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A man with a goatee, wearing a dark blue suit, white shirt, and light blue tie, stands in the foreground. In the background, the Utah State Capitol building is visible, slightly out of focus. The scene is outdoors on a paved area with some greenery.

## BSU Works

From the halls of Congress, to cutting-edge tech companies, to the world of music, BSU alumni are leaders in many sectors and industries.

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# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

**Alex Crisman, '21, G'23**, is passionate about helping others less fortunate than himself.

So it was no surprise that after the Taunton native spotted a homeless man spending his days outside the Domino's Pizza where he worked, he reached out. His name was Caesar, and his family had shunned him after he'd served time in jail. Now he was living on the streets. Alex asked if he needed anything. Caesar told him he was having trouble getting a job, explaining that as a homeless man he was not always able to present a professional appearance at job interviews.

Alex went to the store and purchased hygiene products for his new friend. In short order, he also got Caesar a job application and clothes at a secondhand store. Not long after, Caesar stopped by the Domino's to tell Alex he'd gotten a job, was working with a local agency to obtain housing and even talked of getting a second job to save money to buy a used car. Within three months, Caesar had accomplished all of his short-term goals.

The incident fueled Alex's desire to help others. He and his brother Tony began visiting places frequented by homeless individuals and passing out hygiene products they'd purchased with their own money. Eventually, they formed the nonprofit Purpose Locker Foundation.

Alex earned a bachelor's degree in history and is pursuing a master's degree in student affairs counseling. We recently asked him to talk about his mission to help the homeless.

## **What is the main idea behind the foundation you've created?**

There are great organizations that help the homeless, but none cover basic hygiene needs well. We realized that's the next step for a homeless person in order to get the job or help he or she needs. So much in our society is based on looks and perception, we thought this would be a great way to help people out.

## **How does it work?**

We are building the first locker now. It will be open 12 hours a day and filled with hygiene products we buy at the dollar store. We plan to set up the lockers around Taunton. Eventually we hope to add hats, gloves, socks, rain ponchos and emergency blankets, and even expand to other cities. We're just trying to help people take the next step.

## **Where does this altruism come from?**

My mom. She's always had this mindset that if you are in a spot where you can help people, it's your duty to do so. She literally would feed the neighborhood, babysit kids so their parents could work ... anything to help. My brother and I definitely credit her for all we do.

*Interview by John Winters, G'11*



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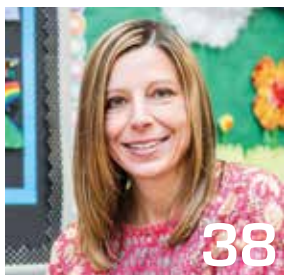
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photo by Eli Turner





# PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

PRESIDENT FREDERICK W. CLARK JR., ESQ., '83

Dear Friends,

There are times I look out the windows of my office and take in the green grass of the Boyden Quad, the hurried pace of students heading to class and the blue sky unfolding over our beautiful campus. The sights invoke feelings of nostalgia, harkening back to the days when I was a student here. They also invoke the feeling of excitement, of being in the moment, with the vast unknown of the future beckoning. For, if nothing else, Bridgewater State University is a place that is always on the move.

As I write this, COVID-19 appears to be transitioning from a deadly disease to one that is manageable, thanks to available vaccines and new treatments.

In mid-May, the country reached the grim milestone of one-million Americans having died from the coronavirus. Here at Bridgewater, our hyper-vigilance, which included a comprehensive testing program and a long list of safety protocols, clearly paid dividends. Thanks to the diligence and sacrifices of students, faculty, librarians and administrators – especially members of the Wellness Center and its many volunteers – BSU maintained a low infection rate throughout, keeping people safe and minimizing as much as possible impacts to teaching and learning. The university's mask mandate was finally relaxed in the spring semester, and it was wonderful to see smiling faces on campus once again.

Lest we feel like celebrating a return to normalcy, the world outside BSU's borders reminds us what an incredibly complex place it is as it grows more challenging by the day.

In late February, Russia attacked Ukraine, turning major cities to rubble and indiscriminately killing hundreds, if not thousands, of civilians. The specter of nuclear war also hovers, as the world turns against Russian President Vladimir Putin and the inhumane violence he is inflicting.

While Russia was attacking its neighbor, Americans here at home deal with inflation, threats to our democracy, and myriad other issues, large and small.

We live in interesting times, indeed.

Seeking a brighter perspective, I think once again of our students and the important roles they will fill in the coming years and decades. Now more than ever, the world needs forward-thinking individuals attuned to the social injustices of this world and armed with the desire and know-how necessary to change things for the better.

The students and alumni in the pages that follow represent yesterday's trailblazers and tomorrow's leaders. You will also encounter faculty members who are making a difference in the lives of their students, as well as programs, internships and other opportunities that together comprise the solid foundation that BSU graduates are known and celebrated for.

For me, this is the silver lining of the many dark clouds crowding our collective horizon. Indeed, reading about the accomplishments of Bears past and present always gives me cause to smile, even during times when the world seems determined to provoke just the opposite.

With warmest regards,



President Frederick W. Clark Jr.



# CAMPUS CONNECTION

## NEWS AND NEWSMAKERS

### New Endowed Chair Established

Dr. Aeon Skoble of the Department of Philosophy has been named the inaugural occupant of the Bruce, '68, and Patricia (Quinn), '67, Bartlett, Endowed Chair in Free Speech and Expression. It is the first endowed chair and the third endowed professorship in BSU's history.

It's funded by a \$2 million donation from the Bartletts, BSU's largest benefactors.

"Freedom of speech and expression, as enshrined in the First Amendment to our Constitution, is the bedrock of a free society and democracy," said Bruce Bartlett.

"I can think of no more important and noble role for higher education than empowering citizens to responsibly exercise the fundamental right to form and express their own beliefs and opinions on the important issues of our time," said Pat Bartlett. "We are proud that Dr. Skoble, whose life work embodies a belief in free speech as the foundation of liberal, democratic societies, has accepted the position as the first Bartlett Endowed Chair in Free Speech and Expression."

Dr. Skoble came to Bridgewater State in 2001, rising to the rank of full professor in 2008. He is the author of two books: *Deleting the State: An Argument About Government*, and most recently, *The Essential Robert Nozick*. He is the editor of seven other books and has published more than 30 scholarly articles, many on themes of freedom, democracy and economic rights. Dr. Skoble received a



bachelor's degree from the University of Pennsylvania and master's and doctoral degrees from Temple University.

The areas of focus under the auspices of the Free Speech and Expression Chair include teaching, scholarship, campus engagement and outreach, and mentoring.

In December 2021, BSU announced the establishment of the Bartlett Endowed Professorship for Civic Education and Engagement, which is held by Dr. Jo Hoffman. BSU's first endowed professorship is the Killam Professorship in Canadian Studies, established in 2001.

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### Million-Dollar Grant from Mass General Brigham to Diversify Social Work Field

As part of its \$50 million investment in community and mental health initiatives, Mass General Brigham is supporting BSU's School of Social Work with a \$1 million grant designed to enable the school to recruit and retain a diverse student body. The funding from the nonprofit hospital is targeted toward problems uncovered or exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. It comes at a time when the demand for social workers is growing.

The goal of Mass General Brigham's grant to BSU, and five other higher education institutions in the state, is to build a

pipeline of workers to address what's been termed a mental health crisis in the commonwealth. It seeks to increase capacity and expertise in the addiction workforce, recovery coaches and mental health specialists.

The funds will support a part-time position to assist grant recipients, as well as provide them with funding to attend conferences and training to enhance their professional networking in areas of mental health and substance abuse disorder practice.

# FACULTY FOCUS

DR. ENPING LI / COMPUTER SCIENCE  
DR. HANNARAE LEE / CRIMINAL JUSTICE

The year 2020 was a record year for internet crime. The most recent report from the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center, from 2021, logged nearly 800,000 complaints, with a total cost to Americans of \$4.2 billion. This is an almost 40 percent increase over the previous year.

Topping the list of cybercrimes was phishing, the practice of sending emails purporting to be from reputable companies or acquaintances designed to trick unsuspecting individuals into revealing personal information, such as passwords and credit card numbers. In short, an email scam.

Dr. Hannarae Lee, assistant professor of criminal justice, said, "I guarantee that everyone has received at least one phishing email, which indicates it is no longer just a scene on TV shows or movies. It is real, and everyone is a target, thus we need to be aware of phishing and how to protect ourselves from it."

Indeed, cybercrime of all types has been on the rise for years, leading to a boom in cybersecurity jobs. To meet this growing need, BSU's Criminal Justice Department has introduced the Cybercriminology and Cybersecurity Graduate Certificate program. A master's degree program in cybersecurity and justice is in the works. The Cybersecurity and Digital Forensics undergraduate minor was launched in fall 2020 in the Department of Computer Science. The university is in the process of securing Board of Higher Education approval for a new bachelor's degree program in cybersecurity.

A classroom in the Dana Mohler-Faria Science and Mathematics Center will be converted to a state-of-the-art cyber range, housing a number of specialized computers where students will experience simulated cyber-attacks and learn diverse cybersecurity techniques, such as detecting, stopping and protecting against online attacks, as well as analyzing such attacks. Dr. Lee said students are more likely to learn these skills by experiencing real-life examples. "These case studies are based on real cases, and they're valuable for students as they teach not only the techniques used by cybercriminals, but also study the factors that lead people to engage in these kinds of crimes," she said.

Dr. Lee, along with Dr. Enping Li, associate professor of computer science, are the key faculty members leading these efforts. They see a number of factors that have led to the rise of cybercrime, including society's increased use of technology, the affordability of computers and mobile devices, and the subsequent growth of internet traffic.

"When there are profits involved, there are security concerns," Dr. Li said. However, she added that while online commerce has exploded, cybersecurity education hasn't kept pace.



Dr. Enping Li



Dr. Hannarae Lee

Cybersecurity is highly interdisciplinary, whether in the classroom or in the field. Students in BSU's cybersecurity programs study various aspects of the subject, helping prepare them for myriad careers. As programmers they can protect a company's information technology systems from cyberattacks, or find jobs in criminal justice trying to track down and build legal cases against cybercriminals. And, ideally, every company would have an employee trained in cybersecurity, who can explain in plain language complicated details surrounding cybersecurity and cybercrime issues. "When there is a cyberattack, it takes a collaborative approach to deal with it," Dr. Li said. "It is very helpful for different collaborators to have the whole picture of what's happening."

The pedagogy of BSU's cybersecurity programs will be informed by the experience of industry professionals. "Professionals in the field have emphasized the importance of fundamental knowledge, as well as problem-solving and critical-thinking skills," Dr. Li said.

*(For information about BSU's cybersecurity graduate offerings, log on to [www.bridgew.edu/graduate/cybercriminology](http://www.bridgew.edu/graduate/cybercriminology). To learn about undergraduate programs, visit [www.bridgew.edu/department/computer-science/academic-programs](http://www.bridgew.edu/department/computer-science/academic-programs).)*



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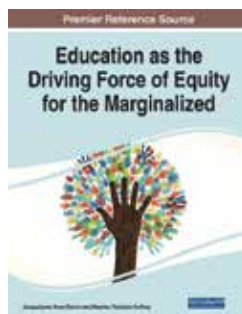
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### Faculty Bookshelf

#### ***Education as the Driving Force of Equity for the Marginalized***

**Dr. Jacquelynne Anne Boivin  
and Dr. Heather Pacheco-Guffrey**  
Department of Elementary and  
Early Childhood Education

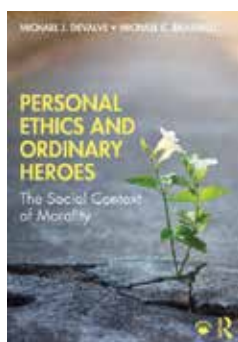
This book highlights international research from the past decade about the role education is playing in the disruption and dismantling of perpetuated systems of oppression. It presents the context, ideas, and mechanics behind impactful efforts to dismantle systems of oppression, and covers topics such as teacher preparation, gender inequality and social justice.



#### ***Personal Ethics and Ordinary Heroes: The Social Context of Morality***

**Dr. Michael J. DeValve**  
Department of Criminal Justice

This book examines what it means to be an authentic hero and provides real-life narratives that underscore the ethical principles guiding decision-making in the justice system and beyond. It revolves around a collection of excerpts from students studying ethics and social justice. The essays were responses to an invitation to write about and discuss a hero in the students' lives who motivated them to be more just, compassionate and morally responsible persons.

