above, left), a Berkley native, will study genetics at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. The fellowship will support her for three years of her graduate training. Her research focuses on chromatin looping and the ways in which the three-dimensional structure of the genome modulates gene expression and insulation.

Jasmin Hicks, '16, (above, center) of New Bedford will continue her research and involvement in STEM-related educational programs for middle school students, thanks to the award. Her graduate work at Colorado State University is focused in neuroscience.

Scott Allen, '14, (above, right) is studying cellular and molecular biology at Duke University with a goal of remaining in academia studying developmental and regenerative biology. The fellowship will allow him to continue his research.

Ms. Hicks and Ms. Arruda praised Dr. Joseph Seggio, associate professor of biology, and his guidance for contributing to their success. Mr. Allen was mentored by Dr. Kenneth Adams, associate professor of biology. ■

Athletic training program garners national honors

BSU's athletic training program has been recognized by a national organization for its educational work concerning the prevention of sudden death.

The Korey Stringer Institute selected the program as the first recipient of an award it plans to present annually to an athletic training educational program that "excels in community outreach" to prevent sudden death in sport and other physical activity.

As part of the award, the Connecticut-based institute visited campus in July for a presentation on reducing the risk of heat illness in athletes.

The event featured talks by BSU faculty on such topics as airway management, removing equipment from injured athletes and the use of the overdose-reversal drug, Narcan.

The award was named after Korey Stringer, an NFL player who died from heat stroke in 2001. The institute is a research, education and advocacy organization that works to prevent sudden death in athletes, military service members and laborers.

The BSU athletic training program earned its award in part thanks to such initiatives as an opioid abuse and Narcan training symposium held last year that also included a session about airway management and use of automatic emergency defibrillators. ■



Alumni educators honored

Matthew Colantonio, G'07, (above) was named Middle School Principal of the Year by the Massachusetts School Administrators' Association. He leads the O'Donnell Middle School in Stoughton.

Bill Burkhead, G'09, (left), of Monomoy Regional High School in Harwich, was honored as High School Principal of the Year by the association. ■



Rotary Global Grant Scholarship awarded

Danae Reaves-Bey Browne, '18, was awarded a \$30,000 Rotary Global Grant Scholarship to fund her travel to the United Kingdom, where this academic year she is participating in Lancaster University's religious studies master's program. Her focus will be intercultural and religious conflict, tolerance and conflict resolution.

The Taunton native earned a bachelor's degree in art history from BSU, where she conducted honors research under the mentorship of Dr. Sean McPherson and received an Adrian Tinsley Program summer grant in 2017, mentored by Dr. Minae Savas.

Rotary Global Grant Scholarships are intended for future leaders committed to promoting peace, improving lives and building international relationships. After completing the master's program, Ms. Browne's goal is to pursue a PhD and to "help change perspectives about religious differences in the world."■



Alumna recognized by American Society for Public Administration

Meredith Deacon, G'15, BSU's coordinator of student success interventions, was presented with a Robert H. "Tex" McClain Jr. Distinguished Public Administrators of the Year Award.

The award is presented by the Massachusetts chapter of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA). It recognizes public administrators who perform exemplary work. All candidates are nominated by their peers and then voted on by state ASPA council members.

Ms. Deacon also serves as an adjunct faculty member.■

Three alumnae receive Fulbright awards

Fulbright awards have been granted to three alumnae. Three awards in one calendar year represents a first for BSU.



Mikayla Cote, '17, of Plymouth, a biology major, was awarded a Fulbright Research Grant and is spending this academic year in Phnom Penh building and testing a wastewater reactor.



Danielle J. Lopez, '17, of New Bedford, also a biology major, was granted a Fulbright Teaching Assistantship. She is assisting English teachers and leading afterschool science-education activities in a Malaysian secondary school this academic year.



Daniela Belice, '18, is currently studying immigration in Canada, thanks to a Fulbright Research Grant. She is focusing on the economic integration of immigrant health care workers. The Brockton resident double majored in political science and sociology, and double minored in Spanish and civic education and community leadership.■



Recent graduate earns international scholarship

Joanna Richards, '18, received the Critical Language Scholarship (CLS), the most competitive scholarship for study abroad in the United States. She spent the summer in South Korea, studying the country's language and culture.

The Pembroke resident is the first BSU student to earn this scholarship, which is presented by the American Councils for International Education. The program is part of an effort by the federal government to expand the number of Americans studying and mastering critical foreign languages. CLS scholars gain critical language and cultural skills that enable them to contribute to the United States' economic competitiveness and national security.

At BSU, Ms. Richards majored in cultural anthropology with minors in Asian studies and music.■

Career connections

A number of local companies turn to BSU when looking to hire

BY HEATHER HARRIS MICHONSKI

WALK INTO THE OFFICE OF ROCKLAND TRUST and you'd be hard pressed not to find a Bridgewater State University graduate. The regional bank has more than 100 Bears on staff.

"Typically, we have found that they are great career-oriented candidates. We have seen many promoted within the first year of employment, based on their drive and educational background," said Rockland Trust Employment Specialist Shannon Errico. "They also have great business, finance and accounting programs at Bridgewater."



MEDITECH employs nearly 250 BSU graduates. Here a group of alumni come together in the auditorium of the Foxboro branch.



Kristen Orsini, '17, works at her desk at Rockland Trust.

Kristen Orsini, '17, relationship banker for Rockland Trust, agreed. "BSU helped prepare me for my current position through exposure in multiple field experience requirements necessary to obtain my degree. My internships gave me the experience, the confidence and the diverse skill set to begin my career in the professional world," she said.

Rockland Trust is the sole banking subsidiary of Independent Bank Corp. It provides services to both businesses and residents in Eastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and recruits and hires between five and 10 BSU graduates every year.

From business and finance to nonprofit and aviation, employers are happy to share the reasons why they recruit and hire BSU graduates. Most of these companies attend the university's regular career and internship fairs run by the Office of Career Services, where many first connections are made.

Boston investment firm State Street Corporation also praises the university's ability to produce quality candidates.

"BSU graduates come prepared with previous work or internship experience and a strong work ethic," said

Justin N. McNeely, campus relationship manager. "We see the value in hiring BSU grads because we feel their contributions make an immediate impact. Many whom we have hired in the past have joined State Street and had very successful careers here."

Massachusetts-based MEDITECH always looks to Bridgewater State University when recruiting, according to the company's recruiter, Bryson Michael. Since 2013, MEDITECH has hired 485 BSU alumni, and, currently, nearly 250 work for the software and service company.

Ms. Michael credits BSU's Office of Career Services team for successfully helping students transition from the university to the workforce. "BSU graduates are professional, and when we engage with them it is clear they have done their research about the company and our industry," Ms. Michael said. "Additionally, they seem to value a stable company such as MEDITECH that offers room to grow and promotes from within. Many Bridgewater students are eager to get out into the world and make a positive impact, so our mission aligns nicely with their goals."

IN DEMAND

When looking for new employees, these organizations regularly turn to BSU to help meet their needs.

Arbella Insurance Group

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts

BlumShapiro

Boston Public Schools

Brockton Public Schools

Cape Air

Citrin Cooperman

City Year

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
(various agencies)

CVS Health

Enterprise Holdings

JetBlue Airways

Massachusetts General Hospital

MEDITECH

New Bedford Public Schools

Old Colony YMCA

PwC (PricewaterhouseCoopers)

Rockland Trust

Smithers Viscient

South Shore Health System

South Shore Mental Health

State Street Corporation

The Key Program, Inc.

The TJX Companies, Inc.

WB Mason Company, Inc.

Rob Lemoi, recruiter and trainer for the Key Program, Inc., also praises BSU's Career Services staff members and their ability to effectively assist students with securing employment. "This is evident in the quality of resumes we receive, as well as their preparation for job fairs and interviews," Mr. Lemoi said.

The Key Program, Inc., a nonprofit organization based in Framingham with offices throughout Massachusetts and Rhode Island, works with troubled youth and their families, and provides resources to assist in developing positive life skills and experiences.

One of the main reasons the organization recruits potential interns and employees from BSU is because of the university's strong social work, psychology and sociology undergraduate and graduate-level programs. "Graduates from these programs seem well prepared and motivated to begin this type of work," Mr. Lemoi said.

BSU alumni working at the Key Program, Inc., are (from left) Cassandra Schmall, '15; Matthew Farnworth, '16; Janaina DeSouza, '17; Jasmine Vasconcelos, '16; and Angel Figueroa, '08.





Joining Christopher Ernest, G'07, (third from left) at BlumShapiro are colleagues and fellow BSU alumni (from left) Courtney Lee, '13; Tristen Merchant, '18, who is pursuing a graduate degree at BSU; and Julie Hutchins, '15, G'17.

Levi Carroll, the pilot pathway recruiter for Cape Air, looks to the BSU aviation program when seeking new recruits to fly the company's planes. "The pilots that we get through the program are some of the most well-prepared pilots in the nation," he said.

The airline operates out of Barnstable and has more than 25 BSU alumni on staff in both pilot and nonpilot positions.

"As a company, we pride ourselves on giving job opportunities to institutions like Bridgewater. We have had great luck in hiring from BSU," Mr. Carroll said. "It is very important for us as a local airline to employ local students and pilots."

As a partner at BlumShapiro, a business advisory firm based in New England, Christopher Ernest, G'07, can speak firsthand about the benefits of earning a Bridgewater State degree. "Going into Bridgewater, I didn't know what to expect, but I was very impressed," Mr. Ernest said, adding that BSU professors and class content helped prepare him for the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) exam.

"They had a good knowledge of what the educational requirements are to become a CPA," he said. "Bridgewater students have some of the highest pass rates on the CPA exam. It's much higher than other schools."

Mr. Ernest often looks to BSU to find potential employees. He echoes what other companies and organizations have to say in regard to hiring candidates who have graduated from Bridgewater State University.

"BSU graduates have many attributes that we look for in an employee," Mr. Ernest said. "Many of them work throughout their educational careers and balance work and school, which is impressive."

Because of this, they are often ready to jump in and hit the ground running. Being a Bear traditionally means an applicant brings a strong academic background and has the right qualifications to make an impact, he said, adding, "They have an incredible work ethic, and come to our firm with the drive and desire it takes to be successful." ■

Family first

Siblings share BSU Educator Alumni Award

BY HEATHER HARRIS MICHONSKI

IN BOTH THEIR PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LIVES, siblings Gerry Pouliot, G'12, and Meghan Pouliot, '12, will tell you that family is everything. Therefore, it made sense when in May the siblings shared the 2018 Bridgewater State University Educator Alumni Award.

"Family has always come first. It's our foundation. It's something our parents taught and instilled in us as far back as I can remember," Mr. Pouliot said.

The Pouliots grew up in Yarmouth Port and graduated from Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School. Both are employed at the Latham Center in Brewster. Mr. Pouliot is director of children's services, and his sister is a special education teacher.

Both get high marks for the work they do.

"We are so blessed to have Meghan and Gerry here. They do an outstanding job," said the center's CEO Anne McManus.

Latham Centers is a nationally recognized treatment center for children and adults, ages 8-22, with intellectual disabilities and complex social needs. The Brewster branch is one of the few residential facilities in the country providing services for those diagnosed with Prader-Willi syndrome (PWS), a rare condition that causes out-of-control hunger. According to the Foundation for Prader-Willi research, PWS is a genetic disorder that affects one out of 15,000 births and is the most common genetic cause of life-threatening childhood obesity.

