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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Melaniia Metel, '24, has come a long way from war-torn Ukraine to Bridgewater State University, but it's a journey she's glad she made.

The 19-year-old was raised in the industrial city of Kamyanske and was studying at the University of Kyiv when Russia invaded her homeland. She was one of the lucky ones, not only finding her way to safety but also ultimately landing in a place where she could continue to focus on her education.

Today, Melaniia is a full-fledged BSU student, majoring in philosophy with a minor in global religious studies. We asked her to share aspects of her story with us.

What was your life like before the war?

I was living like a regular student. I had my friends, my school, parties and just living like any young person.

Where were you when Russia attacked?

A couple of months before, I met a new friend from western Ukraine, and I just decided to go visit her on February 23. I took the train that night, and in the morning my phone just suddenly started exploding with messages. Everything was in a fog and difficult to understand, and I didn't know what to do. I was still on the train. My friend met me, and it was safer on her side of Ukraine, so I spent the day there. I couldn't go home. It was so scary. I just called my dad and said I'm not coming back, what should I do?

Indeed, what did you do?

We were close to the Polish border, and I have relatives there. I found a car, and we endured maybe 15 hours of traffic, as everyone was trying to escape Ukraine. The driver of the car was a man, and they wouldn't let him through, so we had to get out of the car and walk over the border with tens of thousands of others, mostly women and children. Everyone was pushing and yelling. I spent the whole day there, from sunrise to midnight, just standing in line trying to get across the border.

What led you to BSU?

Waiting to cross, I heard someone speaking English. And since I didn't have anything to do but wait, I thought, let me speak to this man and practice my English. He was from America, and I had always wanted to travel there. His name was Martin Caruso. He'd been there nearly 24 hours, and I felt like I had to encourage him and give him faith in himself. We were helping some kids and trying to cheer them up; they were scared and crying, of course.

You then lost touch, but reconnected, right?

Yes, when we started talking again, he said he wouldn't have made it without me. 'You helped me,' he said, 'I would love to help you. You can come to my place; we have a spare room.' He is a graduate student here and a middle school teacher. Now I'm a student, and I have one more family here. My student life is back. Of course, it's completely different in some ways. I still have a lot of great friends, and I'm glad I can keep studying.

Interview by John Winters, G'11

If you wish to help other students like Melaniia Metel, '24, please consider donating to BSU's Student Emergency Fund at <https://alumni.bridgew.edu/studentemergency>.



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Tamara Dzialo, '02, founder of Project PACK, a nonprofit organization that provides Post-Assault Comfort Kits to survivors of sexual assault throughout Massachusetts, is surrounded by some of the many donations she regularly receives for the kits.

photo by Karen Callan



PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

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

Recently, my wife Carrie and I heard a song that truly captured the optimism that can be felt each year around this time as BSU graduates go out into the world in pursuit of their dreams. The song was "What a Wonderful World," but the version we heard was not the popular 1967 recording by Louis Armstrong. It was, in fact, the early 1990s version by the late Hawaiian singer Israel Ka'ano'i Kamakawiwo'ole, who combined it in a medley with the old chestnut, "Somewhere Over the Rainbow." Carrie and I were captivated by the song and its hopeful theme.

"Wonderful" is likely not the word historians will use when they look back upon these challenging times. Then again, the original version of the famous song was released in September 1967: In seven months Martin Luther King Jr. would be dead. Eight weeks later, Robert Kennedy would be assassinated. Vietnam, riots, racial strife, the Chicago Democratic convention, Altamont ... The soothing strains of "What a Wonderful World" must have seemed like a balm in those days, aspirational, a vestige of hope.

In a very real way, BSU's mission is all about trying to make this world, if not wonderful, at least the best it can be. I was heartened to read in these pages of the many alumni who spend their time, or even their entire careers, in service to fellow human beings. For them, ministering to others is simply a way of life.

These profiles are emblematic of the many members of the extended BSU community who do their part every day trying to make the world a better place. Across campus and beyond, you can find faculty, librarians, students and staff engaged in the pursuit of justice and equity for all, making improvements in everything from health care to education, speaking up for those left behind or abandoned by society, and caring for those in need, be they citizens of a distant country or a neighbor in need of a helping hand.

I never fail to be amazed at all the good work being done. And I'm proud to be part of this community, a community whose members so often put the needs of others before their own welfare. It would certainly bring a smile to Horace Mann, the statesman, reformer and staunch abolitionist who founded the state's system of normal schools around 1840, including our very own institution. To see so many BSU graduates doing their best to live by his famous phrase, "Be ashamed to die until you have won some victory for humanity," tells me that his dreams of what a public education could do had come to fruition.