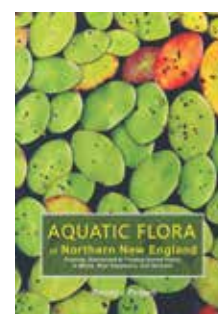
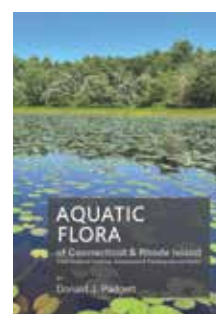
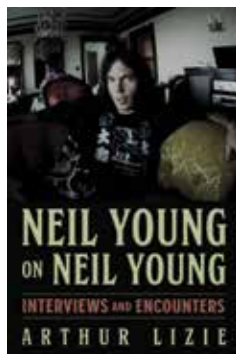


Cowritten with Michael Braswell

#### ***Neil Young on Neil Young: Interviews and Encounters***

**Dr. Arthur Lizie**  
Department of Communication Studies

This anthology is composed of Neil Young's most significant, fascinating, and entertaining discussions, declarations, and dreams, chronicling 50 years of conversations, feature stories, and press conferences. With many interviews widely available for the first time – including new transcriptions and first-time translations into English – the book focuses on Mr. Young's words and ideas from 1967 onward.



#### ***Aquatic Plants of Massachusetts Aquatic Flora of Connecticut & Rhode Island Aquatic Flora of Northern New England***

**Dr. Donald J. Padgett**  
Department of Biological Sciences

In these three books, Dr. Padgett provides field guides to the vascular plant species found in parts of New England. These user-friendly guides include identification keys along with current nomenclature and family assignments. Aimed at students, botanists, naturalists and ecologists, they are fully illustrated with color photographs, line drawings and distribution maps.

#### ***Homelessness in America: A Reference Handbook***

**Dr. Michele Wakin**  
Department of Sociology

Dr. Wakin examines the history of homelessness in the United States, shining a light on the key issues, events, policies, and attitudes that contribute to homelessness and shape the experience of being homeless. It places special emphasis on exploring the myriad problems that force people into homelessness, such as inadequate levels of affordable housing, struggles with substance abuse and gaps in the country's social welfare system. In addition, it explains why some demographic groups are at heightened risk for homelessness.





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## AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

### Alumnus Earns Stockholm Prize



Criminologist Francis Cullen, '72, H'13, earned the prestigious Stockholm Prize for his decades of work on criminal justice issues.

The Stockholm Prize, which is like the Nobel Prize for the criminal justice field, recognized his studies showing the effectiveness of rehabilitation in reducing recidivism. Dr. Cullen's research demonstrates that punishment is not effective at changing offenders' behaviors, but teaching self-control, anger management and improved attitudes works.

"I'm not sure I would have been a college professor if I hadn't gone to Bridgewater," said Dr. Cullen, who taught for most of his career at the University of Cincinnati. "The psychology and sociology professors were really influential in giving me a quality education and making me want to be a professor."

BSU awarded Dr. Cullen an honorary degree in 2013 and named a graduate criminal justice research scholarship for him. Those honors, he said, rival the Stockholm Prize in personal importance.

### Kennedy Center Honors Theater Professor

Scott R. Gagnon, '91, received the Kennedy Center Medallion for his contribution to the teaching and producing of theater. Mr. Gagnon is an assistant professor of theater arts and director of theater at Emmanuel College. Recipients of the medallion are honored for dedicating their time, artistry and enthusiasm to the development of the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival. The award is the most prestigious granted by the organization.

### Alumna Named Art Educator of the Year

Kristyn Shea, G'11, received the 2021 Secondary Art Educator of the Year award from the Massachusetts Art Education Association. Ms. Shea, who has taught at Oliver Ames High School in Easton for 16 years, earned a Master of Arts in Teaching degree in creative arts at BSU.



### Alumna Earns Fulbright



Riley Lathrop, '20, will spend the 2022-2023 academic year in Taiwan, thanks to the Fulbright Program's English Teaching Assistant initiative. Her research looks at how dance and movement can aid in teaching English to non-native speakers.

Helping her candidacy for the Fulbright was her aptitude for research as an undergraduate, which led her to spending five weeks in Indonesia volunteering to teach English to second-graders.

Ms. Lathrop is the sixth BSU student or graduate since 2017 to receive one of the U.S. State Department's highly competitive Fulbright Awards for research or teaching. While they come from different disciplines, these Fulbright recipients all took advantage of BSU's undergraduate research program.

### Senior Awarded Fellowship

Joshua Watts, '22, was awarded a Carlson Fellowship from the Thomas C. Jenkins Department of Biophysics at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, one of the leading biophysics programs in the nation.

Joshua is a double major in physics and chemistry from Brimfield who performed interdisciplinary research in the labs of Dr. Thaya Paramanathan and Dr. Sam Lone.



The Carlson Fellowships are endowed in memory of Francis Dewey Carlson, one of the distinguished pioneers in biophysics at Johns Hopkins and chair of the Thomas C. Jenkins Department of Biophysics from 1954-1972. The fellowships are offered annually to outstanding biophysics applicants. "This award reflects the high regard that the faculty and admissions committee have for your academic record and their belief that you show promise of an outstanding career in scientific research," wrote Dr. Bin Wu, an assistant professor at Johns Hopkins, in notifying Joshua of his selection.

The fellowship is an award of \$3,000, in addition to the full scholarship and graduate stipend of \$35,000 per year. Joshua was accepted with full scholarships to five graduate schools. He will attend Johns Hopkins University in the fall.

### Junior Selected as Newman Civic Fellow



Carrie Provost, '23, will represent BSU as a Newman Civic fellow for the 2022-2023 academic year. Carrie is from Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota and is majoring in criminal justice and English while minoring in Native American and Indigenous Studies.

The Newman Civic Fellowship recognizes and supports community-committed students who are changemakers and public problem-solvers at Campus Compact member institutions, according to the organization's website. Fellows are nominated by their institution's president or chancellor on the basis of their potential for public leadership.

Carrie is committed to ending inequalities for Indigenous youth and first-generation college students who will follow in her footsteps. She is a fellow at BSU's Martin Richard Institute for Social Justice, where she plans and

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leads programming. She also introduces her peers to Indigenous traditions by helping run the Native American Cultural Association.

Carrie, who is one of four students from Pine Ridge currently attending BSU, is a beneficiary of a decade-long partnership between the university and her high school, Red Cloud Indian School in Pine Ridge. BSU students visit Pine Ridge, and some alumni volunteer to teach there. Meanwhile, BSU professors assist with curriculum development, and Red Cloud students visit campus during the summer. The partnership also offers college scholarships for Carrie and some of her peers from Pine Ridge, which is one of the most impoverished locations in the country with an unemployment rate of 80 percent.

### Showcasing Military Women



Micaila "Mickey" Britto-Patten was one of 60 students invited to present their work as part of Posters on the Hill, one of the most prestigious undergraduate research forums in the nation. Her project, *Melting Back into Society: A Photographic Documentary of Women Veterans*, showcases women who have served in the military.

A veteran herself, Micaila is studying studio arts with a concentration in photography. Her project, funded by a 2021 Adrian Tinsley Program for Undergraduate Research grant,

was featured in the fall 2021 issue of *Bridgewater* magazine and will be exhibited on campus in the fall. She, along with the other Posters' honorees, presented her work virtually in April for U.S. House and Senate lawmakers and legislative staff members, as well as other federal and non-staff members.

This is the 12<sup>th</sup> consecutive year a student from BSU has earned a nod from Posters on the Hill.

### National Honors Bestowed on Dr. Fernanda Ferreira

The American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese named Dr. Fernanda Ferreira, professor of global languages and literatures at BSU, the 2022 Teacher of the Year at the college/university level. Dr. Ferreira, who has taught at BSU since 2001, is now mentor and cheerleader for countless students.

The award honors those who have done outstanding work promoting foreign language education in Spanish and Portuguese.



### Professors Earn Fellowships Designed for Faculty of Color



Dr. José Lara and Dr. Luzi Shi were named fellows by the North Star Collective, joining a community of scholars from across New England committed to mentorship and professional development. The fellowship was created by BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and people of color) faculty for BIPOC faculty.



BSU is one of 13 founding members of the North Star Collective, which is run through the New England Board of Higher Education. Through the fellowship, Dr. Shi, assistant professor of criminal justice, plans to explore whether cross-cultural friendships decrease Americans' perceptions of crime among immigrants. Similarly, she is studying whether international students' friendships with Americans changes their perception of crime in the United States.

Dr. Lara, assistant professor of global languages and literatures, plans to take part in a writers group that will help advance his research on race in the 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, especially in his native Honduras and other Central American countries. He is studying an 1842 British travel log by Thomas Young to analyze racial constructions and judgments Mr. Young made about the people he encountered on a journey to Central America.

### Athletic Director Honored for her Impact on Students

Dr. Marybeth Lamb, BSU associate vice president for athletics and student wellness, was presented the 2021-2022 National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics Cushman & Wakefield Athletics Director of the Year Award.



The award recognizes the efforts of athletics directors at all levels for their commitment and positive contributions to student-athletes, campuses and their surrounding communities. Dr. Lamb was one of 28 individuals recognized from all levels of college athletics and among four on the NCAA Division III level.

### Campus Cited for Green Commitment

The university received a Leading by Example Award for its sustainability efforts that helped reduce the campus' greenhouse gas emissions 36 percent compared to 2004 levels. The annual award recognizes state agencies, municipalities and individuals for their environmental commitments.

Awards and Accolades by Brian Benson, Heather Harris Michonski and John Winters, G'11. The full stories may be found at [www.bridgew.edu/about-us/news-events](http://www.bridgew.edu/about-us/news-events).



# STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

BY SARAH CARLOZZI, '24



*Sarah Carlozzi, a criminal justice major from Barnstable, served as an intern with the BSU Police Department, working with its K-9 officer, Zach. We asked Sarah (pictured here with BSUPD Captain Ryan Tepper and Zach) to share some thoughts about this experience.*

During the spring semester, I have had the amazing privilege to work with the Bridgewater State University Police Department alongside Captain Ryan Tepper and explosives-detection K-9, Zach. Under the direction of Chief David Tillinghast, the department was eager to assist me in obtaining valuable experience that simply can't be taught in a classroom.

Taking what I've learned in theory and putting it into practice will give me an advantage when entering the law enforcement field. I have had the rare opportunity to participate in live K-9 training, observe emergency response calls involving suspicious packages and attend protective sweeps in advance of large events, including the protection of Governor Charlie Baker when he came to campus. From Taser

training to radio skills, I am learning many things that are required on the job.

Moreover, with the department's goal of enhancing its relationships across campus, I have been tasked with managing the community outreach social media and the coordinating of outreach events. I have participated in more than 60 such events and have learned the many methods and strategies used to interact with the public.

Captain Tepper's leadership and direction have already afforded me the opportunity to earn a position as a community service officer with my hometown police department. I look forward to gaining even more indispensable knowledge and experience, thanks to this unique internship opportunity.

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### "Alma Mater" Gets New Lyrics

BSU's Spirit Committee launched an Alma Mater Lyrics Contest late last year, after deciding the existing lyrics, penned in 1904, did not capture the institution's modern status as the flagship of the state universities. Students, faculty, librarians, staff, administrators and alumni were invited to participate.

A subcommittee of students, faculty, staff and alumni, with guidance from Steven Karidoyanes, music director of the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted a blind review of the submissions and made a recommendation to President Clark.

Ultimately, the lyrics submitted by Juliana Horton, budget manager in the Office of the Provost and current MBA candidate, (above, with President Clark) were selected.

"The words Ms. Horton penned capture beautifully and powerfully the values and spirit of Bridgewater State University and evoke a timeless quality that speaks to our glorious past, strong present and bright future," the president said.

Below are the winning lyrics. To see all the submissions, log on to <https://tinyurl.com/AlmaMaterContest>.