The Pouliots and the staff at Latham Center work together to best meet their students' unique needs.

Currently, 42 students from around the country live and study at the center, posing challenges in meeting the mandated curricula for each student's home state. Mr. Pouliot works with consultants to ensure Latham applies the varying state policies and procedures when creating curricula.

As director of children's services, he oversees four departments: the therapeutic residential facility, educational facility, clinical residential services and nursing services. He leans on his Latham Center family to get it all done.

"In no way could I be where I am without the Latham team," Mr. Pouliot said. "From the CEO, vice president, department heads, supervisors and direct care staff – it's a 'we' concept."





Mr. Pouliot started his career at Latham Center as a teacher. In fact, he began teaching in the same classroom as his sister. He quickly rose through the ranks, moving on from teacher to assistant principal to director of education before being promoted to director of children's services.

Despite his ascent at the center, he says it is his sister who deserves the accolades.

As a teacher at Latham Center, Ms. Pouliot has received the Excellence in Service Award from the National Association of Therapeutic Schools and Programs, as well as the 2017 Excellence in Teaching Award by the Massachusetts Association of Approved Private Schools.

"She's a rock star," Mr. Pouliot said of his younger sibling.

Many in Ms. Pouliot's classroom have experienced severe trauma. She said it's important to create a positive environment where students can learn and develop social and coping skills, as well as academics. "We do a lot of group therapy and teach them to advocate for themselves," she said. "A lot of that involves listening. I listen and try to validate what they are sharing."

Surprisingly, the Pouliot siblings' path to the education profession wasn't always clear.

"I considered going into social work," Ms. Pouliot said. "But I found I love working with kids. I get to make a difference."

Mr. Pouliot initially thought he was going to be a sports writer. Upon graduating from Fitchburg State in 2005, he obtained his teaching certificate and worked in the Fitchburg public schools. In 2010, an opportunity to work closer to

home opened up at the Latham Center, and he applied. The rest, as they say, is history.

While he enjoyed his time in the classroom, Mr. Pouliot said he prefers working in administration. "Being a good leader is very important to me," he said.

For now, Ms. Pouliot is happy focusing her energies in the classroom, and she is pursuing a master's degree at BSU. "I love it here. Latham offers many opportunities for growth," she said. "I enjoy working with my colleagues. For right now, I like being in the classroom, I'm happy."

She encourages BSU students to make use of the many resources the campus offers as they plan their futures.

"BSU 100 percent helped prepare me. They taught me the best strategies for working in special education and how to manage the classroom," Ms. Pouliot said. "Talk to your advisors, they will set you on the right path."

Her brother offers this guidance: "Don't rule anything out. I never thought I'd be working in special education. Explore all options, and don't shut any doors," he said.

To emphasize this duo's "family-first" approach to life and work, they made sure to have a large contingent on hand when they were presented the alumni award. Cheering them on at the ceremony were their parents, Gerry and Cindy; Mr. Pouliot's wife, Ashley, and the couple's young sons, William and Gerry, and infant daughter, Avery; and his father-in-law, Joe Costa. Yvette, Mr. Pouliot's mother-in-law, has passed on, but he said she was there in spirit. ■

JOSHUA HAMILTON is the new provost, vice president and senior vice president for academic affairs at the University of New England, with campuses in Portland and Biddeford, Maine.

Dr. Hamilton's resume reveals a long list of accomplishments spanning 40 years in the field of higher education, and he said it all started at Bridgewater State.

"Going to Bridgewater was crucial for me. It was the single most important thing I did," he said. "Bridgewater has always been a school of opportunity. In my 40 years in higher education, the institution has provided some of the best teachers I've encountered in my career. ... They are dedicated to students' success."

His career as an academic leader actually happened by accident. After graduating from Old Rochester Regional High School in Mattapoisett, Dr. Hamilton found himself working the third shift at a printing company in Providence making paper cups. After a couple months, a supervisor approached him and promised that if he kept working hard, one day he might become the assistant manager. "I thought, what a dismal idea," Dr. Hamilton said.

Motivated to find a new direction in life, he reached out to his former high school principal, David Hagen, for advice. After Dr. Hamilton shared his dream of studying the sciences, with a focus on biology, followed by research and graduate school, Mr. Hagen advised him to seek out a school for his undergraduate work that focused on personal attention to students. That's when Dr. Hamilton discovered Bridgewater State.

"Having that opportunity at a price point I could afford ... I got a fabulous education," he said.

As an undergraduate, Dr. Hamilton commuted to campus from New Bedford and worked 30 hours a week delivering milk. His tenacity paid off when he earned a bachelor's degree in biology.

"I got an awesome education, and that was very clear when I applied for graduate schools," Dr. Hamilton said. "I got into every school I applied to."

He opted to attend Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, where he earned both a master's degree in genetics and a doctorate in toxicology. Dr. Hamilton credits his BSU education for preparing him for Cornell. "I found I was better prepared with my undergraduate curriculum than those from larger, more prestigious schools," he said.

Armed with his degrees, Dr. Hamilton began his career in higher education. He started as a faculty member at Dartmouth College and Dartmouth Medical School in Hanover, New Hampshire, where he also served as founding director of the Center for Environmental Health Sciences and associate director of the Norris Cotton Cancer Center.

A 'dream

Veteran educator Joshua Hamilton, '80, cites his Bridgewater State education as 'crucial' to his success

BY HEATHER HARRIS MICHONSKI

He left Dartmouth in 2008 to work as chief academic and scientific officer at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, a position he held until 2013. While there, Dr. Hamilton also served on the BSU Scientific Advisory Board under former President Dana Mohler-Faria and witnessed the construction of the \$98.7 million Mohler-Faria Science and Mathematics Center.

When Dr. Hamilton's children, Ross and Kelsey, finished their educations and entered the professional world, he saw it as a pivotal point and searched further for career opportunities. "I had reached a point where I knew I liked serving in a leadership role where I could help faculty and students be successful," he said.



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The next leg of Dr. Hamilton's journey took him and his wife, Melissa, to the Midwest where he served as dean of the Swenson College of Science and Engineering and as a professor of biology at the University of Minnesota Duluth. After three years there, Dr. Hamilton said he missed New England and began looking for opportunities back East.

He was hired last year as the provost/vice president for academic affairs at Rhode Island College, where he intended to stay, until, what Dr. Hamilton calls his "dream job," the position at the University of New England, opened up.

"It's an innovative place," he said. It also offers him the chance to work with and help undergraduates through

curriculum reform. "... At the undergraduate level, you can literally transform students' lives," Dr. Hamilton said.

Dr. Hamilton encourages current BSU students to learn to adapt to change and appreciate the opportunities the university provides as they plan their futures.

"One thing I've demonstrated is that if you work hard, you can achieve whatever you want through education," Dr. Hamilton said. "At Bridgewater State University you will receive a high-quality education. It's really up to you to take full advantage." ■

Teachable moments

Recent alumni work in area schools while serving with City Year Boston AmeriCorps

BY BRIAN BENSON

IT WAS ANOTHER BUSY MAY AFTERNOON at East Boston's Donald McKay School. Hawa Ture, '17, spent time playing the card game Uno with students at the K-8 school. It seems Ms. Ture's efforts earned her better than a passing grade.

"Today, one of my students said 'Ms. Ture, I wish you were a teacher,'" she said, during a break in the game.

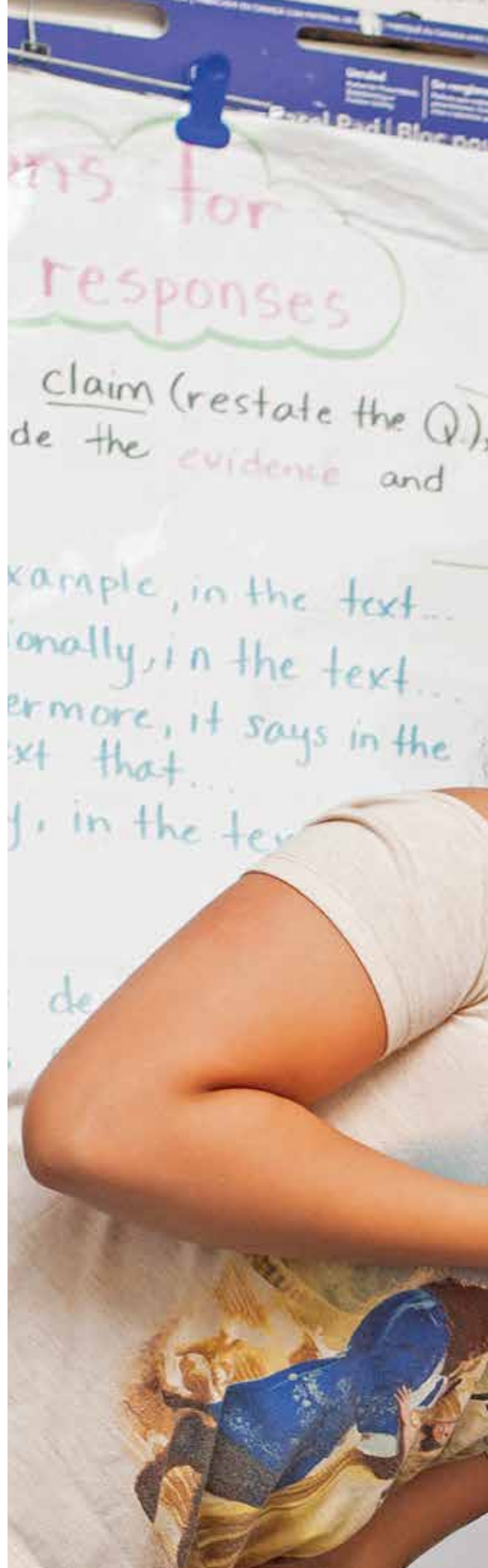
Meanwhile, across the city at Dorchester's Jeremiah Burke High School, Shay Morton, '17, worked with a group of sophomores. He enjoyed helping students hone their post-high school plans, a process to which he can relate. It wasn't long ago that he was going through this himself. "We're near-peer mentors," Mr. Morton said. "We're not classmates. We're not as authoritative as a teacher or another adult."

Indeed, these recent graduates are something else: participants with the City Year Boston AmeriCorps program. City Year Boston embeds young adults in schools across the city in an effort to change children's attitudes about education. Last school year, the program placed 289 people, ages 18-24, in 23 Boston schools such as McKay. The group included five Bridgewater State University graduates.

City Year Boston members do more than lead games. They also help teachers prepare classrooms for lessons, aid children with homework and mentor students. They focus on pupils showing early warning signs such as poor attendance or difficulties with math and English, freeing up teachers to help those who are struggling the most.

The program seeks to keep Boston students in school and on track to graduate, and statistics show it is working. Eighty-one percent of children supported by City Year Boston members in the 2016-2017 academic year improved their performance on district reading and writing assessments. Almost 700 students increased their average daily attendance rates, resulting in more than 21,000 hours of recovered learning, according to a City Year impact report.

City Year Boston participants build valuable leadership and other skills. They receive a living stipend and funding to put toward further education and paying off student loans.





Two young students at East Boston's Donald McKay School show their enthusiasm for City Year Boston participant Hawa Ture, '17.