That, to me, is the very definition of wonderful.

With warmest regards,



President Frederick W. Clark Jr.



New Trustee Named

The son of a blacksmith, Michael Taylor became the first person in his family to earn a college diploma. For this, he thanks the high-quality, affordable education available via the state's public higher education system. It's also one of the reasons he feels it's been important for him to always give back.

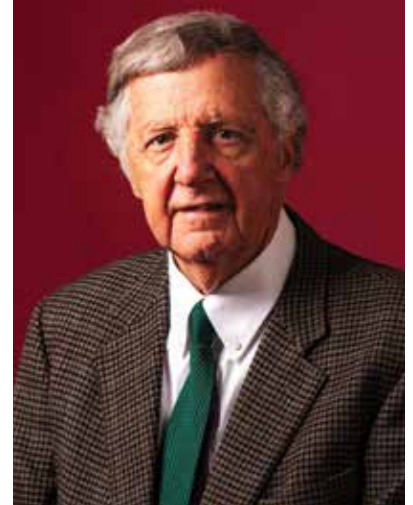
Mr. Taylor, the newest trustee at BSU, credits his undergraduate years at the former Boston State College with preparing him for a career of community service. "Boston State College was my Bridgewater," he said. "What Boston State represented to me was that beacon of opportunity. I think Bridgewater represents the same to many of the students who attend."

That's one reason why Mr. Taylor is honored to have been appointed by former Governor Charlie Baker to serve on BSU's Board of Trustees. A lifelong Boston resident, he was president of the Urban College of Boston for about a decade before retiring in 2022. The college is a non-traditional institution serving diverse and underrepresented students. Mr. Taylor helped the college increase enrollment and improve its financial picture.

He served at the Massachusetts Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development during former Governor Deval Patrick's administration and began his career working in public housing.

"We are fortunate indeed to have Trustee Taylor at BSU, as he brings decades of experience and exemplary service in higher education and government, with a focus on workforce development, social services and creating economic opportunity for all," said President Clark.

Mr. Taylor attended his first board meeting in December. During a tour of the campus with President Clark, he was amazed at how often students stopped to talk with the president. He also appreciated that staff sit at the same table as trustees during meetings. That seemingly simple gesture speaks volumes about the culture at Bridgewater, he said. "I was impressed with the degree of collegiality and respect that the community had for each other and for President Clark, and also the pride and joy that people had about being a member of the Bridgewater community," he said. "It was so striking and clear."



Poli Sci Major Runs Successful Campaign for State Lawmaker

When looking back at last year, Evan Francis, '25, is quick to describe it as "incredible." "I'm very proud of all that came out of 2022," he said.

From transferring schools, to successfully running a local political campaign, Evan was busy. After completing his freshman year elsewhere, he transferred to BSU. He had heard good things about the university's political science program and wanted a school that was a short commute from his Taunton home.

He also found solid support from his professors. "Especially during a chaotic time of transitioning to a new school, all my professors have been flexible. They are always there to talk and assist you when needed," Evan said.

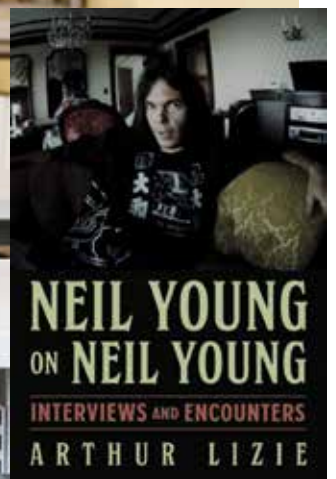
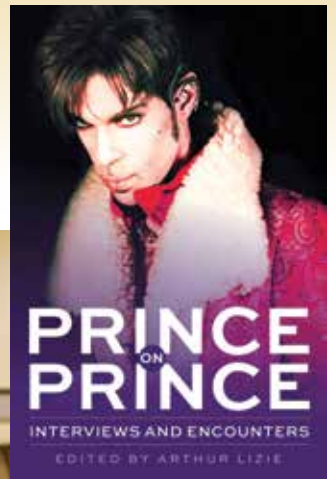
That flexibility and understanding meant even more when he became the campaign manager for Massachusetts State Representative Carol Doherty last year. Evan credits Ms. Doherty, whom he met while a student at Taunton High School when she served on the school committee, as the inspiration for his pursuit of a career in politics. "She was the first person to get me interested in politics and public policy," he said.