*"Alma Mater"*

*Our love of community guides us in purpose and thought, well aware, the courage to lead and inspire, the hallmark of ev'ry Bear.*

*Refrain:*

*Alma Mater! Alma Mater! Rising to what lies before. Alma Mater, keep Bridgewater close to heart forever more!*

*Wherever the road takes us onward, a time will arise, now and then, with ever a sense of belonging, we'll come home to you – again.*

*Repeat Refrain*

*For legions of those you have tended, your history vital and strong, for then and today and tomorrow, we join in our loyal song.*

*Repeat Refrain*

### Graduate Programs See 71 Percent Increase in Students of Color

The university's College of Graduate Studies experienced a 71 percent increase in the number of students of color between fall 2016 and fall 2020.

As of 2020, 248 students of color were enrolled, comprising 15 percent of the graduate student body. The college's administrators are also focusing on hiring more faculty of color.

The growth in the population of students of color partly reflects a focus on encouraging BSU undergraduates to continue their studies with an advanced degree. Early admission allows some undergraduates to take courses that count simultaneously for master's and bachelor's degrees. "We're all working to make sure our students in graduate programs reflect the population in Southeastern Massachusetts," said Paul Cincotta, director of graduate admission. "Having a diverse population in any graduate program really leads to a more enriching education for all students because of the perspectives everybody brings."



BSU education majors hosted a STEM Night at Brockton's Kennedy Elementary School. The event was enthusiastically received by the youngsters.

Bailey McDonald, '22, (above) teaches a student about velocity in a "Rover Launch" session.

Michaela Brouwer, '22, guides a student at the "Build a Boat" station.



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### BSU Student-Teachers Educate Ukranian Refugees

More than 28,000 Ukrainians have fled to Ireland since late February when Russia invaded their country. In Dublin, Erin Haley, G'22, (top photo) and Adlai Greene, '22, taught some of the youngest victims of the war during an eight-week international student-teaching experience.

"It's hard in the moment to process what has happened, that these children have experienced war," Erin said. "Even though there's been destruction and devastation and things I can't even put into words that these children have experienced, they return to school."

The pair was impressed by the students' perseverance. "They're really courageous," said Adlai, "They are in the classroom eager to learn and give their best. I can't imagine how difficult it is."

Erin and Adlai worked in classes at Our Lady Immaculate Senior National School that are roughly equivalent to the sixth grade in the United States. They are among the first student-teachers to travel overseas since the pandemic caused the suspension of in-person international programs.



### BSUPD Welcomes Community Liaison

As the BSU Police Department's community liaison, Aboubacar Diakite has an important mission: to help bridge the gap that can sometimes exist between police and members of the community they serve.

Chief David Tillinghast said Mr. Diakite's role, a new position created as part of the department's racial justice policing practices, will help the department further develop and maintain trust and understanding in general, but especially with students of color. "We need to bridge the divide we know exists between law enforcement and communities of color... and we need specialized approaches to serving diverse students and groups," the chief said.

Mr. Diakite has held a variety of roles, each with the goal of helping others and strengthening communities, including as a social worker for the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families; with Boston municipal court, working with litigants of domestic violence; and as an investigator for the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department. In these roles, he found success by listening, collaborating and effectively communicating. He looks to apply these skills as the community liaison.

Initially, he is seeking to create a space for open dialogue. "The narrative is that people of color have no trust in law enforcement," he said. "In order for us to break down these barriers, we have to have conversations." He is already meeting with departments across campus to learn what resources are available and how they can work together to create an agenda for his new position.

# CAMPUS CONNECTION

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### New Library Dean Leads BSU in Digital Era

Kevin Kidd has been named the university's first dean of Maxwell Library. His appointment comes at a time when the role of libraries is changing.

He discovered a passion for libraries in graduate school, beginning his career as the internet was rapidly changing the nature of research. With a background in library technology, he most recently led the Schumann Library & Learning Commons at Wentworth Institute of Technology.

"I think libraries are really central to the mission of any university," said Dean Kidd, who also brings experience designing software and systems. "Everything you do in a library now is mediated by technology."

"One of the things we often come up against is the long-held, culturally instilled belief of what a library is," he said. "People



still think of libraries as (places for) books in a very traditional way. There is so much more we do now."

### Pride Center's New Director Brings Passion and Experience to Role

Carolyn Taggart has long served as an advocate for the LGBTQIA+ community. Now she brings that experience to her new role as director of BSU's Pride Center.

Ms. Taggart and her wife recently moved to the area from Pennsylvania, where Ms. Taggart worked at Bloomsburg University as coordinator of sexual and gender diversity.

"I love getting to work with students in general, but especially with LGBTQIA+ populations," she said. "My goal is to give students a better experience, to help remove the roadblocks and obstacles that I had as a student."

As an undergraduate, Ms. Taggart initially wanted to be a music teacher, but as a student leader in her college's LGBTA organization, she discovered her passion for advocacy.

It was apparent to her that her alma mater didn't have proper support for the LGBTQIA+ community. "We saw how our (LGBTQIA+) friends were struggling; we noticed they weren't graduating ... not thriving, not succeeding and needed better resources in place on an institutional level," she said. She and others reached out to administrators and lobbied for better supports, leading to a new LGBT center.

It's that determination that stood out to the search committee looking to replace the founding director of BSU's Pride Center, Lee Forest, who held the position for just over 14 years.



For Ms. Taggart, knowing BSU had an established Pride Center was a key reason she applied for the job. "It is unusual in this work to find an LGBTQIA+ pride center that's been in existence this long," she said. "Bridgewater has a lot of great things in place and has done amazing work in supporting the LGBTQIA+ community."

But, she said, the work isn't done. "Diversity work isn't formative, we don't check a box, reach a goal and say we're done," Ms. Taggart said. "I want to look at what BSU has done and see where else we are going and trying to get to."

# Capital Careers

Meet alumni who have found  
their careers and passion in public service

BY JOHN WINTERS, G'11

BRIDGEWATER STATE UNIVERSITY alumni work at all levels of government. From the halls of the U.S. Congress to the Massachusetts Statehouse to congressional offices around the commonwealth, Bears are doing important behind-the-scenes work of government.

We spoke to four alumni whose talent, expertise and work ethic have made them indispensable to the politicians and public they serve.

## **HALEY ARNOLD, '16**

*Director of Scheduling and Senior Executive Assistant for Governor Charlie Baker*

Chances are if you see Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker somewhere, Haley Arnold played a role in getting him there.

The Easton native is the governor's director of scheduling and senior executive assistant. She came to BSU as a first step toward obtaining a law degree. However, as a junior, she accepted an internship with the Washington Center and had the chance to sit in on hearings on









Capitol Hill. Before returning home, she'd heard the call of public service and began to rethink her future.

"That really shifted my focus," Ms. Arnold said of the internship. "In my senior year I moved away from the idea of going to law school. I realized I didn't want to be a politician, but someone who worked behind the scenes."

Two of her political science professors at BSU, Dr. Mark Kemper and Dr. Jordon Barkalow, had encouraged Ms. Arnold to expand her vision of the future. Following The Washington Center internship, she took part in

another in Governor Baker's office. "I served that internship and never left," she said with a smile.

Ms. Arnold's primary focus is planning the governor's schedule. With the assistance of a staff of two, she sorts through the hundred or so invitations that come in weekly (there were many more pre-pandemic) and juggles these with the internal meetings, important phone calls, charity events and the governor's other official duties. Often she has to reshuffle everything when contingencies crop up, such as emergencies and storms.



"I'm known as the hub of the wheel, everything that gets on his calendar goes through me," Ms. Arnold said. This includes being a gatekeeper for the governor so that he has the time and attention necessary to focus on the things he needs to. She also schedules events for the governor's wife, Lauren, and has accompanied her to the annual meeting of the National Governors Association, held in Washington each year.

When Governor Baker announced he was not running for reelection, Ms. Arnold knew she would have to start

looking for a new job. Thanks to her role in the governor's office, she has been exposed to many related careers in public service, nonprofits and even the private sector.

"I've gotten to experience a lot," she said.

No matter her next step, Ms. Arnold says she'll remember fondly the rewards of working in state government. "I see what gets done and how it impacts people," she said. "Basically, what I put on the calendar are signs of the many things the governor is accomplishing."

## **BEN THOMAS, '07**

*Regional Director for U.S. Senator Ed Markey*

Public service runs in Ben Thomas' family, which is part of the reason why when he came to Bridgewater State he was planning for a career in criminal justice. "I have a strong family commitment to helping people," the Wareham native said. He added that his mother was the biggest influence when it came to his desire to help others.

But at Bridgewater State, the idea of a different kind of public service took root. Through his studies, he came to believe that working on public policy might be the best way for him to contribute to the greater good. "There's no bigger impact you can have on people's lives," Mr. Thomas said.

He ultimately earned degrees in both philosophy and criminal justice, followed in 2012 by a Master of Science degree in law and public policy from Northeastern University.

Inspired by the legacy of public service of another Massachusetts native, U.S. Senator Ed Markey, Mr. Thomas joined the senator's staff last year.

Mr. Thomas previously worked as a legislative liaison for the Massachusetts Health Policy Commission and as chief of staff for State Representative Jim Cantwell in the Massachusetts legislature, where his portfolio included



behavioral health, climate change adaptation, and health and human services.

For Senator Markey, Mr. Thomas is a regional director assigned to represent the senator in the 4<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> congressional districts. Most of his time is spent supporting Senator Markey's priorities, including advancing social justice in policy making, promoting the Green New Deal, combatting the opioid epidemic, ensuring equitable access to broadband, and providing federal funding for Massachusetts cities and towns and those in need.

Mr. Thomas' days are also filled with front-line constituent and community work. "That is one of the things that Bridgewater did for me – it gave me the tools to be able to elevate the needs of the people in my community, and Senator Markey gives me the opportunity to do that," he said. "And, honestly, there's no better role to have."

The philosophy classes Mr. Thomas completed at Bridgewater State also have helped him see both sides

of any issue. "You want to engage even with those you disagree with to try and find common ground, and to try to find the truth of the matter," he said. "And that is so important to public service ... How do we make a better nation? We can't do that unless we are empathetic and try to find solutions to today's problems."

Mr. Thomas credits his time at Bridgewater State for broadening his outlook on life, particularly through courses with Dr. Aeon Skoble, Dr. Laura McAlinden, Dr. Jo-Ann Della Giustina and Dr. Jordon Barkalow.

"It's a cliché, but Bridgewater made me fall in love with learning," Mr. Thomas said. "I'd never even traveled before arriving at Bridgewater, but the courses opened my mind to the world. Bridgewater State helped me understand how learning and the love of learning can not only expand one's horizons but also feed a desire to help others," he said.

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## KEYANA ADARKWAH, '20

*District Representative for U.S. Congressman Stephen F. Lynch*

In April 2021, when Keyana Adarkwah began working in the Boston office of U.S. Representative Stephen F. Lynch as his district staff assistant, it was the height of the unemployment crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Then in late February of this year, Russia invaded Ukraine, and Ms. Adarkwah watched as that conflict became a central focus of the representative and his staff.

Needless to say, it's been quite a learning experience for Ms. Adarkwah. "This has been an awesome job, just seeing what the congressman does," the Randolph native said. "You don't realize how much work goes into being a lawmaker."

Ms. Adarkwah, who now lives in Brockton, graduated with a major in psychology and minors in political

science and civic education. During her undergraduate years she earned several leadership awards, including Bridgewater's Best in 2020.

The desire to lead and serve was ingrained early in Ms. Adarkwah's life. Growing up in Randolph, she was surrounded by a caring community where public services were offered for those in need.

When she came to BSU, she initially thought about a career as a psychologist, however, after undertaking her minors, she heard the call of public service.

Now she's planning to attend law school with an eye toward a career in human rights and international law. "I've always been interested in the legal field," Ms. Adarkwah said. "At Bridgewater, I heard stories







from my fellow students about how they were doing internships with a wide variety of organizations, and I knew BSU would be a great steppingstone.”

While at BSU, Ms. Adarkwah interned for a state senator, getting her first taste of politics and solidifying her interest in public service. Also, during her final semester, which was contemporaneous with the 2020 presidential election, students were hotly debating the issues of the day.

Now Ms. Adarkwah has a front row seat of sorts to national and world events. “It’s nice to have a better understanding of how things unfold,” she said.

But it is her work helping the district’s residents with various issues that truly taps Ms. Adarkwah’s strengths. “I think doing what I do and seeing my colleagues and the congressman assist constituents has given me a new passion to help others however possible.”