WHY SERVE?

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—Lorenz Marcellus, '17

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BSU graduate Gary Chow, '16, learned how to create lesson plans and what resources are needed for each one.

"Through my service, I gained significant insight of what it's like to be in a classroom full time," said Mr. Chow, who, while at BSU, mentored younger students through programs such as the Bridge Partnership, which is designed to advance the educational potential of underserved youth from Brockton and New Bedford by providing summer academic enrichment, as well as year-round individual educational case management and support.

Fellow Bear Ellen Contini, '17, put to use her BSU social work studies while participating in the City Year Boston program. "I support my students in a variety of ways. I encourage them to ask questions, try their best and never give up. I also assist them with their schoolwork, social-emotional behavior and attendance," Ms. Contini said.

BSU graduates said they learn from those they serve.

"Both my partner teacher and my students have taught me so much," Ms. Contini said. "They have provided me with invaluable experiences I will take with me for the rest of my life. I feel confident that teaching is the right path for me, and, with their help, I hope to one day become an educator that can help make a difference in my students' lives."

Students at Chittick Elementary School taught Lorenz Marcellus, '17, to be patient and live in the moment.

"Every day is truly a new day," Mr. Marcellus said.

"I learn as much from them as I try to teach them."

Paths to City Year

While growing up, Mr. Marcellus recalled having a variety of mentors, including his grandfather and a neighbor. As a student at Brockton High School, he faced adversity when his father lost his job and the family became homeless. He initially lived in a motel in Somerset but transferred to a shelter in Brockton to be closer to school.

After high school, he attended Massasoit Community College and then BSU, where he earned a degree in communication studies with a minor in film studies. He was also part of the Bridgewater Scholars program, which financially supports students who have experienced homelessness.

Mr. Marcellus took full advantage of the opportunities BSU provided. He mentored grade school students and traveled on service trips to Washington, D.C.; Philadelphia; and Belize. He met supportive faculty, such as Professor James Moore of communication studies and Dr. Michele Wakin of sociology.

Upon graduating, he saw City Year service as a way to continue inspiring the next generation. "The way I see it is I had people that mentored me when I was little," he said. "My plan was to give back."

Mr. Morton began his higher education journey in Northeastern University's pharmacy program, but it wasn't the right fit. He moved on to Massasoit Community College



Lorenz Marcellus, '17, plays Uno with students at Boston's Chittick Elementary School.

where he earned an associate degree and then transferred to Bridgewater State University to pursue a bachelor's degree in criminal justice with a minor in health promotion.

BSU offered a high-quality education with small class sizes close to his home in Rockland. And, City Year was a natural path to continue his love of giving back and serving others, he said.

City Year Boston was a perfect fit for Ms. Ture, who always wanted to work with young people. And, with many siblings, she brought personal experience to her service.

A first-generation college graduate who grew up in New York City and now lives in Malden, Ms. Ture first attended Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts in North Adams and then transferred to BSU.

"It feels great," she said of being the first in her family to graduate from college. "It was a proud moment to have that accomplishment."

Planning their futures

BSU graduates said their City Year and Bridgewater State University experiences helped shape their future aspirations. Ms. Ture, who studied sociology at BSU, hopes to help high school students who want to be the first in their families to earn a college degree.

Mr. Marcellus, who participated in the Campus MovieFest program at BSU, plans to write and direct films, particularly dramas, through the lens of social justice.

Mr. Morton would like to keep giving back by working for a nonprofit in development and fundraising.

"I've always felt the pull of service and volunteering," he said. "If I'm able to incorporate that into my career and job, then that's awesome." ■

Chicago hope

Alumna works to create a synthetic ovary

BY HEATHER HARRIS MICHONSKI



CHILDREN WHO UNDERGO harsh cancer treatments often experience side effects that may not manifest for years, including long-term fertility problems.

Dr. Monica M. Laronda, '04, is researching ways to help address these issues.

The Freetown native is director of basic and translational research for the Fertility and Hormone Preservation and Restoration program at the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago.

Through her research, she has helped develop a 3-D printed bio-scaffold containing ovarian follicles. Using mice, Dr. Laronda has successfully tested the scaffold and proven it's possible to create a synthetic ovary that mimics and functions as a healthy one.

The overall goal is to use these results to support systemic endocrine function and fertility in women and girls with premature ovarian failure as a result of cancer treatment or those who have disorders of sex development.

Often when parents are presented with a plan to treat their children diagnosed with cancer, reproductive health is not considered. But when talking to adult cancer survivors, some suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder symptoms because of fertility issues.

"They are healthy, and everything is falling back into place, but they can't have biological children. ... That's what resonates with me and motivates me," Dr. Laronda said.

Her work doesn't just address reproductive health, but also has the potential to restore hormone function to help ward off premature menopause. Studies show that girls who experience early menopause develop cardiovascular issues, osteoporosis, a decrease in muscle strength and in overall health.

"It is not standard clinical care yet, but for those who opt to preserve their tissue, we do offer a procedure to take one ovary out for children at high risk," Dr. Laronda said.

There have been reports of more than 130 children born after transplanting cryopreserved ovarian tissue back into the same patient. "However, many of our patients would not qualify for this procedure, as they may have cancer cells inside their ovary tissue," Dr. Laronda said. "This is why we need to create a better way to restore function. Hopefully we can provide better options for these patients when they are ready for it."

Dr. Laronda is also the Warren and Eloise Batts Scholar at the Stanley Manne Children's Research Institute and the Department of Surgery at Lurie Children's Hospital, and assistant professor in the Department of Pediatrics at the

Feinberg School of Medicine at Northwestern University in Chicago.

She became inspired to study this emerging field after taking part in a reproduction course at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole while an undergraduate at Bridgewater State. It was Dr. Jeffery Bowen, a professor in BSU's Department of Biological Sciences, who introduced her to the opportunity.

In order to work as an assistant in the course, Dr. Laronda completed her senior-year finals early. "It was a really great, intense course, and I was happy to be part of the support staff," Dr. Laronda said.

During her six weeks at Woods Hole, she was introduced to and networked with 70-80 scientists, all professors who taught classes in both lecture halls and labs.

Prior to this summer job, Dr. Merideth Krevosky, chairperson of the Department of Biological Sciences at BSU, suggested Dr. Laronda consider Northwestern University for her graduate degree. Through her connections at Northwestern, Dr. Krevosky set up interviews there for Dr. Laronda.

"She had done her postdoc there and thought I should investigate the school ... it was obviously a good fit," Dr. Laronda said.

She's come a long way since working as a bank teller while being a full-time student at Bridgewater State. Today, Dr. Laronda is considered a leader in her field and was recently featured in the May 2018 *Modern Luxury Chicago Social Magazine's* "Dynamic Women" issue. Her research was also ranked 36 in *Discover* magazine's "Top 100 Stories of 2017."

Dr. Laronda and her husband, Aaron Brown, a high school astronomy and physics teacher, have made Chicago their home. She plans to continue her research at Lurie Children's Hospital and hopes it one day will make a difference.

For BSU students struggling to find their path in life, Dr. Laronda encourages them to reach out to the campus community and to make connections. If she hadn't been exposed to the fertility course at Woods Hole, she might never have found her passion.

"Talking to Dr. Bowen and Dr. Krevosky really helped me, and they were very influential mentors. It's important to find mentors, make your career goals known and to talk to different people about it," said Dr. Laronda. "They may be able to offer insight or put you in contact with someone who has had similar experiences. Be open to different experiences; it could lead to surprising connections." ■

All in

Roy Noepel, '92, adds to a life of giving

BY JOHN WINTERS, G'11

ROY NOEPEL IS ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE who can be counted on when help is needed. From volunteering with a conservation site, aiding a food pantry and a theater group, to regularly traveling to Boston to donate platelets, the Norwood resident is always ready to lend a hand.

"Everyone has challenges, and if I can make someone's life less challenging, why not help out?" Mr. Noepel said.

As for his greatest act of giving – donating a kidney last year to a total stranger – he didn't have to look far for inspiration. First, he'd read an online news story in the summer of 2016 about an area woman in desperate need of a new kidney. Meanwhile, his son Eric, a senior at BSU, has for 17 years lived with Type 1 diabetes, a disease known to adversely affect kidney function, and all that time Mr. Noepel has watched his son test his blood sugar multiple times a day and inject himself with insulin.

"I thought, if he can do that, why can't I do this?" he said.

"This" – donating a kidney – was something only close friends and relatives usually do. In fact, too few people do it. There are 123,000 Americans currently on the waiting list for a lifesaving organ transplant; more than 101,000 need a kidney, but only 17,000 people receive one each year. The stark upshot of these statistics is that 12 people die each day in this country waiting for a kidney.

It's clear the world could use more people like Mr. Noepel.

Though he was originally slated to donate his kidney to the woman he'd read about online, it turned out that doctors found her a better match. So, he waited. During this time, he never told his family about his plans. "I didn't want them trying to talk me out of it," he said with a smile.

At last, Mr. Noepel was matched with a transplant patient, and in February 2017, surgeons at Tufts Medical Center in Boston removed one of his kidneys to transplant into a woman whose kidneys were failing, saving her life.

On a late summer afternoon sitting at a picnic table with his son at Adams Farm in Walpole, where he serves as president of the citizen's group that supports the 700-acre conservation site, Mr. Noepel talked about his days at what was then Bridgewater State College. A management science major, he was influenced by the late Paul Prescott, a special education professor who was a noted advocate for children with developmental disabilities and an Army veteran with 30 years of decorated service, including the Legion of Merit award, presented for his "dedication and exceptional leadership." "He was a great influence on me," Mr. Noepel said. "I'm just carrying it on."

Mr. Noepel, in turn, is now influencing his son.

"I was surprised when he told me what he was going to do," the young man said, "but I know my dad. He takes leaps. It just tells you what a nice person he is."

Mr. Noepel is sharing his story for one reason: He hopes to inspire others to follow his lead. "Hey, if I can do it, anyone can," he said.

Modesty is another of his traits.

"I'm not trying to prove anything," he said. "I just wanted to help someone in need." ■

Statistics above courtesy of the National Kidney Foundation. More information at www.kidney.org.

**Roy Noepel, '92, and his son Eric, '19,
spend time together at Adams Farm
in Walpole, where the senior Noepel
serves as a volunteer.**



**Michael Katz, '84,
relishes bringing joy
to children engaged in
the battles of their lives**

Spreading sunshine

BY JOHN WINTERS, G'11



TO GET MICHAEL KATZ TO DISCUSS the most rewarding parts of his job as executive director of Camp Sunshine in Casco, Maine, just ask him to share some stories.

There's the one about the young man suffering from a brain tumor who, with the help of camp staffers, landed a date to the prom with Miss Maine. Or, the seriously ill boy who during the camp's weekly talent show earned a standing ovation by overcoming his physical challenges, climbing onstage and singing "Fight Song." Or the youngster from Maryland who wanted to meet his idol, a star of television's *North Woods Law*, and camp officials made it happen. "These stories make me appreciate all that happens here," Mr. Katz said.

Such magical moments happen all the time at Camp Sunshine.