In 2020, he volunteered to help with her winning campaign. His efforts must have impressed her, because she asked Evan to run her entire 2022 campaign. Being relatively young and a college student wasn't a deterrent. "I was able to show anyone who had any doubts about my age that I could get the work done," he said. "I wasn't just a volunteer; I was in charge. Thankfully, I had a very good team, and we were able to get Carol over the finish line again, and this time we won with 57 percent of the vote."

At BSU, Evan plans to take advantage of opportunities presented to him, including his internship last summer in Congressman Jake Auchincloss' office. "Working there, it confirmed this is what I want to do with my life ... I want to bring about change," he said, adding, "I think it's important to never underestimate the young people of this country; we are speaking up right now ... we are taking action."

FACULTY FOCUS

DR. ARTHUR LIZIE / COMMUNICATION STUDIES



If he had to select a specific moment when music became an important part of his life, Dr. Arthur Lizie would likely point to a day in 1980 when he was a junior high student in Manchester, New Hampshire. “That’s when I really connected with music,” he said. “I was in a class, and the teacher was discussing the Beatles.”

It was around the same time that John Lennon was assassinated. It was a one-two punch that helped set the course for Dr. Lizie’s life.

“I took a deep dive into music around then,” the veteran communication studies professor said. “And I’ve been writing about it ever since.”

His passion has thus far manifested itself in a series of books about legendary musicians like Prince (two different books), Neil Young and Beck.

More recently, he was selected as the editor of a series of similar titles to debut in the fall of 2024 under the umbrella

Goes to 11 (published by Backbeat). Each book will look at 11 songs from the artist under review, and in about 35,000 words or so examine his or her life and work, as well as provide historical and cultural connections. Artists as varied as Pink Floyd and Taylor Swift are under consideration for the first wave of these titles.

“The goal is to get into the music in many different ways,” Dr. Lizie said.

As editor, he’s responsible for curating the Goes to 11 series (hipper readers – or maybe just older ones – will recognize the name is taken from one of the most famous lines in the 1984 “mockumentary” *This is Spinal Tap*). Dr. Lizie, an East Bridgewater resident, said it’s a balancing act, trying to find the right artists to feature, mixing older “heritage” acts with newer ones, while also finding underrepresented singers and bands to bring to the fore.

“We hope to hit that sweet spot between the hardcore fan and someone who might be curious about a given band,”

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he said. "Ideally, it's the kind of book you could pick up at the airport and read on the plane."

The books are Dr. Lizie's ways of connecting with the music he loves.

Over the years he's paid his dues: singing in bands his friends formed, working in record stores, studying the lives and recordings of a wide range of artists, and, of course, collecting records and CDs. "My musical talent is probably negligible. But I've been interested in music my whole life," he said.

His list of favorite artists runs the gamut from the Beatles and Dylan to Prince, U2 (he saw the band in 1983, and still has the concert T-shirt), The Jam, Paul Weller, James Brown and many more. Some of his recent discoveries include Wet Leg, Sudan Archives and The Beths.

Dr. Lizie said his writing helps feed new ideas and fresh insights into his teaching, in particular a film course he teaches that touches at several points on music, and a second-year seminar course called "Writing About Pop Music."

In addition to editing the new series, Dr. Lizie is still authoring his share of titles, with no less of a musical legend than Stevie Wonder on tap.

With a full teaching load and a family, he sometimes must work to find the time for his music writing. "A lot of it fits into the cracks between other places," he said.

During the academic year, Dr. Lizie tries to devote one day a week to writing, and summer break finds him stationed at his laptop every chance he gets.

"I wasn't at the beach as much as I would have liked this past summer," he said. "But once I'm in the groove (of writing), that's what I'm doing, and that's where my head is."

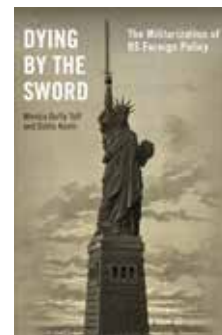
In short, Dr. Lizie added, "It is a labor of love with a lot of this stuff."

Visit www.arthurlizie.com to learn more about Dr. Lizie's work.

Faculty Bookshelf

***Dying by the Sword:*
The Militarization of US Foreign Policy
Sidita Kushi and Monica Duffy Toft**

Dying by the Sword explores the United States' evolving foreign policies from the founding era to the present day in order to ring the alarm about the country's increasing reliance on "kinetic" global diplomacy. Dr. Sidita Kushi, an assistant professor in BSU's Department of Political Science, and Monica Duffy Toft find that since the end of the Cold War, and especially after 9/11, the United States has initiated higher rates of military interventions, drastically escalating its usage of force abroad. Lacking clear national strategic goals, the country now pursues a whack-a-mole security policy that is more reactionary than deliberate. The book explores every major era of United States foreign policy, combining historical narrative with anecdotes from United States foreign policy officials, case studies and evidence drawn from the Military Intervention Project, which measures the extent of the country's reliance on force.