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## **BRUNO FREITAS, '96**

*Deputy Chief of Staff for U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren*

Bruno Freitas knew on the day his mother was sworn in as a citizen of the United States that it would be a life of public service for him. He was six years old.

The naturalization ceremony had been moved from the John F. Kennedy Federal Building to Boston’s historic Old North Church. The Naturalization Oath of Allegiance that day was administered by the late Senator Edward Kennedy. “It was really amazing,” Mr. Freitas said. “A really poignant and surreal moment.”

Seeing a nationally known politician – a member of the Kennedy family, no less – talking with his mother and the other newly minted citizens planted a seed. Mr. Freitas has spent more than a quarter century as a staffer and aide to high-profile politicians. Today, he is the deputy chief of staff for U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren.

Mr. Freitas and his parents came to the United States from Portugal, but it was growing up in New Bedford that most shaped him for a life of service both locally and in the nation’s capital. “I saw firsthand the power of government to help people,” he said. “When I was young, if you had a problem you could go to Senator Kennedy’s (local) office, and they would make things right.”

He has been working with Senator Warren for nearly a decade, taking on various roles. Previously, he’d served

in several positions, including chief of staff and legislative director, for retired Congressman Barney Frank.

Mr. Freitas now lives in Virginia and spends his days working on policies and programs in a number of areas, including infrastructure, climate change, energy, small business programs, the federal budget and Massachusetts-related priorities. Senator Warren serves on three committees, meaning Mr. Freitas and the other 40 or so members of her staff are always busy.

He credits Bridgewater State, in particular, Dr. Michael Kryzanek, professor emeritus in the Department of Political Science, for setting him on his career path. As a student, Mr. Freitas earned a scholarship and served an internship in Barney Frank’s office.

“I’ll forever be grateful to Bridgewater,” he said. “It can be challenging to find your pathway, and sometimes it seems like such an uphill climb. A scholarship, an internship, these can help you get a foot in the door for what can be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.”

He still enjoys the hands-on aspect of the job where he meets and assists constituents, as well as regular trips home to Massachusetts where he can see the impact of the policies and initiatives he’s worked on. “That’s the biggest thing – you know you’re not doing it for yourself, but for your community,” Mr. Freitas said. “It’s challenging work, but incredibly rewarding.” ♦



# They Call the Tune

*Meet alumni who have turned their love of music into rewarding careers*

MAKING BEAUTIFUL MUSIC are two BSU alumni forging careers in one of the most challenging of fields. Greg Fernandes, '13, founded Rose Conservatory in Brockton, which is dedicated to helping young people find the same joy in music that he always has. Meanwhile, a song written and performed by Jennifer Christensen, '16, was featured on a television series on the Bravo network.

## A Noteworthy Success Story for Brockton Native

BY BRIAN BENSON

Founding a music conservatory is not easy, but Greg Fernandes had going for him the necessary motivation and personal experience, as well as a BSU education.

Rose Conservatory, the result of his hard work, is located in Brockton, Mr. Fernandes' hometown. Named after his late mother, it offers orchestral, West African drumming, choral, violin and other programs.

"It feels like the last 20 years of my life all combined into one space – all of my experiences, all of my successes, all of my downfalls, all of my education," he said.

Mr. Fernandes' path to BSU took a few twists and turns. As a child, he studied the violin and piano, only to learn this made him a target of bullying in high school. Wanting to feel accepted, he fell into the gang lifestyle and sold drugs, believing that was the cool thing to do. "It got to be exceptionally traumatic and really hard on a young kid figuring out life," he said.

Yet, Mr. Fernandes never completely abandoned music and played the violin at night. After time in jail for selling drugs, he committed to turning his life around.

Music was central to fulfilling that goal. He spent time with family in Florida, where he taught at a Boys and Girls Club. His mom was a music educator, and Mr. Fernandes always wanted to follow in her footsteps, but his options were limited without a music degree. After she died in 2010, he recommitted himself to finishing his education and returned to BSU, which he had briefly attended after high school.

"Bridgewater prepared me for the real world," Mr. Fernandes said. "Everyone had a different teaching style, so it forced me to be able to deal with different people in different situations. That's what the real world is all about."

His professors remember his drive. "He was a determined student," recalled Dr. Sarah McQuarrie, a music professor who was his advisor. "He had a plan, and nothing was going to stand in his way."

Mr. Fernandes appreciated the support of Dr. McQuarrie and Dr. Donald Running, and the tough classes with professors such as Dr. Steven Young, that made him a better musician. "The music department wasn't huge, but it was a very tight-knit, supportive, encouraging environment," he said. "There were times when I did feel like giving up, but there were lots of staff and students who really had my back."

Earlier this spring, Rose Conservatory introduced a three-credit internship program in partnership with BSU. In late March, Mr. Fernandes held the conservatory's first international class, connecting with students at the Byan Garden School in Saudi Arabia. Around this time, he also reported enrollment had jumped from 25 to 45 students.

Mr. Fernandes reflects that the conservatory is the kind of place he desperately needed as a teenager whose peers did not embrace his musical talent. "How many other musicians have we lost that way?" he wondered. Now he's in a position to do something about it.

*Learn more about the Rose Conservatory at <https://roseconservatory.com>.*





# Alumna Enjoying Some 'Real' Recognition

BY HEATHER HARRIS MICHONSKI

Jennifer Christensen opened the email message, and there it was: validation that she was on the right path in her pursuit of a music career.

The email was from the Bravo network, requesting permission to use her song, "Dangerous," in an episode of the reality television show *The Real Housewives of Atlanta*.

"When it takes a while to happen for you, you wonder if you're doing something wrong or something right," the singer-songwriter said. "But I'm learning that's the process, sometimes you have to wait a long time before you get that call."

Ms. Christensen's music career began at Bridgewater State University. As an undergraduate, she and some fellow BSU student-musicians formed a rock band, Blind Revision. The group performed at festivals and undertook short tours that included stops in Philadelphia and New Hampshire. Some alumni may have even caught a show at the now-closed Bogart's in Bridgewater.

Her involvement with the band instilled the confidence she needed to pursue a music career. "If I hadn't met the people I did, maybe I still would have gotten here, but it's definitely because of the connections I made at Bridgewater, that's how I learned about the music industry," she said.

Through her BSU bandmates, Ms. Christensen began to network with other musicians across New England and beyond who helped her better understand how the music business works. "I always wanted to work in music but wasn't sure how. I didn't understand the

music industry. I knew nothing about it," she said. "It was a really cool way to enter the industry."

After graduating with degrees in psychology and anthropology, Ms. Christensen made the decision to move to California to turn her dreams into reality.

In 2020 and 2021 she began releasing singles for her solo project accompanied by music videos she directed and edited.

Ms. Christensen also started shopping her music to music publishing and licensing companies, which is how she was discovered by Bravo.

Her BSU degree in psychology has come in handy, as emotions serve as inspiration in her lyrics. "I take certain emotions that I'm feeling and try to make them more relatable in words. I think psychology has helped me understand my own feelings and helped me to write about them," she said.

Ms. Christensen, who has also found success as a model, is pursuing another career as a digital product designer.

Her goal is to continue on the musical path she's on and not let anything get in her way, including self-doubt. "The way you perceive your own life and opportunities, that can sometimes hold you back," Ms. Christensen said. "You have to be able to move forward with your thoughts, be willing to have new experiences and always keep learning." ♦

To learn more about Ms. Christensen's music, modeling and more, log on to <https://jenjanet.com>.



# See Spot Run *(and Do Lots More)*

Alumnus' job in tech field  
includes showcasing latest in robotics

BY HEATHER HARRIS MICHONSKI

J. GRAEME NOSEWORTHY, '98, loves his job.

Who wouldn't? Part of being senior content and experience strategist for the global events team at IBM means he gets to demonstrate the amazing abilities of Spot at cool places like the recent Mobile World Congress in Barcelona, Spain, where companies from across the globe showcased the latest and greatest in technology.

Spot is not a dog, but a quadruped robot from Boston Dynamics in Waltham. It's used mainly in industrial environments and performs tasks that are too challenging or dangerous for humans. "Spot can go where no humans can go," he said.

Mr. Noseworthy became interested in communications during his student days at Bridgewater State. Some of







J. Graeme Noseworthy, '98, says one of his favorite memories of his time as a Bridgewater State student was his role as a DJ with WBIM (left).

Today, in his position with IBM, he gets to showcase Spot the quadruped robot around the world.



those tuning into WBIM back in the 1990s while getting ready for their 8 AM classes may recall being greeted with an enthusiastic, “Good morning, Bridgewater State!”

The voice channeling actor Robin Williams’ character in *Good Morning, Vietnam* belonged to Mr. Noseworthy. “I loved being on WBIM. One of the first things I did when I got to Bridgewater State was run into the studio and ask, ‘How do I get into this?’” he said.

Mr. Noseworthy brings that same energy to his job at IBM. Spot the quadruped robot is one of his latest projects.

He said it’s important to emphasize that Spot is not a toy. “We never refer to it as a dog, which can be a challenge,” he said. “It’s a tool and has a lot of intelligence built in. ... It allows people to extend the workforce.”

Mr. Noseworthy thoroughly loves his work and says his road to success began at Bridgewater State.

The son of a high school principal, he initially thought he would follow in his father’s footsteps and become an educator. “I originally wanted to be an elementary school teacher and knew the one place you go if you want to become the best teacher in the world is Bridgewater State,” Mr. Noseworthy said.

After checking out the campus, there was no doubt he wanted to become a Bear. “I loved the campus,” he said. “It wasn’t too small, and it wasn’t too big. It had this blend of an old traditional college and a new-wave education feel to it. It had this wonderful blend of everything I liked.”

As much as he loved the campus, Mr. Noseworthy initially found himself struggling academically. After talking with his professors and advisors, he concluded that teaching may not be the best fit.

Through those conversations, he discovered his enthusiasm for video and theater, prompting him to switch his major from education to communication studies. “I went from a struggling student to a much better student who found passion doing what I enjoy, which carried me to the end of college and into a career I enjoy,” he said.

Looking back, Mr. Noseworthy realizes the difficulties he experienced as an undergraduate were simply part of his journey and ultimately led him to the right career. “Sometimes we misunderstand why we are struggling. We don’t have good grades, are not motivated to go to class,” he said. “You need to find something that motivates you to apply yourself and trigger that passion, and communication studies at BSU did that for me.” ♦



# High-Flying Trailblazer

*Mary (Mel) Donahue, '70,  
looks back at her career as  
an Air Force pilot and educator*

BY JOHN WINTERS, G'11





IF YOU ARE LUCKY ENOUGH to talk to Mary Donahue about her military career, you will hear about her vast experience in many areas: the planes she piloted, the training she received, the teaching she did, the good times and the challenges.

What she doesn't tell you is how much of a trailblazer she was.

Fortunately, the National Museum of the United States Air Force is happy to fill in the blanks. You see, Lieutenant Colonel Mary Donahue is a part of aviation history. She was among the first class of female officers to graduate from the Air Force Undergraduate Pilot Training Program (UTP), earning her wings in September 1977.

If that wasn't enough, Ms. Donahue was the first female pilot assigned to the Air Force Academy, where she taught senior cadets to fly the T-41 trainer. She also trained as a pilot on KC-135 jet tankers as part of the Strategic Air Command. Last but not least, Ms. Donahue was an instructor in the Department of Mathematical Science at the Academy.

"We did not think of ourselves as being firsts," she said of that initial UTP class of 10 young women. "We all felt tremendous, self-induced pressure. We knew if we did not make it – after all, it was a test program – others following would not be given the opportunity. We would

not allow ourselves to fail, we had to make it for them. To see, now, how far women have progressed is tremendous.

"I never thought of it as being a trailblazer. I thought of it as doing my jobs to the best of my ability," she said.

See? Humble.

In all, she spent more than 23 years on active duty, and nearly two decades more as a military contractor and civilian employee. At age 69, in 2017, she fully retired and moved to South Dennis, near where her sisters live.

When Ms. Donahue talks about her years of service, she doesn't concentrate on the glass ceilings she smashed through, but how much she enjoyed her time in the Air Force. "I loved the diversity in my career. I loved knowing a little about a lot of things," she said.

For all her love of the job, however, growing up in the Boston suburb of Brighton, Ms. Donahue did not have such a high-flying career in her sights. "When I was in high school, I didn't spend much time looking at colleges," she said.