The camp was founded in 1984 on the shore of Sebago Lake by Larry and Anna Gould, with a mission of providing week-long getaways, free of charge, for children with life-threatening illnesses and their families. Each session provides a full slate of recreational activities, as well as support and medical services as needed. The camp's 24 acres feature just about every form of sport and activity imaginable, from basketball to cooking classes and a volleyball court that turns into an ice rink each winter. Visiting families can also enjoy bonfires, karaoke, outdoor movies, archery, horseshoes, fitness challenges, mini golf and skiing, as well as indoor activities such as various arts and crafts, music making, and quieter pursuits, including board games and reading.

And, of course, there's always loads of fun to be had by all on Maine's second-largest lake, which abuts the camp.

Parents find plenty to do during their visit, including one night each session when the cafeteria is turned into a candlelit dining room so they can enjoy a quiet dinner. After all, a primary goal of Camp Sunshine is to give moms and dads a break from the multitude of challenges that come with caring for a ill child.

Mr. Katz (pronounced kaytz) said he sees it all the time – families and children arrive on the campus of Camp Sunshine frazzled and looking worried, only to leave a week later with broad smiles.

"Being a part of this is really a privilege, seeing these families and children, what they're going through and seeing their courage. ... We're creating happy moments for them," he said. "You really can't beat the mission of Camp Sunshine."

Mr. Katz graduated from what was then Bridgewater State College in 1984, staying on an extra year to earn his teaching certificate. "I couldn't find a way to stay longer, or I would have," he said.

He first found his way to the woods of central Maine in 1983 via a summer internship arranged through his alma mater. He spent that break working at Point Sebago Resort, owned by the Goulds. Back then, the couple regularly opened the property to groups of sick children and their families. In 1984, Mr. Katz, a Natick native, returned, and it

was around this time that the Goulds became more fully engaged with the mission of helping sick children and their families and established Camp Sunshine.

After graduation, Mr. Katz took a job as a schoolteacher in Newton, while also working at Point Sebago in the summers. When Camp Sunshine went year-round in 2001, he had to make a choice between the classroom and the camp. He moved to Maine, and other than leaving for a few years to open a pub, he's been working as a top executive at the camp.

Mrs. Gould, during a recent visit to the camp, stopped and talked with Mr. Katz for a minute. Afterward, she confided to a guest, "He's a star."

The camp's main campus, which includes an activity center, a cafeteria and rooms for indoor fun, was built in 2001. Since then, dormitories for families and volunteers have been added, as well as a new recreation building that's home to a basketball court and fitness center. Guests at the camp can also enjoy a serenity garden, soccer field, yoga yurt, outdoor amphitheater, gazebo and a family clubhouse.

From 23-27 weeks each year, Camp Sunshine hosts 40 families, along with 80-100 volunteers, aged 16-80, who address the families' every need. (Some volunteers and interns over the years have been Bridgewater State students.) Since 1984, 50,000 family members from 50 states and 27 countries have been guests of the camp.

On a July afternoon, with the temperature nearing 90, the camp was hopping. An outdoor cooking class was going on; children and families were down at the lake swimming, sunning and boating; and inside the camp's main building, guests of all ages were scattered about playing games, rehearsing for that week's talent show or just chilling with new friends they'd made.

The camp regularly serves families of children dealing with cancer, renal disease, hematologic conditions, brain tumors and other life-threatening conditions. But no matter the illness, the staff and volunteers, "treat everyone the same," Mr. Katz said. The goal is to allow, as much as possible, for the children and their families to enjoy an escape from the hospitalizations, fear and all else that serious illnesses bring.

The camp has been a great success, expanding its campus over the years and increasing the number of families it serves. Corporate sponsors and private parties who hold fundraisers, along with the continued support of the Gould family, allow all this to happen.

Mr. Katz, who lives with his wife, Lori, (and has a daughter, Maegan, now 26, who has also volunteered at the camp over the years) has found at Camp Sunshine his own oasis. "The job brings with it both inspiration and a real sense of accomplishment," he said.

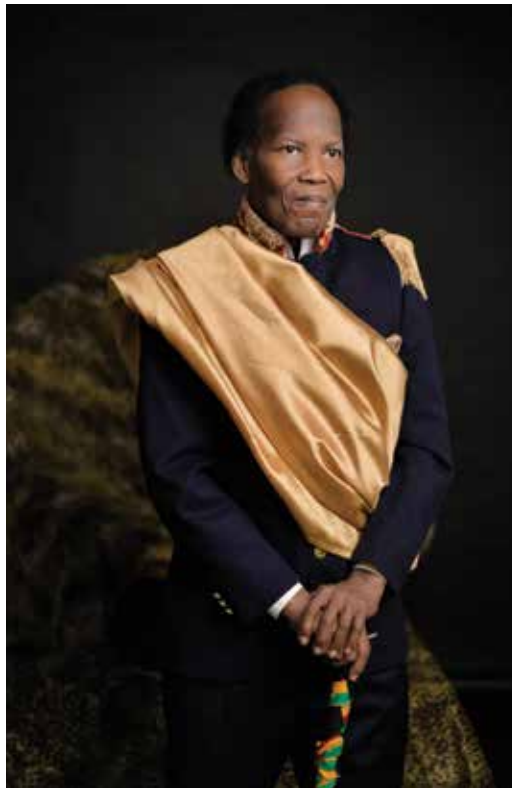
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Facing the facts

BY JOHN WINTERS, G'11

**Recent alumna's photos tell
the stories of her native Haiti**



VALERIE ANSELME, '18, grew weary of people telling her she “didn’t look Haitian.” So, she decided to demonstrate the great diversity found in the faces of her fellow countrymen and women.

And she did it with her trusty Nikon.

The result is a collection of photographs titled *Faces of Haiti*. The series was displayed in Hunt Hall during the spring semester.

“Haiti became a great melting pot of different cultures,” said the Boston native, who graduated from BSU in May with a dual degree in graphic design and photography. Her work demonstrates this fact.

Ms. Anselme also used photography to examine the history of her native land. Another grouping of images, titled *Origins*, depicts hands bound variously with rope, chain and rosary beads. They represent elements of Haiti’s past, from slavery to Catholicism. A third series, *Les Anselmes*, features members of her family dressed as key historical figures in Haiti’s history.

The photographs are as striking as they are poignant.

Ms. Anselme’s work has also been exhibited in Boston, Providence and elsewhere. See more of her work at www.anselmephotography.com. ■

To the left are portraits from Valerie Anselme’s series *Les Anselmes*, and to the right, from her series *Faces of Haiti*.



**BSU art professor not only hires
current and former students,
he founded a company with one**

Forging connections

BY JOHN WINTERS, G'11

THE INDUSTRIAL WORKSHOP OFF RIVERSIDE DRIVE in Somerset is busier than ever these days. On an overcast and breezy morning in mid-September, the 5,700-square-foot space was filled with a number of versatile artisans with no less than a dozen projects in progress.

This is where BSU Art Professor Rob Lorensen can be found when he's not in the classroom, home with his family, or somewhere across the country installing one of his large and in-demand sculptures. It is here he designs and creates new work.

For the past half-dozen years, the workshop has also been home to a new business, Concentric Fabrication LLC, a custom architectural and sculpture metal firm Professor Lorensen founded with one of his former students, Derek Riley, '03. Bringing in business has not been an issue for the new enterprise – the challenge has instead been keeping up with the demand for the company's custom and niche creations. "We've been lucky to work with people who love these high-end projects," Professor Lorensen said.

But first, the sculpture. After all, that's where it began. Professor Lorensen's career at Bridgewater State dates to 1999. A popular professor, he has been a mentor to many students; he can count more than a half dozen who have worked for him over the years, including a handful at present. He has also taken on student interns who learned about the profession under his watchful eye.

At the same time, Professor Lorensen has been actively producing his art. His distinctive sculptures range in size from small enough for a tabletop to public-art-sized works that stand 16-feet tall. These larger pieces populate parks and open spaces from Chicago to Providence. Meanwhile, his sculptures can be found in more than 250 private collections. Last year, he exhibited some of his smaller pieces at a gallery in New Canaan, Connecticut.

Professor Lorensen's partner, Mr. Riley, earned a John Heller Memorial Scholarship while at Bridgewater State. The award is named for the late art professor who specialized in ceramics and metals. Knowing he needed a hand bringing to fruition some of the sculptures he had in



Derek Riley, '03, (left) and Professor Rob Lorenson discuss a project underway at their business, Concentric Fabrication LLC.



Cody Lyne, '15, who works in the business office of Concentric Fabrication LLC, reviews some paperwork with Professor Lorenson.

mind, Mr. Riley turned to a faculty member with the necessary expertise and experience. "The projects I wanted to create I couldn't do on my own, so I asked Rob for some help and never left," he said.

However, he did take a hiatus beginning in 2005, working for an architectural firm. When the company went bankrupt in 2011, Mr. Riley, who caught the bug for building things from his father and grandfather, rejoined his mentor from Bridgewater State.

A connection was forged, and the following year Professor Lorenson and Mr. Riley founded Concentric Fabrication LLC. From the first, they've specialized in creating pieces that often begin in the imaginations of their clients. The client or an architect will scribble down the design, and from there, Mr. Riley turns it into a workable blueprint.

"He has this talent for bridging the gap between what the architect envisions and a way to make it a reality," Professor Lorenson said of his former student.

Of the dozen or so projects underway in the workshop on this September morning, there were parts for a *Jurassic Park* ride in Beijing, two staircases, three handrails, three sets of doors and some large medicine cabinets. All of them

custom designed. Some of the pieces are so specialized the processes necessary to make them had to be created or improvised. "Yeah, it's not traditional stuff we're making, so we have to figure out how to make it," Mr. Riley said.

Some of the Concentric Fabrication pieces end up in houses that can be described as far above "high-end." In fact, Professor Lorenson and Mr. Riley frequently have to sign nondisclosure agreements ensuring they won't discuss some of their customers or their homes. No wonder. The products showcased in the company's brochures and photo displays are strikingly beautiful and highly original.

It's easy to see how working side-by-side with this creative duo could provide valuable experience for BSU students, past, present and future.

"It's important that students see this," Professor Lorenson said of the variety of projects created at the Somerset studio. "This is the world they're going out into." He looked around at the collection of large tools and machinery, outsize pieces of metal, scraps of this and that, and busy employees welding and drilling. "Everyone here gets educated every day, including me," he added.

One of the most recent BSU graduates hired by the partners is Cody Lyne, '15, of Swansea. An anomaly around here, since he majored in business and not art, he handles accounting, project management and human resources. He's in good company, surrounded by fellow Bears. "Rob and I did connect over the fact that I was an alumnus," Mr. Lyne said. "It's good to know that the efforts we put in at Bridgewater paid off."

It's clear that Professor Lorenson is creating more than just beautiful work. He's turning students into artisans, and alumni into creative professionals. "This is the kind of place where they learn about the process of making things," he said. "And these are the skills they're going to need out in the world." ■

Professor Lorenson and Mr. Riley undertake a wide range of projects for their clients, including the two staircases to the right. A sculpture designed and created by Professor Lorenson is pictured on the bottom, right.





Dressing for success

From Broadway to Boston and beyond, Emily Baldwin, '05, makes sure the stars look their best in the footlights

BY JOHN WINTERS, G'11

EMILY BALDWIN DIDN'T REALIZE when Bridgewater State Theater Professor Henry Shaffer called her backstage one day during her sophomore year that her life was about to take an exciting turn.