***Consent Culture and Teen Films:*
*Adolescent Sexuality in US Movies***

Michele Meek

In her latest book, Dr. Meek chronicles the history of adolescent sexuality in contemporary U.S. films. She demonstrates in these pages how even films that take consent into account expose flaws in our affirmative consent framework, (particularly how it is highly gendered, heteronormative and cis-centered), and she highlights how youth sexuality remains so highly regulated in the United States that it is often erased. Dr. Meek is an assistant professor in the Department of Communication Studies.



***The Age of Discontent:*
Populism, Extremism, and Conspiracy
*Theories in Contemporary Democracies***

**Rachel Navarre, Matthew Rhodes-Purdy
and Stephen Utych**

The years following the 2008 financial crisis produced a surge of political discontent with populism, conspiracism and far right extremism rising across the world. Despite this timing, many of these movements coalesced around cultural issues rather than economic grievances. But if culture, and not economics, is the primary driver of political discontent, why did these developments emerge after a financial collapse, a pattern that repeats throughout the history of the democratic world? Dr. Navarre is an assistant professor in the Department of Political Science. In their new book, she and her co-authors examine this issue and much more.



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New Lecture Series to Bring Lech Wałęsa to Campus

On October 3, at 7 PM, BSU will host a lecture by Lech Wałęsa, former president of Poland, as part of the university's Dialogues in Democracy series.

The lecture series takes place at a time when democracy is facing steep challenges at home and abroad. President Clark said he hopes Dialogues in Democracy will shine a light on the many issues impacting the United States and its institutions. "Finding pathways to truth is not conservative or liberal, but rather what is truly right and necessary for democracy and for higher education to thrive," he said.

Lech Wałęsa is a Polish statesman, dissident and Nobel Peace Prize laureate, who served as the president of Poland from 1990-1995. A shipyard electrician by trade, he became the leader of the Solidarity movement, and led a successful pro-democratic effort, which in 1989 ended Communist rule in Poland and ushered in the end of the Cold War.

After winning the 1990 election, Mr. Wałęsa became the first democratically elected president of Poland since 1926 and the first ever elected by popular vote.

Information about the event and tickets will be made available at www.bridgew.edu, or look for updates in alumni emails and in *Bridgewater Today*.

The lecture is organized under the Patricia Quinn, '67, and Bruce, '68, Bartlett Endowed Chair in Free Speech and Expression.



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Root-ing for Peace

On a grassy triangle between the BSU Wellness Center and Crimson Dining Hall sits a tiny sapling. It may look unassuming, but this young tree carries a message of strength and peace: It is one of the saplings from Hiroshima's A-bomb survivor trees. It comes directly from a ginkgo tree that was 1,200 meters away from ground zero in Hiroshima, when the United States bombed the Japanese city in August 1945, effectively ending World War II.

"This tree represents a piece of history," said Michael McCue, G'02, who donated the sapling. "That sort of resilience is remarkable."

As a partner of Green Legacy Hiroshima (GLH), Mr. McCue has helped plant ginkgo trees, or what the organization calls "ambassadors of peace," across the Northeast.

Established in 2011, GLH works with partners around the globe to spread the seeds and saplings of Hiroshima's A-Bomb survivor trees. The project is funded by the United Nations.

"We are honored to be given this gift," said President Clark. "This ginkgo will serve as a visual reminder to the BSU community that we continue to serve as active ambassadors in promoting a message of peace."

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Green Science

When he was younger, Samuel Bechtold, '24, (left) would often walk Cape Cod beaches picking up trash. Sometimes he'd find cell phone chargers and electronic vaping devices – items that represent the tip of the iceberg in the growing environmental problem of electronic waste.

Now majoring in photonics and optical engineering at BSU, he is a research assistant on a team from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and BSU seeking solutions. "I've always thought about sustainability," said Samuel, a former chairperson of the Sierra Club's Cape Cod chapter. "It's nice to have a professional outlet here where I can also focus on that."

The team, which is led by MIT and includes Dr. Samuel Serna, an assistant professor in BSU's Department of Physics, Photonics and Optical Engineering as a co-principal investigator, is researching sustainable microchip manufacturing with funding from the National Science Foundation's Convergence Accelerator program. The initiative puts interdisciplinary teams from across the country into a friendly competition to develop solutions to pressing societal problems.