It was late in the game – December of her senior year in high school – when she heard from a friend about a college in Bridgewater.

"I looked it up and applied," Ms. Donahue said.

She was a math major, minoring in biology and physics, and lived on campus – Woodward Hall for three years and then Pope Hall as a senior.

It was at graduate school, studying math at Purdue University, that she began meeting men who were

serving in the military. They made it sound like an interesting career. And, then, just like that, she decided to give it a try.

"I never really thought about what I wanted to do," Ms. Donahue said. "I make decisions based on the information I'm given at the time."

And so she was off to Texas and Officer Training School, unaware of her upcoming role in military history.

In the first half of the 1970s, women were slowly making inroads, penetrating the male-dominated world of the Air Force. When female officers were granted a chance to become pilots, Ms. Donahue was ready to take up the challenge.

She became a member of the UTP Class 77-08, the first cohort of female officers – 10 in all – to graduate from the Air Force Undergraduate Pilot Training Program. This allowed Ms. Donahue to train future cadets but didn't mean she could pilot a fighter jet. Rumors at the time claimed that this change would take place imminently, however, it took until the mid-1990s for it to become a reality.

In addition to her work training cadets to fly and teaching math at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Ms. Donahue worked with the Air Force's Armament Testing Laboratory, Armament Development Testing Center (working with air-to-air missiles and F-15 and F-16 fighter jets), Strategic Air Command and the Enhanced Crisis Management Capability Program. She spent years working at the Pentagon, managing budgets, and as the functional area manager for rated pilots, navigators and air battle managers.



*“I never thought of it as being a trailblazer. I thought of it as doing my jobs to the best of my ability,” said Mary Donahue, ’70, of her service in the Air Force.*

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“I felt all the jobs I had, I loved, I loved doing them,” Ms. Donahue once told an interviewer from the National Museum of the United States Air Force. “I felt I did what I was supposed to. The job you’re in now is the most important and (you need) to leave it better than how you found it.”

She accomplished much but did so in the face of a formidable obstacle. “I did face severe discrimination my entire career in the Air Force,” she said in the museum interview. “Both, I think, for my competence and for being a female pilot. But I still did my job to the utmost.”

Ms. Donahue illustrates the point with the story of a soldier who was confused about where he was to be deployed and was told to call a particular number in Washington D.C. When she answered the phone and told the young man that he’d reached the Pentagon, his reply was typical for the time: “Oh, I got an operator,” he said, disappointment in his voice. “I told him, ‘No you’ve got the right person,’ and helped him out.”

Another time, a male fighter pilot asked if when she earned her wings, they carried a designation for “female.” She set him straight. “I said, ‘No, I am not a female pilot. I am a pilot who happens to be female!’”

During her time flying, there were moments of tension and real danger. Ms. Donahue tells of being on alert as the Iran hostage crisis wound down. There were also close calls in the air – rare enough, but scary. Thanks

to her training, skill and experience, she was able to avoid catastrophe.

During her years in the service, Ms. Donahue recalled that she had no female role models, but instead was given the most significant boosts by some of her superior officers: men who recognized her talents, such as Colonel William Lynch, and others who spoke openly of her well-deserved promotion to lieutenant colonel and overall excellent reputation.

After decades of working 10-hour days on behalf of her country, today Ms. Donahue says she’s just as busy. She’s studying Italian, singing in a local chorale group and involved in various other projects. “I’m busier now than ever,” she said.

Asked about her career, Ms. Donahue is characteristically humble in her assessment. “Looking back, I probably would have been a doctor,” she said. “I think I would have been one of those doctors who helped people in underdeveloped countries.”

Then she adds, “But what a career I had.”

Indeed. History and her country are glad Mary Donahue chose to earn her wings, break barriers and take to the open sky.◆

*Some information for this story came from an interview with Ms. Donahue conducted by the National Museum of the United States Air Force. The audio is available on YouTube.*

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A LETTER FROM PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY dated the morning of his assassination, three Civil War-era rifles, a portion of Seamus Heaney's papers, original prints of Norman Rockwell's famous Four Freedoms series, and a large and growing collection highlighting women in American sports are just a few of the thousands of items to be found in Bridgewater State University's Archives and Special Collections.

# A Place of Their Own

*BSU's Archives and Special Collections is home to a wide – and surprising – array of items*

BY JOHN WINTERS, G'11

Housed on the third floor of the Maxwell Library and overseen by Dr. Orson Kingsley, the department's contents tell the story of the institution, but also touch on people and matters regional, national and even international.

As head of Archives and Special Collections, Dr. Kingsley wears many hats. Safeguarding the often-delicate items in his charge, procuring materials from donors and ensuring that researchers will want to make use of the vast collection are among his responsibilities. He also creates exhibitions to showcase the department's belongings.

"I'm trying to create a center here that would be enticing for people to come to for research, beyond our own students and faculty," he said. He points to the Women in Sports Collection as something that would likely draw future researchers to BSU.

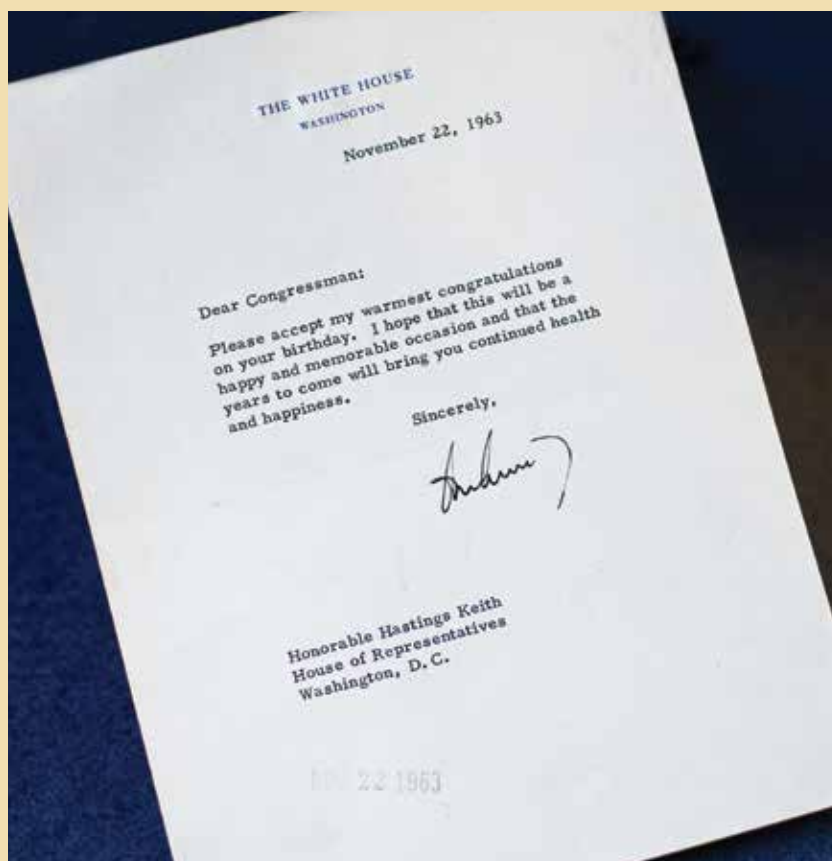
The first dedicated space for the campus archives was in a banker's vault in the basement of Tillinghast Hall, which was built in 1917. In 1971, a dedicated location for the archives was created in the newly built library, and S. Mabell Bates was named the archivist. The space was increased with the 2007 renovation of the library, and in

## JFK Letter

Date stamped November 22, 1963, this letter is possibly one of the last things signed by President John F. Kennedy. It was acquired by BSU in 2011, along with a collection of papers belonging to U.S. Representative Hastings Keith, donated by his daughters.

The letter is a simple happy birthday greeting to the Brockton-born Republican representative.

As such, it is not that valuable for research purposes, but "unique and collectible," Dr. Kingsley said. Two other JFK letters are also in the general collection.



## Seamus Heaney Nobel Prize Material

Some of the paperwork that accompanied the Irish poet, playwright and translator's Nobel Prize for Literature, signed by the laureate himself, is part of a growing collection of Irish literature. This material, one piece shown here held by Dr. Kingsley, was donated by Maureen Connolly, professor emerita of English.





## Civil War-Era Rifle with Bayonet

Because BSU does not have a museum, donated items like this 1863 rifle with bayonet are kept in Archives and Special Collections. This is one of three Civil War-era rifles owned by BSU. The other two date from 1864 and 1870 and do not have bayonets.

They are part of the Lincoln Collection, which grew out of the institution's relationship with the Lincoln Group of Boston. Three former professors, Thomas Turner, Jean Stonehouse and Jordan Fiore, were members and leaders in the organization. The group's archives are kept at BSU.



## Earliest Class Photographs, 1856-1858

Ambrotypes represent the second generation of photography, following on the heels of the daguerreotype. The earliest portraits of Bridgewater State students were captured in this format. The good news is that a handful of the students are identified; the bad news is that the limitation of ambrotypes means these images are one of kind with no duplication possible.



## Norman Rockwell Original Prints

It's hard to imagine work by Norman Rockwell more well-loved than his Four Freedoms series. The archives contains four of these original prints, though their provenance is unknown. Dr. Kingsley shared them with the public in a 2018 exhibition he arranged on campus, *The Art of Propaganda: Posters of World War I and II*.

July 2011, Dr. Kinglsey, a professionally trained archivist, was hired.

As the name of the department indicates, there are two parts to the enterprise. University Archives comprises the institution's history. This includes curriculum records, past catalogs, school photos, yearbooks, master's theses, student records and the like.

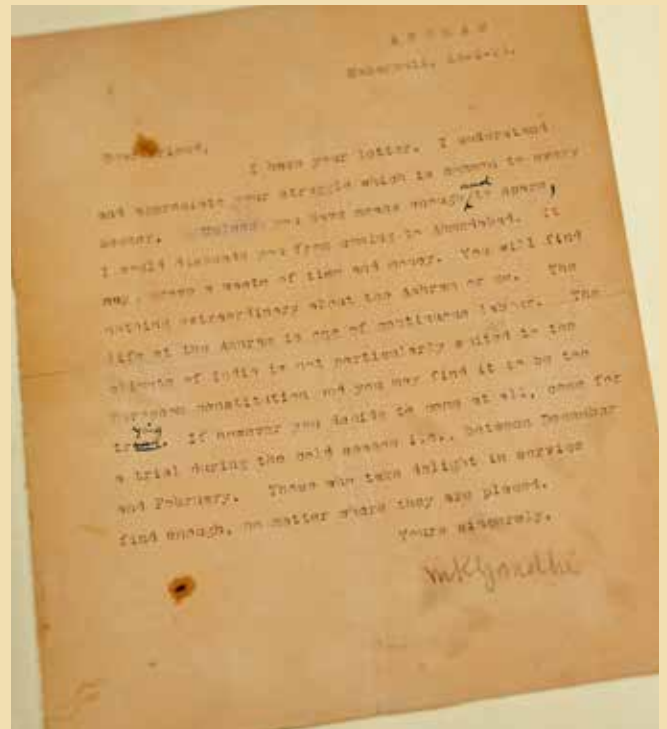
Special Collections takes a wider perspective, and includes hundreds of manuscript collections, including some papers and audio recordings from the poet Seamus Heaney (he visited campus in 1982 and 1990) and rare photos of fellow poet Robert Frost (he visited in 1959).

Also part of this collection are faculty research materials, as well as papers and items connected to local history, such as the papers of local author Louise Dickinson Rich, which draw the occasional researcher. Ms. Rich was well known in her day and earned degrees from Bridgewater State in 1923 and 1931.

Donors, including many alumni, provide the lifeblood of Archives and Special Collections. Some have a connection to the university or the area and want their donations to have a safe, permanent home. "People want their items to be where they will be taken care of and where people will see them and be able to make use of them," Dr. Kingsley said.

It is up to him to create systems to make the vast amount of material easy to find for visiting researchers. And, as a curator of the materials, he can give shape to the collections. "Recently, I've been trying to diversify our types of collections, with a focus on the university's social justice theme," he said. He is also working to digitize parts of the collection to make them even more widely available, a time-consuming and ongoing process.