"I was in the costume shop because something needed an alteration," the Northampton native recalled. "I told him, 'I can do that myself.'"

And so she did.

Seeing this previously unknown skill set in Ms. Baldwin, Professor Shaffer not long after made an important connection for the fledgling seamstress, helping her land a temporary job with a summer theater in Montana. "I learned a lot in a short period of time," Ms. Baldwin said.

That job, and many that have followed over the past 13 years, have made her a much-sought-after star dresser and wardrobe manager in the world of professional theater.

Sadly, Professor Shaffer, who served as both a faculty member and chairperson of the Department of Theatre and Dance, died in 2008, but his legacy lives on in the many students whose passion for performance arts he helped convert into lifelong pursuits and careers. Ms. Baldwin is among those fortunate ones. "He was just amazing," she said. "He saw things in people."

During a Saturday morning last spring backstage at the Boston Opera House, where she was serving as the star dresser for the touring production of *On Your Feet!*, Ms. Baldwin recounted how she has worked on Broadway and backstage at theaters around the country. Her list of credits includes wardrobe supervisor for *A Christmas Story: The Musical Tour*, wig supervisor for *The Music Man* and *Cabaret* at The Cape Playhouse in her native Massachusetts, and hair and makeup supervisor for a nine-month national tour of *West Side Story*. She's also worked in and managed various costume shops attached to productions in Massachusetts, Nebraska, Connecticut and Florida.

It's the kind of profession that's often learned on the job from experienced colleagues, and by watching and doing. "In the smaller shops, you really get to try different things," Ms. Baldwin said.

Networking is key. When *On Your Feet!* was on Broadway, she was hired on as one of the show's dressers. The job came by way of an acquaintance already working on the Great White Way who needed help one day doing the cast's laundry. One thing led to another, a connection was made, and just like that, Ms. Baldwin was heading for a Broadway gig herself.

It's an itinerant life – she's worked in every state except Hawaii and Alaska – but it suits the outgoing and multi-talented Ms. Baldwin, who maintains a "home base" in Northampton and sublets a place in New York. "These are just the things you have to do," she said. "Anyway, I enjoy the traveling."

On Your Feet! is what's known as a "jukebox musical," a presentation featuring previously released popular songs. The Tony-nominated show tells the story of husband-and-wife team Gloria and Emilio Estefan. Ms. Estefan is a pop star famous for the Afro-Cuban hits "Rhythm is Gonna Get You," "Get on Your Feet" and "Conga."

When the touring company took the show on the road, Ms. Baldwin was promoted from dresser to star dresser. This meant being responsible for dressing each of the three women who appeared in the role of Gloria Estefan.

The job entails everything from making sure the wardrobe is cleaned after each performance to being certain that every part of each "Gloria" outfit is put in place for quick costume changes (sometimes onstage or just offstage in the wings). Ms. Baldwin is also responsible for repairs and touch-ups to costumes: painting shoes, gluing on rhinestones, and sewing up rips and split seams, to name a few.

The main character in this show changes into dozens of costumes along with matching shoes and accessories. To those whose exposure to theater is restricted to audience member, hearing about all the pieces a dresser has to keep track of and have ready for quick changes can be overwhelming. Even Ms. Baldwin gets uptight sometimes. "Every once in a while I'll think, 'Did I do this or that?' 'Did I forget something?'" she said.

Clearly, not much gets by her, otherwise, she wouldn't be enjoying the level of success she's achieved. As for working on Broadway, Ms. Baldwin is nonplussed. "It wasn't that I said I had to get there, but I loved it," she said.

In fact, one of her more memorable jobs was with a touring production of *A Christmas Carol* in the small town of Batesville, Indiana. One day, the troupe performed at a local middle school, and the audience members' faces lit up after the show. "That really stayed with me; you could tell it really meant something to them," Ms. Baldwin said.

Perhaps the biggest performance she's been part of was in December 2017 when *On Your Feet!* was featured during the Kennedy Center Honors in Washington, D.C. The cast performed a medley of Gloria Estefan's hits, and the event was carried on national television. That was more than just another show.

While all this is exciting, Ms. Baldwin's most ardent passion is creating costumes from scratch, which she has done for many productions. That's when she gets to use her imagination to the fullest and incorporate all that she's learned.

By the time she landed in Boston last spring, Ms. Baldwin had been with *On Your Feet!* for more than a year, which meant more than 240 performances. Whenever that job ends, she knows her vast experience will allow her to move quickly to the next assignment, doing work that she loves.

"If you're good at what you do, people will recommend you," she said. "And everywhere I go is an opportunity to teach something and to learn something new myself." ■



Winning big

**Losing father propels
alumnus to greater heights**

BY HEATHER HARRIS MICHONSKI

SITTING IN AN OVERSTUFFED CHAIR inside the Red Auerbach conference room at Boston Celtics headquarters, Tyler Marcotte, '15, smiled. He had a message for his fellow Bears.

"I want students at BSU to know it is possible," Mr. Marcotte said. "I want students to look at me and say, if he's able to do it, so can I."

This past January, the Plymouth native was hired to work with the Celtics organization as a member experience executive. Just like the professional athletes who play on the parquet floor, Mr. Marcotte's road to the Celtics required hard work, dedication and perseverance.

At 9 years old, Mr. Marcotte was diagnosed with Asperger's syndrome. Because of this, he's struggled with social interactions. "I was often on the outside looking in," he said.

Sports is where he found comfort and began to build confidence. For his third birthday, he received a red plastic baseball bat that quickly became his favorite toy. He often used it to hit fallen peaches in his backyard.

As Mr. Marcotte's love of baseball grew, his father, Stephen, introduced him to the Boston Red Sox. Together they watched the games, the elder Marcotte passing on his knowledge of baseball to his son.

In 2006, Mr. Marcotte's father took him to his first home Celtics game. Spending that day with his dad and watching Paul Pierce, his then-favorite player, made a lasting impression. "My first Celtics game is a day I will remember for the rest of my life," he said.

Early on, Mr. Marcotte was encouraged by his father to consider a career in sports when they went together to a



college job fair hosted by the Celtics in 2010. Aside from posing with the 2008 championship trophy at the event, Mr. Marcotte claims that is when he learned of the possibilities within the sporting industry. The seed was planted.

After graduating from Plymouth North High School in 2011, Mr. Marcotte admits he struggled upon entering college. Academics were not always his top priority. That all changed when his father suddenly passed away in 2012, causing Mr. Marcotte to re-evaluate his life.

"My dad was the hardest-working individual. When he passed, I looked at myself in the mirror and told myself I wanted to be a better person. I wanted to become someone my dad would be proud of," he said.

BSU Learning Disability Specialist Pam Spillane helped guide Mr. Marcotte and paired him with Stephen Hill, '12, through

the university's Peer Mentoring Program. Mr. Hill introduced him to new people, including study partners, and also exposed him to activities outside of the classroom. "He really helped me figure out college life," Mr. Marcotte said.

During his sophomore year, Mr. Marcotte landed an internship with the Plymouth Pilgrims, a local collegiate summer baseball team. His responsibilities as an intern forced him to interact with many people, helping to strengthen his interpersonal skills. "I was always book smart, but I wasn't people smart," Mr. Marcotte said.

While at BSU, he continued to seek out opportunities in the sports industry. As a senior, he obtained a sales internship with the Pawtucket Red Sox. There, he interacted with the public, answered fans' questions and talked baseball.

Upon graduating in 2015 with a degree in business administration, management and operations, Mr. Marcotte's search for full-time employment led him to Frisco, Texas, where he found a job in sales for the Frisco RoughRiders, a minor league baseball team and Double-A affiliate of the Texas Rangers.

"Because of my disability, many thought I wouldn't be able to do it. Some people didn't want me to go. But I wanted to grow as a person," Mr. Marcotte said.

He proved the naysayers wrong and for two years lived and worked in Texas. His time with the RoughRiders helped him grow both professionally and personally. With more experience under his belt, Mr. Marcotte looked to expand his horizons and used networking to open the next door.

He reached out to fellow BSU alumnus David Cohen, '06. As Boston Celtics director of member experience and retention, Mr. Marcotte knew Mr. Cohen would be a good resource and point him in the right direction. He learned of the member experience executive opening and applied. After nailing the interview, he was hired and began working for the Celtics in mid-January 2017.

His responsibilities involve creating lasting memories for season ticket holders, and include ticket sales, in-game and other special events, draft parties, meet and greets, and pre-game shootarounds. He is at every home game ensuring fans enjoy themselves. While the goal is to build fan retention and sell tickets, Mr. Marcotte also has a personal agenda. "I want to create those experiences I had with my dad for other people," he said.

Mr. Marcotte's father is never far from his thoughts, and he continues to rely on the lessons his dad passed on as he navigates his way through life.

"In spirit I think he's here with me every day, every game," Mr. Marcotte said. ■



Still blooming

**Violet Santamaria, '38, BSU's oldest alumna,
looks back over a full and eventful life**

BY BRIAN BENSON

VIOLET KUNDZICZ SANTAMARIA fits the definition of perseverance to a T.

When many of her high school friends in Brockton took jobs working in the city's shoe factories in the 1930s, Ms. Santamaria sought a better career than one involving the monotony of manufacturing. "I didn't want to go into the factory to work," recalled Ms. Santamaria, 102, the oldest living Bridgewater State graduate. "Oh, I dreaded the factories, and Brockton was full of factories."

So, she set her sights on what was then called Bridgewater State Teachers College and a career as an educator. However, attending college – even back then – cost money that Ms. Santamaria did not have. There was the \$25 application fee, a gym outfit that cost more than \$25, and a variety of other expenses.

Undeterred, she secured a loan from a relative, carpooled with other students to cut down on transportation costs and held jobs, such as assisting Bridgewater State Physical Education Professor Lois Decker. Ms. Santamaria also benefited from President Franklin D.

Roosevelt's Works Progress Administration program.

At Bridgewater State, she especially enjoyed her history and art classes, and she recalls fondly some of her professors, including Gordon Reynolds and Priscilla Nye, who both taught art.

Outside of class, Ms. Santamaria participated in the glee club and modern dancing, and served as financial secretary of the Women's Athletic Association, according to her 1938 yearbook entry (which, by the way, spells her last name Kundiz; she said she dropped some of the letters to make it easier for children to pronounce). She's described as "arty" and "musical" with "an hysterical giggle" and "a mop of rebellious curls."

Ms. Santamaria recalled a train ride to Boston when the glee club was invited to sing at a college in the city. "What a thrill that was," she said. "We dressed up in our best clothes and had our picture taken. Oh, it was marvelous."

Then there was the tea party for new students. "We were required to dress as though we were going to a big party. We had to be careful how we sat and drank our tea," she said.

While today's BSU students will have different memories, many can likely relate to Ms. Santamaria's thoughts as she graduated on the Boyden Quadrangle 80 years ago.



violet jenny kundiz

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brockton, massachusetts

*glee club, modern dancing, financial
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*. . . an hysterical giggle . . . a mop
of rebellious curls . . . holding her
own nicely, thank you . . . in decoration
committees . . . singing groups . . .
or finance boards . . . arty . . . musical.*

"I was proud and happy, but I was more interested in what I was going to do for work," she recalled.