As consumers seek the latest features in their electronic devices, they often throw away old models, contributing to the approximately 50 million (and growing) tons of e-waste generated around the world every year. According to a 2019 United Nations report, only 20 percent of the e-waste is recycled.

The MIT-BSU team is working with industry and government stakeholders to find ways to increase energy efficiency and reduce e-waste. Photonics, which uses particles of light called photons to improve technology, can help lower a device's energy use. The group also aims to explore methods for swapping out chips instead of throwing away an entire phone or computer. "We want to train engineers to design for upgrades having in mind that it's not a one-use device," Dr. Serna said.

Education is an important component of the project. Dr. Serna introduces the issue to high school students who visit BSU, and he will teach a first-year seminar about sustainable microchip manufacturing in the fall. "We want to start that at the very beginning so as sophomores, juniors and seniors they have that already ingrained," he said.



Courtesy of The Boston Pops

Fenway Fanfare

As the Boston Bruins pulled off a thrilling come-from-behind victory in the 2023 NHL Winter Classic at Fenway Park, a BSU faculty member played a key role pumping up the sellout crowd.

Dr. John "Bebo" Shiu, a part-time music professor and director of the university's string ensemble, plays double bass with the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra, which provided the soundtrack to the high-profile outdoor hockey game.

Performing from the outfield with the famous Green Monster towering overhead, Dr. Shiu (third from left) and his fellow musicians entertained the crowd with tunes that included Neil Diamond's "Sweet Caroline" and The Rolling Stones' "Paint it, Black." They even started a wave that rippled through stands filled with screaming fans who inspired hockey players and musicians alike. "Hearing the crowd and feeling the energy, it was amazing," Dr. Shiu said. "We had to match their energy."

"It was pretty incredible," Dr. Shiu said. "It's something I will definitely never forget."

Dr. Shiu has also played bass at the July Fourth concert in the Hatch Shell and on a Grammy-winning recording by the Boston Modern Orchestra Project.

He relishes the opportunity to share his professional experiences with BSU students. "For me, it's all about bringing the field experience into the classroom and discussing the preparation that goes into it," said Dr. Shiu, who recounts the extensive practicing, auditioning and playing that is necessary to join one of the country's premiere orchestras. "It takes years and years to prepare yourself and be ready for these opportunities."

Dr. Shiu also encourages non-music majors to participate in the String Ensemble and other performing groups offered by the Department of Music. "Music is for everyone," he said. "And music is everywhere."

STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

BY KYLE IMBEAU, '23

Theatre major Kyle Imbeau likely won't have to wait too long in the wings before taking the next step in an already impressive career. As the dramaturg for seven BSU productions and recipient of awards from the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival explained, "Dramaturgy has brought me to conferences and festivals, helped me find internships, and built me long-lasting artistic and academic connections."



"What's a dramaturg?"

This is a question I'm very used to answering. I've grown accustomed to the confused looks on audience members' faces when I tell them what my title was on the production. Dramaturgy – what we call the work dramaturgs do – is common in professional and college theater, but even the most dedicated theatergoers might not have ever met a dramaturg before. So, what is it that we do?

My favorite explanation I've heard of dramaturgy is that we "build bridges" – we're the bridge from the play and playwright to the rehearsal room, and from the director and designers' minds to the audience. When I'm in a rehearsal room, I might be discussing with actors a specific time period or culture, checking creative decisions for historical accuracy or helping someone figure out what a line means in a Shakespeare play. If I'm working on a brand-new play, I might be giving the playwright feedback on a specific scene or helping them do more research on a given topic. In short, dramaturgs are members of the production team who use their skills in research and writing to help most effectively tell the story, from page to stage.

While you may not have heard the word or met a dramaturg before, dramaturgy is everywhere. If you go to a play and see

an informational lobby display, read a program note with context or historical information, or attend a post-show talkback, that was likely put together by a dramaturg. They show up in film and TV as story editors, sensitivity readers or consultants, and in the literary world as editors or in publishing houses. Whether dramaturgs in name or not, this kind of work is much more common in the arts than you think, though we often go unseen.

Nearly all dramaturgs work in other roles in theater (I'm a director as well!), and many of us are involved in academic research in theater. This past summer, I was one of BSU's Adrian Tinsley Program researchers, studying theater audience engagement during the COVID-19 pandemic and what "liveness" looks like in virtual theater.