Some of the department's most intriguing items are featured on these pages. And, in future issues of *Bridgewater*, look for a regular column featuring items from the University Archives. ♦



## Gandhi Letter

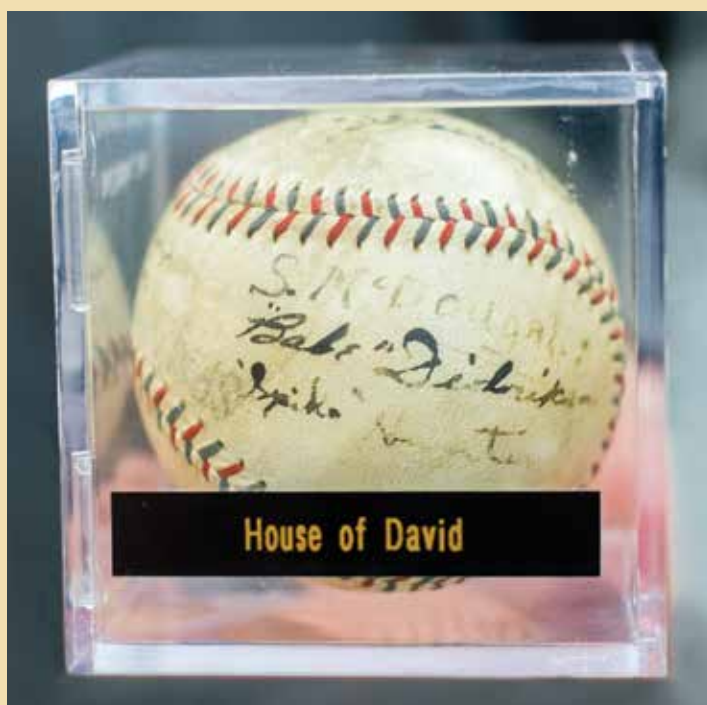
Donated in 2010, this signed letter from Mahatma Gandhi was donated by Abraham Thomas, professor emeritus of sociology and anthropology from 1967-2003. "It's one of the items that people like to see," Dr. Kingsley said.



## Tillinghast Cookbook

Dating from 1768, this handwritten cookbook belonged to the family of Nicholas Tillinghast, the institution's first principal, who served from 1840-1853. It was purchased from a Rhode Island antiques dealer in 2015.





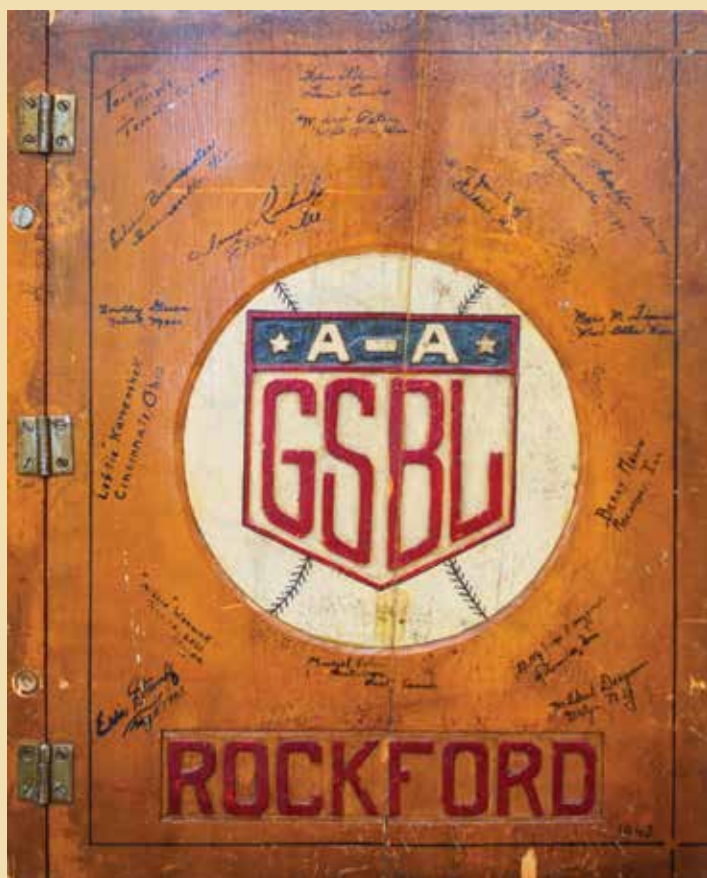
## Women in Sports Collection

Donors Linda Lundin and Kathleen Bertrand, '70, have made numerous donations to the archives, forming the basis of what is fast becoming a must-see for researchers tracing the history of sports and/or baseball in the United States.

One of the highlights – among many – is a baseball signed by Mildred Ella Didrikson Zaharias, better known as “Babe,” and generally hailed as one of the greatest athletes of all time. Name a sport, and she dominated it, winning two gold medals in the 1932 summer Olympics and later winning 10 major Ladies Professional Golf Association championships. She also played baseball, and in March 1932 during a barnstorming tour, pitched against the Red Sox. The archives is proud to possess a baseball signed by Ms. Didrikson and some of her teammates.

Other items in the Women in Sports Collection include a scrapbook that once belonged to Mary Pratt, who played for the Rockford Peaches, a women’s professional baseball team that played from 1943-1954 in the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League. The team was the centerpiece of the 1992 film, *A League of Their Own*. The scrapbook is notable for its beautifully carved cover, and it contains original photos and newsclips about the team.

Also in the collection is a 1940’s baseball uniform worn by Madeline “Maddy” English, who played for the Racine (Wisconsin) Belles from 1943-1950 and was, at 18 years old, one of the youngest among the founding members of the All-American Girls Baseball League. In a single game in 1947, she stole seven bases. The uniform was donated to the University Archives by her niece, Madeline Mitchell.







# Teachers' Aid

Helping tomorrow's educators  
navigate a post-pandemic world

BY JOHN WINTERS, G'11

LAURA JOYCE, '23, HAS BEEN CHASING her bachelor's degree for 13 years. During that time, she's worked as a paraprofessional. However, her dream of becoming a full-time public-school teacher has been on hold. Raising a family, a busy work schedule and high costs have kept the Plymouth resident from completing her degree.

That all changed when Laura learned about a grant program through the state and Bridgewater State University that provides up to \$6,000 a year in tuition funds to help paraprofessionals (also known as teacher's aides) working in special education to get that first degree. She expects that within a year she'll be completing her bachelor's degree and soon have a classroom of her own. "Without this opportunity, I don't think I could do it," said Laura, who works as a paraprofessional at the Cedar School in Hanover. "It's made such a huge difference."

The Paraprofessional Teacher Preparation Grant Program is not new, but with the many complications wrought by the COVID-19 pandemic, it is getting a renewed focus. "It's a way for people who don't think they can afford college to do so," said Dr. Jon Cash, associate professor and chairperson of special education.

The grants are a great way for paraprofessionals to become certified as full-time teachers. It also helps fill a number of openings regionwide in fields such as special education. Designed for working professionals, the degree can be completed online or during the evening, for maximum flexibility.

The pandemic exacerbated existing workforce shortages, not the least in education. In Massachusetts classrooms, as elsewhere, a lot of folks were forced to fill growing



**Laura Joyce, '23, a paraprofessional at the Cedar School in Hanover, expects to earn her bachelor's degree within a year, after pursuing it for 13 years, thanks to BSU's Paraprofessional Teacher Preparation Grant Program.**

**"Without this opportunity, I don't think I could do it," she said.**









Dr. Jackie Boivin

and unexpected needs due to staff shortages and other exigencies.

"A lot of paraprofessionals have said to me, 'You know, I found myself stepping into the teaching role during COVID, I had to take on these extra duties, but there was no extra pay or benefits because I didn't have the degree or licensure,'" recalled Robyn Ryan, associate director in the College of Continuing Studies. "I tell them that BSU and the state can help with an additional \$6,000 a year."

She and her colleagues have renewed their efforts to spread the word about the program, especially with the many opportunities state- and nationwide for those with special education teaching credentials and experience.

"I spoke to a student yesterday," said Dr. Sheena Manuel, assistant professor of special education and former paraprofessional. "She wanted to get a degree and was a paraprofessional, however, she didn't know how to take that next step. I told her about this program, and, like many students, she felt it was too good to be true."

Applications for the Paraprofessional Teacher Preparation Grant Program are open until August 1. For information, log on to [www.bridgew.edu/ccs/cs-para](http://www.bridgew.edu/ccs/cs-para).

## Healing Lessons

These days when Dr. Jackie Boivin, assistant professor of elementary and early childhood education, is teaching tomorrow's educators, she bears in mind that the job has changed. "We teach our students how to be responsive to what today's kids are feeling," she said.

The reason such an approach is needed? The pandemic and its fallout.

"It's definitely something we are coping with now, and for our students who are working in classrooms, we talk a lot in class about what they are noticing on an emotional front," Dr. Boivin said.

Large-scale events through history have always impacted the developmental trajectories of children, and COVID-19 is yet another, particularly since it closed and disrupted

schools around the world. A study that looked at school readiness losses during the pandemic, conducted in Uruguay and published in February, showed harmful impacts on children's cognitive and motor skills.

On the mental health front, meanwhile, a study in *Child Psychiatry & Human Development* looked at the findings of five studies on children, as well as 16 others on college students, and found "that both groups reported feeling more anxious, depressed, fatigued and distressed than prior to the pandemic."

Much of what today's elementary school teachers are seeing in their classrooms can be attributed to what Dr. Boivin calls the "pandemic lag." But there's also an emotional side to the effects.

In her Arts Methods course, Dr. Boivin discusses how teachers can use art to process trauma and express emotions. "We've been trying to focus more on student anxiety," she said. "When students are behind, their anxiety just increases. We've been doing a lot about how to support students dealing with this."

In her Math Methods course, the topic is often the increased rates of students suffering from poor social-emotional well-being. Creating safe learning environments, decreasing the old problem of math anxiety and learning

how to reverse any negative preconceptions about math are keys that make learning more accessible. "With an anxious world around them, math shouldn't be another contributor to that anxiety," she said.

Even seemingly simple things like social cues may have lapsed over the past two years. "The youngsters may not know all of the ways to interact with one another," she said. "Eye contact, friendly interactions with authority figures, like a teacher, all need renewed focus."

Learning how to make the most of teaching remotely, should the need return, is also on the syllabus in Dr. Boivin's classes and those of her colleagues.

Outside the classroom, BSU education majors are working in area school districts and learning from veteran educators about ways to persevere through the hardships presented by unforeseen events, such as the pandemic.

Many lessons have been learned as COVID enters what is hopefully its final stages here in the United States. Perhaps the main lesson is to be mindful of its many impacts on the youngest of learners, Dr. Boivin said. "We're teaching them to have a level of flexibility because their students may not have internalized that material or not even attended their remote classes," she said. "We teach them to find a balance." ♦



Dr. Sheena Manuel (left) and Robyn Ryan

# ALUMNI UPDATE

## CLASS NOTES

**STAY CONNECTED.** Send your news to the Office of Alumni Relations via email to [alumni@bridgew.edu](mailto:alumni@bridgew.edu) or mail to Jones Alumni House, 26 Summer St., Bridgewater State University, Bridgewater, MA 02325.

The class notes editor reserves the right to edit submissions for clarity and brevity. Submitted photos must be either high-resolution digital images or original prints from film. Photos generated on home printers are not of publication quality.

### 1965

**Elayne Scott Neal** published her second book, *Kabir-Like Chastisements: To Get on The Return Path Material to Spiritual*, under pen name E. N. Light. The book can be found on [www.amazon.com/author/enlight](http://www.amazon.com/author/enlight).

### 1966

**Norlinda A. Conroe** published her first adult novel, *Clearly Hidden*, a mystery novel set in Falmouth. A sequel is in the works.

### 1969

**Kathleen M. Teahan** published a new book, *For the People Against the Tide: A Democratic Woman's Ten Years in the Massachusetts Legislature*. She hopes it will educate readers about the potential power legislators have to help people in countless ways, motivate them to pay attention to government, and use the power of their voices and votes to help heal our democracy.

### 1970

**Richard A. Gonsalves** has a collection of seven signed Super Bowl helmets, which

he displayed in Gloucester for the 2022 Super Bowl. CBS Boston filmed the collection and interviewed him for the nightly news. Local newspapers also ran stories about the helmets, inspiring many people to come view them.

### 1980

**Robert Cote** released his first novel, *Tenure Track: A Griff Thayer Mystery*, which he describes as something for fans of old-style detective noir mysteries, but in a contemporary context.