Her employment took a unique turn when, after serving as a substitute teacher in Brockton but being unable to find a permanent job, she accepted a full-time position at

Soper School, a one-room schoolhouse near Lisbon Falls, Maine. There she taught students from preschool through junior high for one academic year. Ms. Santamaria then returned to Brockton where school officials

were impressed with her teaching and offered her a job.

She spent the rest of her working years imparting wisdom to the children of Brockton and Lowell.

She married Albert Santamaria, who was from Revere, served in the Army and worked at Mass Electric Company. The couple had three children and enjoyed going on camping trips during their 56 years of marriage. Mr. Santamaria died in 2002.

Ms. Santamaria had the pleasure of teaching her own children, although they weren't so fond of having mom at the head of the classroom. "We couldn't get away with not doing our homework," said daughter Charlotte Browne.

Ms. Santamaria also kept up her singing, performing around the world with Lowell's Immaculate Conception Church choir. She loved to paint, draw, garden and sew, and she is proud of her Polish heritage.

Reflecting on her 102 years, Ms. Santamaria attributed her longevity to God's will and to those around her.

"I am so lucky," she said. "I am so fortunate in many, many ways – a wonderful family, a wonderful home, a wonderful husband." ■

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ClassNotes

1954

Claire Appling, G'57, was honored by Family and Community Resources, Inc., in Brockton for her work promoting health, wellness and education within the city's community.

Hazel Varella, G'56, was recently honored as a member of the 2018 class of Unsung Heroines honored by the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women. The awards recognize extraordinary women across the commonwealth who perform unheralded acts on a daily basis to make their homes, cities and towns better places to live.

1960

Dr. Darrell Lund has published a book, *Pembroke, Maine: A History and Recollections of a Boy Growing up There*. He presents to readers a rich history of a town in two related parts: the town's early history and what it was like to grow up there. Dr. Lund helps readers comprehend the rise and fall of a once-prosperous area by providing both an understanding of its history and an intimate, personal account shaped by unfortunate conditions. To purchase a copy of the book, contact Dr. Lund at DRLUND1@GMAIL.COM.

1969

James Pappas' poem about a Vietnam veteran, "Bobby's Story," was selected as one of 10 finalists in the prestigious Rattle 2017 Poetry Contest from among more than 15,000 poems and nearly 4,000 poets. The poem received the Reader's Choice Award. Listen to the audio version at www.rattle.com/bobbys-story-by-jimmy-pappas/.

1972

Barbara Carreiro was inducted into the USA Field Hockey Hall of Fame as an honorary member.

She began her field hockey career playing at Bridgewater State, and she also played for the Rhode Island Field

Hockey Association. She received her field hockey umpiring rating during her sophomore year at BSU.

After graduation, Ms. Carreiro coached the Southeastern Massachusetts University (now UMass-Dartmouth) team for five years. After leaving coaching, she continued officiating and is still an umpire. She was inducted into the Bridgewater State Athletics Hall of Fame in 1995.

Terrence Williams' novel, *Zero Day: China's Cyber Wars*, was awarded a gold medal in the category of adult fiction-general in the Florida Authors and Publishers Association 2017 President's Book Awards and a silver award in the 2017 Royal Palm Literary Award from the Florida Writers Association.

1975

George A. Logue, G'75, has been appointed to the board of directors of Rosetta Stone, Inc. He is the retired president of the Houghton Mifflin School Division and Voyager Sopris Learning. In 2011, Mr. Logue presented the commencement address for BSU's College of Graduate Studies.

1976

Barbara A. Stevens of Bentley University became the fifth NCAA women's basketball coach and the seventh college basketball coach overall, to reach 1,000 victories. She is a member of the Bridgewater State Athletics Hall of Fame.

1978

Marc Belhumeur, G'81, retired from the United States Postal Service in November 2015 after 38 years. He worked in human resources in Boston; Providence; Washington, D.C.; Windsor, Connecticut; and Portland, Maine.

Margaret Maiato, G'78, G'93, is the special education administrator and principal of St. Vincent's Home's private special education school in Fall River.

1979

Robert Duquette, athletic director at Sacred Heart School in Kingston, received the 2018 District D Athletic Director of the Year Award from the Massachusetts Secondary Schools Athletic Directors Association.

1983

Dr. Karen Croteau, professor of exercise science at St. Joseph's College of Maine, and a member of the Bridgewater State Athletics Hall of Fame, was selected to play on the U.S. Women's Masters O55 Field Hockey Team and competed in Barcelona, Spain, over the summer.

Andrea "Dee Dee" Enabenter-Omidiji has been elected to the inaugural class of the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference Hall of Fame. She was both an outstanding student-athlete and coach at Bridgewater State. As a student, she played on the basketball and softball teams, captaining both during her senior year. In 1984, Ms. Enabenter-Omidiji became the Bears' head softball coach, a position she held for 16 years, and she holds the softball team's record for most wins with an overall record of 429-153-3 (.736).

1985

Mary McLaughlin, Beltway Region senior vice president with Comcast, was named MSO Regional Executive of the Year by *Cablefax* as part of the magazine's 2018 Top Operators Awards. The awards salute both multiple system operators (MSOs) and independent cable operators that bring content, technology, customer service and other innovative products to customers.

Based in Baltimore, Ms. McLaughlin serves an area that includes Maryland; Virginia; Washington, D.C.; and parts of Delaware, West Virginia and North Carolina, and she leads teams of more than 5,000 employees.

The Reverend Kimberly Murphy is the senior pastor of Quincy Point Congregational Church. She recently completed a Bridge Interim at United

Parish in Carver. The Reverend Murphy was the first female graduate of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy's first Law Enforcement Chaplain Program in October 2003, and one of three women certified by the State of Maine and the Law Enforcement Academy to be a Law Enforcement Chaplain. She served as a lieutenant and chaplain with the Winthrop Police Department from 2005-2008.

1987

Sharon C. Parker is co-creator of IdeaShare Designs, a company that helps drive ideas to marketable products.

1988

Michael LaFerney, G'88, was selected by the American Nurses Credentialing Center to receive the 2017 Certified Nurse Award. The award is given annually to approximately a dozen nurses across the country who demonstrate professionalism, leadership and commitment to excellence in patient care.

Mr. LaFerney is a psychiatric mental health clinical nurse specialist at Arbour SeniorCare in Haverhill where he has provided care to elderly patients with behavioral and mental health disorders since 2002. He also is an adjunct professor at Quincy College where he teaches psychology.

Jason Rua was elected chairman of the board of trustees of Southcoast Health Systems and Southcoast Hospitals Group for a term of three years. He has served as a member of the board since 2012.

1989

Ellen M. Lennon exhibited more than 50 paintings during August at the Mashpee Public Library.

1990

Susan Lacey, who served 14 years in the Shrewsbury school system as both an instructional aide and an administrative assistant, has begun a career in real estate. She works at Andrew Abu Realtors in Northborough.

Erin Schaaf was appointed chief operating officer at Rogers & Gray Insurance.

1991

Jeffrey P. Burke, a member of the District of Columbia National Guard, assisted hurricane recovery efforts in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Dr. Lisha Cabral is the school superintendent for the Town of Easton, where she had been assistant school superintendent since 2013.

Michael Cox was named president of the Boston Chartered Property Casualty Underwriters Society Chapter, Inc.

Brian E. Fernandes, an elementary education major, earned his doctorate in education from Northeastern University in July 2017. He is a reading specialist at Barrington Middle School in Rhode Island. He previously worked at L.B. Merrill School in Raynham. Dr. Fernandes is a National Board Certified teacher of literacy.

Jean Russell is the new head softball coach at Sandwich High School. She previously coached the Sandwich Blue Knights from 1996-2013, leading the team to three league championships, and was named the Cape and Islands League coach of the year in 2003.

Angela Cornacchioli Snell, director of Shrewsbury Parks, Recreation and Cemetery, was named grand marshal of the 2018 Spirit of Shrewsbury Fall Festival. Recipients of this distinction are selected because of their record of community service and good citizenship.

1992

Paula Bailey, G'97, is superintendent of Acushnet public schools. Previously, she served as a principal for 15 years with New Bedford public schools at both the elementary and middle school levels. Dr. Bailey has several years of experience as a teacher, and she began her career as a special education teacher and administrator at Kennedy-Donovan Center School in New Bedford.

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Lisa Correnti, G'92, is director of Pathways for Children's Head Start and Early Head Start programs. She previously was the education coordinator and coaching supervisor for 21 Head Start programs run by Action for Boston Community Development.

Darin Goodwin joined GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc., in Norton as a senior project manager. He is responsible for providing a broad range of industrial hygiene and occupational safety assistance to GZA clients across a wide range of client sectors.

Amy Scolaro is the new director of special education and pupil personnel services for the Marshfield school district. She had previously served as principal of South River Elementary School, also in Marshfield.

1993

Cristin Luttazi is executive director of the Duxbury Beach Reservation (DBR) and is responsible for helping advance the DBR's strategic plan and guiding the organization's future preservation of Duxbury Beach.

Wendy Nault, who has been teaching kindergarten at John W. Decas Elementary School in Wareham for more than 10 years and worked there as a substitute teacher for many years before that, was selected in June as Teacher of the Month by New Bedford radio station Fun 107.

Denis Prindeville joined the Jack Conway-Hingham team in March.

1994

Robert D. Cozzone, chief financial officer and executive vice president of consumer and business banking at Rockland Trust, was selected as one of the winners of the *Boston Business Journal's* CFO of the Year Awards. The awards honor the best in local finance who make a difference in their companies and organizations.

June Saba-Maguire, G'04, chief academic officer for the Brockton public schools, was selected by the

Metro South Chamber of Commerce as the 20th recipient of its annual ATHENA Leadership Award. The award is presented by local organizations in the United States and other nations to honor women, as well as men, for their professional excellence, community service, and efforts to assist women in achieving career and leadership goals.

1995

Lauren Caisse joined the Law Offices of Patricia L. Nagle, P.C., in Mansfield. Her focus is estate planning, probate administration, business planning and contracts.

1997

Melissa Gravel-Van Heynigen received the Grinspoon Excellence in Teaching Award in Western Massachusetts for the Westfield Public Schools

1998

Mary Bocash received a 15 Years of Service Award from the Canton Co-operative Bank, a local independent community bank.

Sean T. Lawlor, fire captain in the Town of Shrewsbury, graduated from the 2018 Chief Fire Officer Program.

2000

Manny DeBrito is the head of the Election Commission in New Bedford. He is also collaborating with Greater New Bedford Vocational Regional Technical High School with a mentoring program, A's B4. The idea behind the program is to create mentors among upperclassmen who can be linked with an incoming freshmen to help them transition into high school.

Kristine Kefor, who is pursuing a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study in educational leadership at BSU, co-authored an article based upon a two-year research study with Dr. Phyllis Gimbel, a professor in the College of Education and Allied Studies at BSU. The article was published in March in the peer-reviewed journal *NASSP Bulletin*. Ms. Kefor is assistant principal of the preschool program at J.C. Solmonese School in Norton.

Kerry (Robitaille) Taster published a novel, *Love on the Edge*, in late 2017. It is an inspirational romantic suspense set in Coastal Maine written under the pseudonym Kerry Evelyn.

Jamie White-Farnham, G'02, along with Bryna Siegel Finer, edited the recently published book, *Writing Program Architecture, Thirty Cases for Reference and Research*.