Currently, I'm doing dramaturgy off-campus for BSU theatre instructor Kat Alix-Gaudreau at Ghost Light Players of MetroWest theater company; working on my honors thesis research with my dramaturgy mentor Miranda Giurleo, chairperson of BSU's theatre department; and deep in the graduate school application process. I'm hoping to go on to earn my PhD and teach at the college level, mentoring and raising the next generation of dramaturgs – and hopefully, creating an arts world where nobody has to ask what we do.

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In Memoriam: David and Judy Deep, Long-Serving Bridgewater State Employees

David P. Deep, vice-president emeritus of student services, died on February 2, after a brief illness, in Barre, Vermont. He was 88. His wife, Judith M. Deep, who was Bridgewater State's long-time head nurse, died March 15, age 87.

The couple was married for 66 years, retiring from Bridgewater State together in 1989. They spent their retirement years in their native Barre, where they had met as students at Spaulding High School. They married in September 1956, while he was serving as a commissioned officer in the United States Marine Corps, based at Camp Pendleton in California.

Mr. Deep began his career as a physical education teacher at the Indian Reservation in Fort Covington, New York. In 1962, he worked as a football coach and graduate assistant at Springfield College. He came to Bridgewater State in 1963 as a member of the men's physical education staff, head basketball coach and assistant football coach. He was appointed acting dean of men in 1966,

performing all four jobs until he was eventually made permanent dean of men. In 1977, he was appointed dean of students and then became the first vice president for student services, the job he held until his retirement.

After having three daughters, Mrs. Deep started her nursing career at Springfield Memorial Hospital in Springfield while her husband worked on his master's degree. They moved to Bridgewater where she briefly worked as a registered nurse at the Bridgewater Nursing Home. In 1964, she became the only nurse at the college and ran the infirmary for five years by herself. As the college grew, she expanded the department to overseeing six nurses and became the associate director of health services, the role she held upon retiring.

Both are remembered fondly by former students and colleagues.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Judy and David Deep Endowed Scholarship Fund at Bridgewater State University. The fund will continue serving students for generations to come and encourage BSU to emulate and advance the principles which defined the Deeps' lives and careers. Gifts can be made online at alumni.bridgew.edu/give, or by check payable to: BSU Foundation, PO Box 42, Bridgewater, MA 02324.

Cape Connection

For Carolyn King, '23, an internship with Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute was about much more than learning new skills. It also offered the opportunity to study her Cabo Verdean roots.

Carolyn developed a museum exhibit comparing maritime topics in Cabo Verde, a 10-island archipelago off the African coast, and Cape Cod. "I can't overstate how grateful I am that I was picked to do this project," said the BSU psychology major from Wareham. "This internship has been a blessing. It's opened many doors for me."

Carolyn, whose mother was born in Cabo Verde, used print sources and interviews to build content and videos for the digital exhibit, which will be displayed at the Cape Cod Cape Verdean Museum & Cultural Center in East Falmouth and shared more broadly by Woods Hole. She also helped design a digital map of Cabo Verde that will be printed as a giant floor mat on which people can walk, providing visitors with an immersive experience.

She tackled the project with guidance from BSU mentor Dr. James Hayes-Bohanan, a professor in the Department of Geography, and Angelo Lopes Barbosa, director of the Pedro Pires Institute for Cape Verdean Studies.



Her exhibit explores historical roots and contemporary issues such as fishing, water quality and coastal resilience in the face of changing climate. These are topics that Woods Hole researchers study, creating a natural connection between the exhibit and the institute.

Carolyn's internship at Woods Hole led to work on a second exhibit for the New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center.

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FROM THE ARCHIVES AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Archive Donation Helps Rediscover the Work and Life of Missionary, Social Work Pioneer and 1889 Graduate

BY JOHN WINTERS, G'11

"When I was in the Bridgewater Normal School, I decided that I was going to give ten years of my life to that work."

That work was social work, and that 1931 declaration was made by Alice Pettee Adams. The 1889 graduate actually devoted nearly her entire professional life to social work. Most of her career, and her pioneering work, was focused in Japan, where, along with other innovations, she became famous for opening that country's first settlement house, a place where staff members live within a particular community and work together with local residents in dealing with various social welfare issues.

As *The New York Times* wrote in her obituary on May 10, 1937, "Probably no other woman has received so many decorations from the Japanese Government." This included awards from Emperor Hirohito.