**Brian Sullivan** was named the Southern California market director of BenefitMall.

### 1981

**Mary E. Yakimowski, PhD**, is director of educational studies at Samford University in Homewood, Alabama. She was elected to a leadership position in the American Educational Research Association's (AERA) Special Interest Group on Classroom Assessment. AERA is an organization of about 25,000 educational researchers.

### 1982

**Timothy P. Millerick, '82, G'86**, is executive director of the Texoma Behavioral Health Leadership Team.

**Michael E. Nickley** joined the BayCoast Mortgage Company, LLC, as first vice president, senior loan officer.

### 1983

**Steve Kyajohnian** retired from the Lunenburg school system in 2017 after teaching physical education for 30 years. In September 2021, he was inducted into the Massachusetts State Track Coaches Association Hall of Fame. In 1983, he began coaching both winter and spring girls track at the high school level, a role he continues to fill.

**Kevin Tavares** is the principal of Old Hammondtown School in Mattapoisett.

### 1985

**Michael Mello** received the 2021 M. M. Frocht Award in recognition of his outstanding achievements as an educator in the field of experimental mechanics. He is teaching

professor of mechanical and civil engineering in the California Institute of Technology's Division of Geological and Planetary Sciences.

### 1988

**James Vaughan** launched the production and postproduction collective The Cabinet in San Francisco.

### 1990

**Steve Goodyear** was promoted from senior vice president of sales and marketing to president of Summit Hill Foods, Inc., in November 2021.

### 1996

**Troy C. Hopkins, G'96**, is superintendent for the North Stonington, Connecticut, public schools.

### 1997

**Philip Warren, Jr.**, is the city manager for Berlin, New Hampshire.

### 2001

**Shannon A. Poulos** is chief financial officer at Bain Capital Global Private Equity.

## ALUMNI SERVICES

For more information about the services below, visit [www.bridgew.edu/alumni](http://www.bridgew.edu/alumni)

### WEBSITE

Visit the BSU alumni website, [www.bridgew.edu/alumni](http://www.bridgew.edu/alumni), to learn more about events, services and the activities of alumni affinity groups.

### FACEBOOK

Follow us on Facebook (@BSUAlum) or search "Bridgewater State Alumni."

### LINKEDIN

The "Official Bridgewater State University Alumni" group on LinkedIn is more than 4,000 strong. Request to join the group today.

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# ALUMNI PROFILE

## JOSEPH ST. LAURENT, '88

distinguished and mature full-service cGMP (Current Good Manufacturing Practice) pharmaceutical development contract facility conducting business on a global scale. Mr. St. Laurent is also a cofounder of Eleblend LLC, and serves as co-chief and scientific officer for Olatec Industries LLC.

Though, professionally, he wears many hats, his work chiefly involves managing Chemic's technical affairs and business development under his official title, head of industry relations and regulatory expert. Many responsibilities fall under this umbrella, including overseeing the development of small-molecule drugs in his company's many laboratories around the world. "My day-to-day work is really building and managing a company, and the education I got from BSU was very important to that," Mr. St. Laurent said.

For most of the past decade, he has been a member of the university's Foundation. Fellow Bridgewater State benefactor Louis Ricciardi, '81, initially got him involved. Mr. St. Laurent said he enjoys giving back to an institution that has given him so much. He is quick to cite his mentor from 35 years ago, the late chemistry Professor Wilmon B. "Chip" Chipman, as an important influence in his life and career.

"One of the things that always impressed me back when I was in school – and I see this today, and it's why I stay involved with the university – is it's a very student-centric school," he said.

Bridgewater State, Mr. St. Laurent added, was where he met his future wife, Linda, '88, as well as his business partners. It's also where he was given the strong foundation that has helped drive his career success.

Again, he said Bridgewater was to him as much a family as an institution. "You don't see that everywhere," he said. "I truly believe without Bridgewater my life would not be what it was today. It's been at the core of a lot of what we've done and the success we've seen." ♦

JOSEPH ST. LAURENT is a regular visitor to Bridgewater State University, not only because he's a benefactor of the university and chairman of its Foundation, but also because the Lakeville resident enjoys seeing today's students forging their own success stories, just as he once did.

"I look at some of today's students and realize they have their whole lives ahead of them," Mr. St. Laurent said. "I'm glad if we're able to be a little part of that. If we can give even one student a hand, that makes it all worthwhile."

He began his career working as a researcher after earning a degree in biology and chemistry. It was 23 years ago, when seeking bigger challenges, that Mr. St. Laurent connected with Scott Goodrich, '89, and Brian McLaughlin, who had also attended Bridgewater State, to found Chemic Laboratories, which today is regarded as a

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### 2004

**John D. Pine** is assistant vice chancellor for alumni engagement at UC Santa Cruz.

### 2005

**Christopher Pereira** earned a Master of Business Administration degree from UMass Amherst in fall 2021. He was also elected president of the Dartmouth Youth Football League, a youth Pop Warner football/cheer league for children ages 5-14.

**AmyLee Westervelt's** children's novel, *The Colors Inside of Me*, was published in August 2021. Featuring a powerful message about inner beauty and self-acceptance, the book is available via Amazon, Barnes & Noble,

Books-A-Million, Target, and soon in local children's boutiques and bookstores.

### 2006

**Ashlee L. Kirkwood** was promoted to senior research biologist at Smithers Environmental Research Sciences Division in fall 2021.

### 2007

**Massiel Abramson** launched Massiel Abramson, LMFT, Therapy & Consulting in June 2020. It provides clinical treatment, mental health and professional coaching, mostly online. Ms. Abramson also offers consulting to companies and organizations, focusing on mental health, trauma, race and equity.

### 2011

**Barry Sanders, G'11**, was sworn in for his third term as a Taunton city councilor. He is chair of the Committee on Ordinances & Enrolled Bills and the Committee on Youth & Recreation. Mr. Sanders is a clinical social worker at the Department of Mental Health in Brockton and an adjunct faculty member in BSU's School of Social Work.

### 2013

**Kristen E. Helm** received the Southeast Texas 40 under 40 Award, which honors recipients for their academic achievements, professional success and community involvement.

### Gerald J. Pouliot, G'13,

director of Children's Services at Latham Centers, was selected to join the Massachusetts Association of Approved Special Education Schools Board of Directors. He began his career as a special education teacher in public school systems before joining Latham Centers in 2010 as lead teacher in the school's Nauset classroom.

### 2015

**Molly E. Rouillard** participated in the 2020 U.S. Olympic marathon trials and the 2021 Boston Marathon.

### 2016

**Shannon N. Beloin** is the newest police officer for the Town of Hopkinton.

## CAREER SERVICES

Help lead Bridgewater State University students to success

### ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

#### HANDSHAKE

Handshake is BSU's recruiting database connecting students and alumni to employers across the country looking to fill jobs and internships. Alumni are welcome to create an account to access position postings, networking opportunities and career event information. Make sure your company posts on Handshake as well.

#### CAREER FAIRS

Career Services hosts several virtual and in-person career fairs each year that alumni are welcome to attend to search for positions or to register as an employer looking to hire BSU students.

##### Fall Internship and Job Fair

Thursday, September 22, 1-3 PM

Rondileau Student Union Ballroom

##### STEM and Health Sciences Career Expo

Wednesday, October 19, 2-4 PM

DMF Science and Mathematics Center Atrium

#### COLLABORATIVE UNIVERSITY BUSINESS EXPERIENCES (CUBEs)

The CUBEs program connects organizations with students taking courses across the university's academic majors solving problems through in-class project work. We welcome opportunities to collaborate with alumni/employers, such as guest speakers in the classroom, facility tours, networking events and more. Visit [www.bridgew.edu/academics/cubes](http://www.bridgew.edu/academics/cubes) for more information.

#### BSU STUDENT AND ALUMNI NETWORKING GROUP

Join the Bridgewater State University 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.

#### CAMPUS ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT

Many opportunities are available for alumni to engage with BSU students throughout the academic year. Career Services coordinates several programs, including career panels, information sessions, networking events and career fairs where alumni get the chance to represent their employers and interact with students.

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## NOTA BENE

### MARRIAGES

The university celebrates the weddings of the following alumni:

**Lauren A. Gottwald, '13, to Conor M. Lally, '19, on November 27, 2021**

### IN MEMORIAM

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

Alma Boisselle Comeau, '42, on September 21, 2021  
Evelyn Johnson Parziale, '42, on April 17, 2021  
Ruth Burke, '44, on February 19, 2021  
Sarah Franco Fraser, '44, on January 6, 2022  
Arlene Chatterton Glander, '46, on December 22, 2021  
Helen Sanford McGarry, '46, on December 20, 2021  
Priscilla Drake, '47, on April 4, 2021  
Virginia C. Olson, '47, on November 26, 2021  
Margaret M. Raymond, '47, on February 13, 2022  
Martha Noble, '48, on August 30, 2020  
Imogene Brightman, '49, on September 14, 2020  
Harrold Shipps, '49, on August 2, 2021  
Mary E. Carey, '50, on December 27, 2020  
Marie Connell Keeney, '50, on August 25, 2021  
June Vawter, '50, on March 30, 2019  
Margaret Dadian Donoian, '51, on January 19, 2021  
Kathryn McKinnon McElroy, '51, on December 26, 2021  
Rose Fontinha Wedge, '51, on March 23, 2020  
H. Eugene Weiss, '51, on January 18, 2021  
Walter Campbell, '52, on September 14, 2021  
Grace Madeiros Cobb, '52, on March 7, 2019  
Maria K. Dounelis-Bradley, '52, on May 2, 2021  
Ruth Martowska, '52, on October 21, 2020  
Carol Jones Topham, '52, on December 15, 2021  
Pasqua Iacovo Allaire, '54, on October 6, 2021  
Martha Ball, '54, on July 26, 2021  
Dr. Robert G. Connolly, G'54, in October of 2021  
William F. Hughes, '54, on February 7, 2022  
Edward Keller, '54, on July 13, 2021  
Walter F. Malone, '54, G'59, on September 19, 2021  
Phyllis Geegan Mazzoleni, '54, on January 3, 2022  
Guido Risi, '54, on April 19, 2021  
Howard Tipping, '54, on January 1, 2022  
Barbara Tripp Bates, '55, on May 27, 2020  
Betty Harrison Green, '55, on September 16, 2021  
Patricia Sanford, '55, on December 6, 2020  
Margaret Connolly Smith, '55, on January 27, 2022  
Ursula Looney Tafe, '55, on December 5, 2021  
Nancy Cooper Wentzell, '55, on February 28, 2022  
Charles R. Haller, '56, on December 24, 2021  
Helen Brown Harley, '56, on December 28, 2021  
Alice Murphy O'Neill, '56, in October 2021

Eleanor Olson, '56, G'72, on July 3, 2020  
Marian L. Sackett, G'56, on September 9, 2021  
Alden Taylor, G'56, on November 11, 2020  
Mary Walsh, '56, G'63, on April 22, 2021  
Virginia Cahoon, '57, on June 2, 2021  
William J. Costa, '57, on August 25, 2021  
Rita Mahoney, '57, on September 21, 2020  
Robert S. Murray, G'57, on January 19, 2022  
Beverly Tunstall Shavinsky, '57, on November 7, 2021  
Helen Robinson Vincent, '57, on January 8, 2022  
Avery Lee Williams, '57, on September 23, 2021  
Shirley Conrad, '58, on August 14, 2021  
Theresa Dickie, '58, on February 21, 2022  
William Hays, G'58, on December 27, 2021  
Patricia Smith, G'58, on June 3, 2021  
Gerald Wentzell, '58, on June 12, 2020  
Barbara Maynard Wilson, '58, on March 25, 2020  
Peter Coville, '59, G'65, on July 19, 2021  
Raymond J. Fell, G'59, on February 5, 2022  
Bernard L. Gilmetti, '59, G'63, on October 25, 2021  
Leon A. Long, '59, on April 27, 2020  
Janet McConville, '59, on June 23, 2020  
Dr. Herbert R. Waters, G'59, on August 4, 2021  
Joseph Barbero Jr., G'60, on November 29, 2021  
Olga Tavares, G'60, on May 29, 2021  
Nancy J. Vecchione, '60, on January 19, 2022  
Robert F. Champlin, '61, on August 31, 2021  
Robert S. Dorsey, '61, on October 5, 2021  
Priscilla Young Fiore, '61, on November 10, 2021  
Charles F. Foley, '61, on August 19, 2021  
Hantford L. Graham, G'61, on February 18, 2022  
Paul G. Nadeau, '61, on March 1, 2022  
Barbara Mattinson Nagle, '61, on November 21, 2021  
Dorothy White, '61, on July 9, 2021  
Arlene Davis, '62, on October 28, 2020  
Ruth Cody Demers, '62, on November 27, 2021  
Ruth Goold, G'62, on March 28, 2021  
David J. Kelly, '62, on January 24, 2022  
Beverly Mahoney, '62, on December 26, 2020  
Margaret Rybicki, G'62, on July 9, 2020  
Constance Walker, '62, on May 9, 2021  
Patricia Baker, '63, G'67, on December 30, 2021