2001

Albert Astbury received a 10 Year Service Award with Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and became a certified digital marketer.

2002

Michael Hludzik opened the Swansea Nutrition Corner, which provides health and nutrition products.

2003

David R. Croteau was promoted to vice president at the BankFive Fall River office. He has been with the bank for five years. Previously, Mr. Croteau held several computer analyst positions in the medical/pharmaceutical field.

Danielle Klingaman, G'03, is assistant superintendent of the Duxbury school system. She had served as principal of the Joseph W. Martin Jr. Elementary School in North Attleboro since 2011.

Stephanie Mancini was named executive director of the YMCA Southcoast's Fall River branch.

Ilona Robbins is the newly appointed agent productivity specialist with Jack Conway Realtor, responsible for reinforcing the principles of Ninja, a national real estate training program that stresses developing a positive mindset in one's professional and personal life and creating value for others. Ms. Robbins will teach classes and offer coaching and accountability sessions at the company's 30 offices from Swampscott to Cape Cod.

Stephen Tomasia was sworn in as a police officer for the New Bedford Police Department.

2005

Kathryn Cantwell was hired by Newport Working Cities in Newport, Rhode Island, as its first initiative director and will lead its cross-sector collaborative initiative that seeks to lift the city's families out of poverty through the development and implementation of a workforce development system. She works out of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Newport County.

2006

Alison Mello, G'06, was promoted to assistant superintendent of Foxborough Public Schools.

David M. Scarcella is assistant vice president and manager of Bank of Canton's 557 Washington Street branch in downtown Canton. A native of the town with experience in both local and regional banks, Mr. Scarcella brings a diverse background and banking expertise to his role.

Devon Sicard is executive director at Wingate Residences at Boylston Place, an independent and assisted living community located in Chestnut Hill. She began working at Boylston Place in fall 2015 as the community's wellness director, managing all nursing staff.

2007

Christopher Ernest, G'07, was elected as a partner at BlumShapiro, an accounting and auditing firm. (See related story on page 10.)

Matthew Gebo, G'09, was promoted to sergeant by the West Tisbury Police Department.

Joseph Kolczewski was promoted to senior operating systems specialist at Dunkin' Brands in Canton.

Scott Regan has joined Fletcher Tilton, P.C. Attorneys at Law in Worcester and will concentrate in commercial and employment litigation.

Kelly A. Ziomek was selected by Ralph C. Mahar Regional School in Orange as a 2018 Pioneer Valley Excellence in Teaching award winner.

2008

Edward Donoghue, G'08, is the assistant superintendent of finance and operations for Mansfield public schools. Over the past decade, he has held similar positions in other school districts, including Mendon-Upton and Bourne.

Joshua Warren was elected to serve a three-year term on the Town of Kingstons board of selectmen.

2009

Brianne E. Kelleher, G'09, was named principal of North Attleboro Middle School, where she has worked since 2001. She most recently was assistant principal at the school and, prior to that, a seventh-grade English language arts teacher for 14 years.

Tony Mazzucco was appointed town manager of Norwood.

Zachary Waddicor, G'09, was appointed assistant superintendent of the Seekonk public schools.

2010

Anna Dunbar was appointed assistant executive director for the Talking Information Center (TIC) in Marshfield, which broadcasts newspapers, magazines, books and special consumer information to visually impaired and print impaired listeners. Her role is to oversee financial operations, development and marketing.

Emily Perkins joined South Shore Bank as community relations advisor at its South Weymouth headquarters. She was previously a case manager at Father Bill's & MainSpring in Brockton and a senior legal and administration assistant at Jager Smith P.C. in Boston.

Anabela Vasconcelos received her Five Years of Service award at the local independent community bank, Canton Co-operative Bank.

2011

Matthew Desrosiers was sworn in as an officer with the New Bedford Police Department. He worked at Child & Family Services in New Bedford and

ALUMNI SNAPSHOTS



Bridgewater State alumni (from left) Matthew Maderos, '94, G'03; Tom Struzik, '94; and Dan Kent, '10, took part in the Pan-Mass Challenge (PMC) on August 5.

Cycling more than 100 miles, the trio was among 6,000 riders in this annual event that raises funds for life-saving cancer research and treatment at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston. Since its founding in 1980, the PMC has raised more than \$600 million, making it the largest athletic fundraising event in the country.

Mr. Maderos has been riding in the PMC for eight years in memory of Barry Guaraldi, '72, a long-time employee of BSU who lost his battle with lung cancer in 2012. Adding to the poignancy of the event is that the PMC ride passes by Boyden Hall where the two worked together in the Information Technology department for more than 17 years.

Mr. Struzik cycles to honor his son Ben who was diagnosed with Burkitt's lymphoma six years ago. Ben responded very well to treatment, and today he remains cancer-free.

Mr. Kent has been a participant the last two years. He worked for five summers at the Hole in the Wall camps with children with life-threatening illnesses, such as cancer, and rides to support Team Hole in the Wall. Mr. Kent's brother Michael is a cancer survivor and was a Hole in the Wall camper many years ago. Dana-Farber helped with his treatment. While a student at BSU, Mr. Kent also knew Barry Guaraldi when he worked in the IT department.

for the Department of Children and Families prior to becoming an officer. His experience working with individuals dealing with mental health and substance abuse gives him insight into two issues that reflect a number of the calls he will answer.

Kristin McCabe, G'11, published a children's book, *Peek-a-Bunny: An Easter Tradition*.

Stefanie Morgan received an F99/K00 fellowship from the National Cancer Institute to conduct cancer research for four years at Massachusetts General Hospital. She recently patented new biotechnology she developed.

Erin Sylvia received the 2016 Million Dollar Award by Amaral & Associates Real Estate. This award recognizes realtors with the company who have successfully assisted their clients throughout the year to achieve sales of more than \$1 million.

Amy Tessitore is the athletic trainer at Hanover High School.

2012

Judah Jackson, a teacher at Chelsea High School, was named head coach of the Chelsea High School boys' basketball team. He also works in the REACH after-school program. Mr. Jackson was a standout athlete at BSU, where he was named the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference rookie of the year, all-conference second team and tournament MVP. He completed his stellar career with more than 1,500 points.

Christopher J. Rego was promoted to vice president of residential services at People, Incorporated, a human service agency serving Southeastern Massachusetts, including the Greater Fall River, New Bedford and Taunton areas.

2013

Nancy D. Carr, G'13, was appointed principal of Saint Agatha School in Milton by the Reverend William Palardy. Mrs. Carr served as principal of South Boston Catholic Academy

from 2009-2018, and was also principal of St. Brigid School in South Boston. She taught fourth grade at St. Mark's School in Dorchester and in the Milton public school system.

Michael T. Crane II, G'16, was hired by the City of New Bedford as assistant manager of the New Bedford Airport.

Timothy Forti, G'13, was named principal of St. John's Catholic School in Brunswick, Maine. He previously served as principal at St. Mary's-St. Alphonsus Regional Catholic School in Glens Falls, New York.

Brian Higgins is assistant principal at Bristol County Agricultural High School in Dighton. Along with teaching algebra for four years at the school, Mr. Higgins co-founded its archery club. In response to the addition of several high-end agricultural drones, Mr. Higgins is one of four school staff members to hold a commercial drone pilot's license.

2014

Michaela J. Cosby was sworn in as a full-time officer with the Manchester, New Hampshire, Police Department.

2015

Queen Butahe is the public outreach coordinator and producer for Wareham Community Television. She reaches out to the community for local stories, researches these stories with interviews and produces content for the station to educate townspeople about what is happening around them.

Jillian Sedlier graduated from Plymouth Police Academy and became the resource officer at Martha's Vineyard Regional High School.

2016

Nicholas Barishian was promoted to vice president of employee success and engagement and human resource business partner at Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company. He leads the company's general agencies sales department, which serves the individual market and has grown under

his leadership over the past two years. He has been with Boston Mutual since 2000.

Gary Chow is a member of City Year Boston AmeriCorps. Members serve as tutors, mentors and role models to help students stay in school and on track to graduate high school ready for college and career success. *(See related story on page 18.)*

Lauren Dykas joined the Department of Marketing and Communications at Providence College as the digital services manager.

Corinne Lawson is president of the Pet Pantry, based in Easton. Founded in 2009, the nonprofit organization distributes supplies once a month to pet owners in need at several locations in the area, with the goal of keeping pets and their families together.

Ms. Lawson is an animal care and adoption counselor at the Animal Protection Center of Southeastern Massachusetts (APCSM), a private, nonprofit animal shelter in Brockton. The APCSM has been acting as a collection center for donations to the Pet Pantry since June.

Rachel Mulroy was recognized as part of the 2018 class of Unsung Heroines during a ceremony at the Statehouse. She was nominated by State Representative Antonio F. D. Cabral of New Bedford as part of the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women's 15th annual event where women throughout the commonwealth are honored for making significant contributions in their communities.

Ms. Mulroy serves as the environmental justice and safety net coordinator for the Coalition for Social Justice.

Natalya Riberdy joined accounting firm Meyers Brothers Kalicka, P.C., in Holyoke as an audit associate.

Victor Rodriguez, G'16, is an assurance associate at PricewaterhouseCoopers in Boston.

Chelsea Tavares is a licensed Massachusetts real estate agent with Amaral & Associates Real Estate in Fall River.

Luis Torres has joined the Somerset Police Department. A police officer at UMass Dartmouth for the past year and a half, who worked in campus police and security since 2010, Mr. Torres attended and graduated the state police academy last year. He is Somerset's first bilingual officer, speaking fluent Spanish.

2017

Kyle V. Canna is an aircraft market researcher at Guardian Jet in Guilford, Connecticut.

Ellen Contini, Lorenz Marcellus, Shay Morton and Hawa Ture, all Class of 2017 alumni, are members of City Year Boston AmeriCorps. They serve as tutors, mentors and role models to help students stay in school and on track to graduate high school ready for college and career success. *(See related story on page 18.)*

Kelsey Murphy presented a talk, "Milliken's Mill Village: A Radical History of the Mount Hope Finishing Company," at the Dighton Historical Society in April.

Fotini Shkalla is an associate scientist at LakePharma, Inc.

Victoria R. Sousa competed in the 47th annual Ms. Wheelchair America National Competition in Grand Rapids, Michigan, in August. Her platform is Adaptive Sports.

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SPRING 2019 EVENTS

JOB & INTERNSHIP FAIR

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 11 AM-2 PM
Adrian Tinsley Center

Attend BSU's largest career fair of the year. More than 120 employers will be on campus recruiting for full-time, professional-level opportunities, as well as available or anticipated internships. Meet local, regional and national employers who value the quality of a BSU education.

MERC EDUCATION CAREER FAIR

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 10 AM-3 PM
Boston University

In its 45th year, MERC is one of the most in-demand education-based recruiting events to be held each year.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 4-6 PM
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ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

BSU STUDENT AND ALUMNI NETWORKING GROUP

Join the BSU Student and Alumni Networking Group on LinkedIn.com and connect with BSU students and other alumni. Help members explore career options, learn about internships and jobs, and build networks on this popular professional social media site.

EMPLOYER-IN-RESIDENCE

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

ON-CAMPUS ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT

Many opportunities are available for alumni to engage with BSU students on campus. Career Services is seeking alumni interested in taking part in career panels, as well as the annual Etiquette Dinner and the Practice Interview Program.