While she is held in high esteem in Japan, Ms. Adams' lifetime of social justice initiatives and foundational efforts for the social work movement has largely been forgotten here in the United States. Thanks to a recent archival donation to BSU's Archives and Special Collections by Ms. Adams' great-niece, at long last the material necessary to write her complete story and bring her back into the consciousness of American social and cultural history is at hand.



On the trail of the story are Dr. Orson Kingsley, senior librarian and head of Archives and Special Collections, Maxwell Library, and Dr. Minae Savas, professor of Japanese Studies, Global Languages and Literatures, and a native of Kyoto, Japan. The researchers plan to travel to Japan to learn the full extent of Ms. Adams' impact. "Through this field research, we hope to gain a complete picture of her life and learn what her legacy is today, as there are numerous buildings and events still named in her honor," Dr. Kingsley said.

Ms. Adams was born in 1866 in Jaffrey, New Hampshire, her roots tracing back to two early American presidents. She first traveled to Japan in 1891 and would spend a combined 45 years there working to improve the plight of the poor and less privileged. She turned her home, purchased in a poor neighborhood in 1903, into what became Japan's first settlement house. She named it Hanabatake (later renamed the Hakuikai, Loving All Institute) and in the coming years expanded the facility to include a free dispensary with in-patient rooms, opened in 1905, and the kindergarten and an eight-bed hospital opened in 1907. The next year saw the creation of additional space for those who were ill as well as poor, and in 1910, a day nursery was erected.

At one point, Ms. Adams returned to the states to battle tuberculosis, pledging in a letter, "Am trying to do my best to recover for I love Japan."

Eventually, she went back to Japan and found the poverty she'd left behind worse than ever. Still, she managed to secure the future for the settlement home she'd founded.

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As reported in the spring 1991 issue of *Bridgewater* magazine: "In 1927, U.S. funding became more difficult as a result of isolationist policies and direct political conflict with Japan. It was then that the Prince Regent of Japan took an interest in Hakuai, resulting in the settlement's removal from mission control and placement in the hands of a local board of directors. At this time, Alice found an able assistant in Yoshio Sarai, but retired only when she was sure that Hakuai's plan for the future was solidly in place."



In order to explore the outsized role that Ms. Adams played in advancing the social work movement in Japan in the 19th century, Dr. Kingsley and Dr. Savas plan to take an interdisciplinary approach, drawing on the fields of history, cultural anthropology, social work, religion and archival science. They will work with Professor Munehisa Yoshitoshi, a scholar of special education and social welfare at Okayama University, to arrange meetings with potential participants and collect data and information regarding Ms. Adams' life and work.

Their plan is to travel to Japan this summer and in the fall share their findings with the campus community and beyond. In spring 2024 they will further analyze the research data and share the results of their work nationally and internationally through publications and other forums.

Ultimately, the two researchers hope their work will shine a light on the important work of this trailblazing alumna. "I love finding alumni who have had such fascinating careers," Dr. Kingsley said. "This is an incredible story."

PHOTOS, CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:

Along with a cabinet card of Alice Pettee Adams is a copy of the pledge form she signed in February 1885, prior to her admission to Bridgewater State Normal School.

Young Japanese children in the print department at the Okayama Orphan Asylum, founded by Ms. Adams (Circa 1895)

Ms. Adams aside her bike in Japan (Circa 1895)

Ms. Adams and a Japanese woman in kimonos (Circa 1905)



BSU Educators Enhance Brockton Online Teaching

Even before the COVID-19 pandemic made online education ubiquitous, Brockton educators recognized that a virtual school has the potential to meet students' unique educational needs.

With their vision now a reality, administrators at the Brockton Virtual Learning Academy are turning to faculty at Bridgewater State University for help creating an even more effective and engaging online environment.

"During the pandemic, when we were forced into remote learning, we learned a lot by doing," said Kristina Gallant, '04, G'18, the academy's coordinator. Now, "we want to make sure we're experts in providing the best education possible to our students."

Ms. Gallant, who has degrees in instructional technology and Spanish from BSU, is among approximately 25 Brockton teachers, adjustment counselors and administrators enrolled in BSU's Teaching in a Virtual/Online Setting graduate certificate program.

Taught entirely online, the four-course program is a perfect professional development opportunity for the academy, which opened in 2021 and serves about 200 K-12 Brockton students.

"Teaching in a virtual environment is much different than in a classroom face-to-face," said Joanne McDonald, '88, a part-time BSU faculty member who teaches in the certificate program. "They're gaining that understanding of how it differs and the logistics of it all."

The program also covers communication and collaboration, including working with therapists and other specialists who are an important part of online education.