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Marjorie Goodell, '63, on August 11, 2020  
Martha McDonald Johnson, '63, on March 11, 2021  
John R. Kessinger, G'63, on January 19, 2022  
Joan St. Godard Proulx, G'63, on December 20, 2021  
Denise Quill St. Pierre, '63, G'68, on February 13, 2022  
Dr. Daniel Cabral, '64, on May 6, 2020  
Patrick R. DeMarco, '64, on August 29, 2021  
Donald E. Hilliard, G'64, on October 29, 2021  
Ann Fitzpatrick MacIntyre, '64, G'89, on January 20, 2021  
Helen McElwee, '64, G'70, on February 26, 2021  
John P. Abdallah, G'65, on January 29, 2022  
Curtiss L. Dawden, G'65, on March 2, 2021  
Barbara P. Doyle, G'65, on January 26, 2022  
Thomas E. Fox, G'65, on February 18, 2022  
William Ippolito, '65, on August 22, 2020  
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Judith Moncevicz, '65, on March 5, 2021  
Brenda Aymie Weichman, '65, on August 28, 2021  
John J. Ledo, G'66, on September 20, 2021  
Janet Brigham Small, G'66, on December 20, 2021  
Marguerite Trapp, '66, on February 11, 2022  
Jean MacDonald Baranowski, '67, on September 23, 2021  
John Gustafson, G'67, on December 27, 2020  
Charles E. Hurd, G'67, on February 13, 2022  
Nancy Howes Pierce, '67, on January 14, 2022  
Nancy Draper Redmond, G'67, on January 9, 2022  
Sidney Russell, '67, on May 29, 2020  
Larry D. Thompson, '67, G'71, on January 3, 2022  
Maureen McElman Beaulieu, '68, on December 30, 2020  
Linda Clark Dyer, '68, on March 20, 2022  
Evelyn L. Gulzinski, G'68, on October 31, 2021  
Janine Maxwell Rhoades, '68, on December 17, 2021  
Mary R. DeMoranville, '69, on September 14, 2021  
James E. Fair, Jr., '69, on November 5, 2021  
Leta L. Fulginiti, '69, on November 17, 2021  
Francis Rapisardi, '69, on January 1, 2022  
Peter Wing, '69, on May 14, 2020  
Judith Zajac, '69, on February 18, 2022  
Mary E. Burns, G'70, on February 2, 2022  
Constance Merritt Larkin, '70, on October 23, 2021  
Camilla Richman, '70, on November 1, 2020  
Susan M. Rogers, '70, on December 20, 2020  
Kathleen Moriarty Shahvari, '70, on July 17, 2021  
Louis G. Silva, G'70, on October 28, 2021  
Edward W. Van Cor, '70, on December 29, 2020  
Paul Guiney, '71, G'83, on November 26, 2020  
Jacqueline Sgroi Harrington, '71, on December 16, 2021  
Margaret Crowley Hussey, '71, on January 26, 2022  
Eugene S. Marrow, G'71, on March 1, 2022

Judith McDuff McMahon, G'71, on December 13, 2019  
James W. Stetson, '71, on February 6, 2022  
Dianne M. Wells, G'71, on February 1, 2022  
Martha J. Cushing, '72, on March 6, 2022  
Harvey Reed, '72, on March 23, 2021  
Dennis W. Bicknell, '73, G'77, on December 5, 2021  
Florence Hennessey, G'73, on July 20, 2021  
George F. Pelati, '73, G'79, on January 14, 2020  
Marilyn F. Sullivan, '73, in December 2021  
Linda Zuern, '73, on July 16, 2021  
Shirley Akerblom, '74, on January 30, 2021  
June Arns Clavette, '74, on September 19, 2020  
James L. Coyne, '74, on October 23, 2021  
Barry L. Parenteau, '74, on January 5, 2022  
Arleen Pimenta, '74, on March 31, 2021  
Christopher Ralto, '74, on September 29, 2021  
Sandra Gullicksen Roby, '74, on March 1, 2019  
Richard F. Sullivan Jr., G'74, on September 27, 2021  
Howard Weatherlow, G'74, on January 7, 2021  
Aida M. Botelho, '75, on November 6, 2020  
Candace Brehm, '75, on March 16, 2021  
John H. Caulfield, '75, on November 22, 2021  
Robert J. Condon Jr., G'75, on September 25, 2021  
James L. Daley, '75, on October 25, 2021  
Donald Hussey, G'75, on August 27, 2019  
Rudolph J. Kut Jr., G'75, on January 22, 2022  
Kathleen Moore Perry, G'75, on January 26, 2022  
Rhoda Robinson, G'75, on April 6, 2021  
Diane Cole Watson, G'75, on January 22, 2021  
Virginia Yafrate, G'75, on December 27, 2019  
Mary Ann Kotros, G'76, on June 9, 2021  
Edwin Livingstone, '76, on April 23, 2020  
Douglas MacFarland, '76, on February 7, 2021  
Constance Marinelli, G'76, on May 6, 2020  
Marie A. Shea, G'76, on July 27, 2020  
Barbara Callahan, '77, on January 8, 2021  
Madeleine Cotugno, G'77, on April 24, 2021  
Sharon Carruthers Fowler, '77, on October 5, 2021  
Patrice J. Morency, '77, on March 1, 2021  
Annette Zimmer Roberts, '77, on October 29, 2021  
Jayne E. Bouldry-Whitin, '78, on November 21, 2021  
Jeffrey Brady, '78, on November 10, 2021  
Frank Coutinho, '78, on December 23, 2021  
Helen Lessard Dunlavey, '78, on May 16, 2021  
Lance E. Howlett, '78, G'90, on November 7, 2021  
William J. Rowan, G'78, on December 6, 2021  
Maureen Cummings, '79, on April 19, 2021  
Stephen Ohrenberger, G'79, on June 1, 2021

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Florence L. Sexton, '79, on July 17, 2021  
Aurelia Merrill Worton, '79, on October 22, 2021  
Caral Carlson, '80, on December 9, 2021  
Barbara A. Ferioli, '80, on September 18, 2021  
Rita Austin, '81, on December 15, 2020  
Evelyn Martins Bumpus, '81, on October 31, 2021  
Tracy Smith Downing, '81, on November 24, 2021  
Margaret Driscoll, '81, on August 28, 2021  
Janet Horkey, '81, on March 1, 2021  
Henry J. Lamb Jr., G'81, on February 1, 2022  
Agnes Pierce, G'81, on October 25, 2021  
Joan St. Andre, '81, on September 5, 2021  
Gail Williamson, '81, on February 14, 2022  
Sara B. Carroll, '82, on October 30, 2021  
Richard LeBlanc, '82, on May 8, 2020  
Terri Rakauskas Baker, '82, G'87, on December 24, 2020  
Denise Lyonnais, G'83, on September 8, 2021  
Walter F. Reddington Jr., '83, on January 29, 2021  
Rosa Santos, '83, on February 5, 2020  
Andrew Ursch, '83, on September 21, 2021  
Patricia L. Coyne, G'84, on August 26, 2020  
Mary Kulig, '84, on September 4, 2020  
Marva Cuffee, '85, on September 21, 2020  
Jeffrey Greene, '85, on November 27, 2021  
Roger Masson, G'85, on November 27, 2021  
Ralph E. Sinclair, '85, on September 8, 2021  
Robert Plouffe, '86, on December 17, 2021  
Rosemary Smith Golden, G'87, on February 12, 2022  
Mark P. Hayes, '87, on April 17, 2021  
Robert Newton, '88, on March 25, 2020  
Ronald V. Romanowicz, '88, on August 27, 2020  
Keith E. Wilcox, '88, on November 20, 2021  
Carol A. Courage, '90, on March 6, 2021  
Steven DeGiso, '90, on January 4, 2022  
Mark J. Miller, '90, on October 8, 2021  
Marie Connelly, '91, on October 18, 2020  
Joan Keiran, '91, on March 8, 2020

Amber Mello, '91, on March 16, 2020  
Elaine Cravenho, G'65, on September 4, 2021  
Tina Caravaggio Baker, '93, on November 10, 2021  
Marcia Christie, G'93, on July 13, 2020  
Dorothy S. Everett, '93, on January 17, 2022  
Jonathan M. Kidder, '93, on November 30, 2021  
Maureen F. Martinez, G'93, on June 1, 2020  
Terrence Rooney, '93, on January 17, 2022  
Jeffrey M. Sinatra, '93, on November 5, 2021  
Sean M. Ahern, '94, on December 13, 2021  
Laura DiCenso, '95, on December 29, 2021  
Raymond Gousie, G'95, on June 21, 2021  
Mary Rebello, G'95, on January 17, 2022  
Jeanne Downey, '96, on January 23, 2021  
Dennis Wright, '96, on February 27, 2020  
Cindie Champagne, '97, on May 24, 2021  
Charles A. Naujunas, '97, on September 24, 2020  
Timothy Wakelin, '99, on June 27, 2021  
Thaddeus Donovan, '00, on December 31, 2020  
Evelyn Zion Albert, '01, on November 13, 2020  
Donna Davey, '01, on June 3, 2020  
Barbara Gelevn, '01, on January 10, 2021  
Marsha Mitcheson, G'02, on September 3, 2021  
Kathleen Stapleton Dube, '03, on April 23, 2021  
Krista Wolforth, '03, on June 16, 2021  
Christine Powers Carr, '05, on October 3, 2021  
Eleanor F. Lyons, '07, on January 3, 2022  
Virginia Bunn, '08, on November 24, 2020  
Susan M. Larcom, G'08, on October 18, 2021  
Holly E. MacPherson, '08, on October 11, 2021  
James Hunt, '10, on January 23, 2020  
Michael Sousa, '12, on June 9, 2019  
Tyler J. Becker, '13, on October 1, 2021  
Ingrid Gay, G'15, on February 18, 2022  
Joshua Lindquist, '18, on September 11, 2019  
Jennifer Currier, '19, on January 24, 2022  
Faith Macia, G'21, on January 6, 2022

### BSU pays its respects to the following members of the campus community who recently passed away:

Dr. Leslie Angell, professor emerita, Department of English, on September 28, 2021  
Judith Deckers, professor emerita, Department of Education, on March 4, 2021  
Dr. Robert E. Fitzgibbons, professor emeritus, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, on January 6, 2022  
Dr. Genevieve A. Fitzpatrick, CDR USN (Retired), professor emerita, Department of Health Sciences, on November 18, 2021  
David Hermitage, chef, Sodexo Food Service, on February 15, 2022  
Dr. Peter Karavides, professor emeritus, Department of History, on June 16, 2020  
Joseph M. Martin, '70, G'87, part-time faculty, Department of Mathematics, on December 6, 2021  
Dr. Laura McAlinden, chairperson, Department of Philosophy  
Timothy E. Mitchell, '73, G'00, instructor, Department of Mathematics, on December 4, 2021  
Marjorie A. Rugen, professor emerita, Department of Physical Education, on February 17, 2022  
Frank R. Yeatman, part-time faculty, Department of Psychology, on March 8, 2022

# PARTING SHOT




Shish Ambrose, '22, a physical education major, helps a young boy improve his motor skills in the Moriarty Pool in Kelly Gymnasium. The youngster is taking part in a Saturday session run by the Children's Physical Development Clinic (CPDC), one of eight sessions held each semester.

Founded in 1974, the CPDC works with children and youth with disabilities, ages 18 months to 18 years, with a goal of improving the total development of children with disabilities by enhancing vital physical, motor and aquatic skills and patterns, as well as strengthening emotional-social aspects of their personalities through successful involvement in play, recreation and sport activities.

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