For information about these programs, call the Office of Career Services at 508.531.1328 or email the office at careersrv@bridgew.edu.

MARRIAGES

The university celebrates the weddings of the following alumni:

Patricia Horton to **Jeffrey Farrell**, '97, on October 14, 2017
Gabriella Diniz, '14, to **Kevin Costa**, '15, on October 17, 2018
Alyssa McCarthy, '14, to Benjamin Gentry
on January 21, 2018
Alison E. Andrade, G'15, to Joshua Brewer,
on October 14, 2017

IN MEMORIAM

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

Gladys Clough Turnquist, '37, on March 3, 2017
Rita Murphy Bleakney, '38, on July 17, 2018
Helen Luttet Hansen, '39, G'50, on January 2, 2018
Janice B. Brennan Sprogell, '40, on February 3, 2018
Ellen Mercer Diming, '43, on July 21, 2018
Mary Catherine Iannoni, '44, on July 24, 2018
Anna V. Mezzanote Rossi, '44, on February 16, 2017
Dorothy Brooks Church, '46, on May 16, 2018
A. Roberta Sullivan, '46, on May 4, 2018
Elizabeth Ellis, '47, G'65, on July 24, 2018
Dorothy M. Mackin, '47, on December 10, 2017
Marilyn Coelho Gross, '49, on March 26, 2018
Carol Schneider Gurney, '49, on December 2, 2017
Gertrude Cardozo Murphy, '49, on February 21, 2018
Donald C. Nesmith, '49, on February 3, 2018
Marilyn Fitzgerald Brion, '50, on March 3, 2018
Carolyn Sinclair Hale, '50, on June 9, 2018
Alfred "Hap" Mazukina, '50, on March 28, 2018
Christine Axford Dowd Murtha, '50, G'63, on January 1, 2018
Robert S. Carter, '51, on January 16, 2018
Ann Cordingly Murphy, '51, on December 10, 2017
Marjorie Harrington Dunn, '52, on May 12, 2018
Izaura Pinto Fernandez, '52, on July 11, 2017
Frances McGrory Webber, '52, on November 19, 2017
Barbara D. Buchanan, '53, on February 25, 2018
Ralph J. Fletcher Jr., '53, on November 25, 2017
Anne McRae Linehan, '53, on January 5, 2018
John D. Murphy, '53, on June 23, 2018
Donald G. Tripp, G'53, on August 24, 2017
Patricia Delaney Murphy, '54, on April 10, 2018
Gloria Snow Scanlon, '54, on August 18, 2017
Josephine S. Rego, '55, on March 23, 2018
Vincent L. Hagerty, G'56, on April 30, 2018

BIRTHS

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

Andrew Thomas Camara to **Katie Cook Camara**, '98,
and Keith Camara on May 4, 2017
Vanessa Audrey Creutz to **Jessica Hermitage Creutz**, '09,
and Ian Creutz on October 14, 2017
Sophia Aponte to **Sarah Hasouris Aponte**, '10,
and **Marcus Aponte**, '11, on September 3, 2017
Jackson Douglas Dean to **Erin Murphy Dean**, '11,
and **Craig Dean**, '11, on March 7, 2018
Evie Rayne Hughes to **Corrie Niro Hughes**, '16,
and **Jonathan L. Hughes**, '05, G'08, on March 1, 2018

Harold LeBlanc, '56, on November 1, 2017
Charles N. Moore, '56, on March 7, 2018
Marie Gearin Duerden, '57, on June 24, 2018
Mildred Noe Gilmore, '57, on May 27, 2018
Marie P. LoCicero, '57, on December 11, 2017
Harold J. McDonald, '57, on October 12, 2017
Donald A. Rock, G'57, on March 24, 2018
John H. Wittig, G'57, on November 20, 2017
Agnes Proyouy Yankopoulos, '57, on December 4, 2017
William F. Bennett, '58, G'60, on December 29, 2017
John F. Sheehan, '58, G'61, on July 7, 2018
Dorothy A. Jones, G'59, on February 3, 2015
Janet M. Chambers Peterson, '59, on July 21, 2018
Marie Viella Reggiani, '59, G'64, on November 23, 2017
William J. Sullivan, G'59, on August 6, 2018
Ethel Fishman Berman, G'60, on October 10, 2017
Judith R. Borne, '60, on March 9, 2018
Robert F. Dickie, '60, on January 29, 2018
Paul C. Mullins, '60, on April 18, 2018
William J. Quinlan, G'60, on April 11, 2018
Carlton R. Thorne, G'60, on October 30, 2017
Dorothy Triveri Yuknis, '60, G'65, on December 29, 2017
Donald E. Fletcher Jr., '61, on April 23, 2017
Ruth E. Gumb, G'61, on September 4, 2016
Robert H. Leavens, G'61, on February 19, 2018
Judith Andrews Barnaba, '62, on May 31, 2016
Elizabeth J. Delaney, '62, G'65, on January 29, 2018
Carole Poole Donnelly, '62, on July 7, 2018
Thomas W. Hall, G'62, on November 22, 2017
Rachel Cahoon Jorgensen, '62, on February 23, 2018
Ann Gorka Zajac, '62, on April 27, 2018
Stephen J. Mawrocki, G'63, on April 15, 2018
Gloria J. Ferrandino, '64, on February 19, 2018

Paul M. McManus, '64, on January 29, 2018
 Rev. Msgr. John F. Moore, G'64, on August 12, 2018
 William J. Shannon, G'64, on March 19, 2018
 Donna Fellows Ellis, '65, on November 18, 2017
 Anthony H. Gulla, G'65, on November 29, 2017
 Richard A. Harris, '65, on March 8, 2018
 Peter L. Huston, G'65, on July 12, 2016
 Mary Glennon Blascio, '66, on December 9, 2017
 Elizabeth Harrington Cole, G'66, on September 30, 2015
 Joanna Commeau-Smith Davidson, '66, on April 2, 2016
 Judith A. Farren, '66, on December 12, 2017
 Trude Beauchamp Maloney, '66, on May 2, 2018
 Basil F. Cronin, G'67, on August 6, 2018
 Thomas J. Graham, G'67, on May 2, 2018
 Richard I. Holbert, G'67, on October 22, 2015
 Richard U. Lizotte, G'67, on January 3, 2018
 Paul E. Means, '67, on March 21, 2018
 Walter F. MacDonald, G'68, on December 11, 2017
 Mary Maloney Savini, '68, G'00, on November 21, 2017
 Diane N. Bryant, G'69, on June 3, 2018
 Herman Grabert, Jr., G'69, on November 28, 2017
 Suzanne Chandler Martin, '69, on November 1, 2017
 Joyce S. Niemi, '69, on April 14, 2018
 Sandra Kessler Pope, '69, on November 28, 2017
 Nancy Wells Powers, '69, on November 24, 2017
 Amelia Martins Silveira, '69, on February 6, 2018
 John F. Aylmer, G'70, on July 8, 2018
 Ronald E. Chad, G'70, on December 19, 2017
 Richard Guillette, G'70, on December 31, 2017
 Ronald Dubois, '71, on January 15, 2018
 Elizabeth M. Graass, G'71, on April 23, 2018
 Raymond J. Harrington Jr., '71, on November 26, 2017
 John K. Wood, G'71, on May 13, 2018
 David R. Madeiras, '72, on January 5, 2018
 Kiah O'Brien, G'72, on April 1, 2018
 Paul F. Keeley, '73, on November 1, 2017
 Colleen Driscoll Leonard, '73, '85 on December 17, 2017
 Mary L. Payton, G'73, on April 16, 2018
 Rosemary H. Scott Sport, '73, on May 1, 2018
 Joan M. Urban, '73, on March 22, 2018
 Aurora M. Zola, G'74, on August 24, 2017
 Edith M. Cox, G'75, on December 29, 2017
 Raymond E. McKay, '75, G'83, on December 8, 2017
 Robert E. Perkins, '75, G'80, on November 28, 2017
 Michael F. Maguire, '76, G'87, on December 8, 2017
 Claudette R. Marshall, '77, on August 14, 2017
 Jean P. Serewicz, '77, on December 22, 2017
 Robert J. Crobar, '78, on July 25, 2018
 Ann Thompson Hayden, '78, on May 16, 2018
 Joan Lipsett, '78, on February 12, 2010
 Patrice Stivers Suarez, '78, on April 26, 2018
 Louise Richards Preissler, G'79, on June 11, 2018
 Edythe Songini-Sweeney, '79, G'81, on January 29, 2018
 Jane Coulson Aldrich, '80, on September 15, 2017
 Marcia O'Reilly Griswold, '80, on November 16, 2017
 Donna D. Johnson, '81, on January 5, 2018
 Robert C. O'Haver, '81, on January 3, 2018
 Mary A. Lynch Mobilia, G'83, on July 26, 2018
 Mary C. Petrie, '83, on February 10, 2018
 Yoshiro Sanbonmatsu, G'83, on October 22, 2017
 David R. Burns, '84, on November 25, 2017
 Peter S. Canelias, '85, on November 2, 2015
 Kelly Findlen Hiltz, '85, on November 13, 2017
 Lana E. Robbins, '85, on April 8, 2017
 Theresa Dickinson, '86, on November 11, 2017
 Leonard R. Euart Jr., G'86, on May 10, 2018
 Ida Santos, G'86, on November 10, 2017
 Sandra L. Graca, '88, on February 28, 2018
 Sandra Shadoff Bruce, '90, on October 10, 2016
 Marilyn L. D'Andrea, G'90, on April 7, 2017
 Michael F. Perry, '91, on March 19, 2018
 Catherine R. Harte, '93, on November 17, 2017
 Tequion Lindsey, '95, on April 30, 2018
 Jason Mooney, '95, on November 10, 2017
 Clayton Moyers Phipp, '95, on August 17, 2016
 Steven H. Dennis, '97, on June 30, 2017
 Rachel Davey, '98, on April 26, 2017
 Laurie M. Dailey, '01, on March 9, 2015
 Nicholas Rebello, '01, on December 11, 2017
 Devin M. Mulstay, '04, on April 30, 2018
 Marjorie E. Williams, '04, on November 20, 2017
 Colleen Greene Herrick, '09, on February 8, 2018
 Alison Foley McGaughran, G'09, on January 10, 2018
 Francesca A. Ridore, '09, on February 14, 2018
 Charles M. Gerrior, '10, on December 15, 2017
 Christopher M. Brown, '14, on July 4, 2018

BSU pays its respects to the following faculty members who recently passed away:

Aida M. Bruns, professor emerita, Department of Social Work, on June 6, 2018
 Joseph Chiccarelli, professor emeritus, Department of Mathematics, on February 11, 2018
 Robert E. Lemos, '50, professor emeritus, Department of Mathematics, on January 28, 2018
 Dr. Walter A. Morin, professor emeritus, Department of Biological Sciences, on April 11, 2018

PartingShot



Students converged on the East Campus Commons field in May to celebrate Holi, an annual festival in India meant to celebrate the arrival of spring. The event is marked by explosions of color as students throw bright hues of powder up into the air – and at each other. Taking part in the festivities are Bridgette McGovern and Jenny Marmion, both members of the Class of 2019.

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