"We're fortunate that the university offers this unique program which supports the professional practice of educators working in what is a relatively new virtual learning environment," said Brockton Superintendent Michael P. Thomas, '92, G'99, who praised BSU as an "invaluable partner" to his district.

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BEHIND THE NAME / HUNT HALL

BY BRIAN BENSON, G'23

Public health officials are the unsung workers of health care. Their efforts often go unnoticed until a pandemic underscores just how valuable they are.

The Town of Bridgewater and Bridgewater State University, however, aim to ensure a local public health hero is never forgotten.

Dr. Albert F. Hunt (1875-1963) was chairman of the Town of Bridgewater's Board of Health from 1910-1955 and the chief medical officer for BSU, then known as a normal school.

During the 1918 pandemic, Dr. Hunt led the town's response as he coped with a shortage of medical professionals and some residents who refused to follow public health guidance. His leadership shone again when a smallpox outbreak affected nearby Middleboro. Dr. Hunt vaccinated almost every Bridgewater resident, and the town reported no cases during that outbreak.

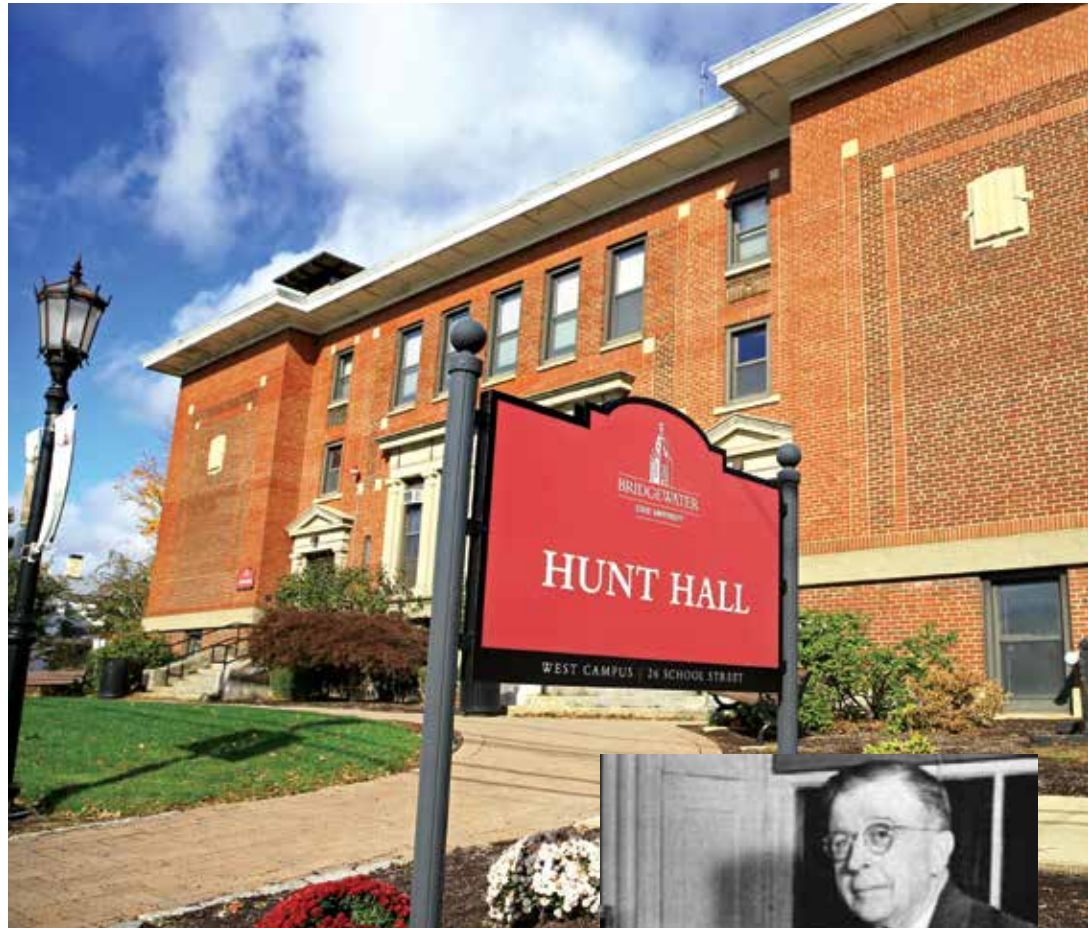
A graduate of Brown University and Harvard Medical School, Dr. Hunt also served on the town school committee. He was a practicing physician, seeing patients in his house near the building that bears his name. Townspeople particularly appreciated "Dr. Hunt's yellow salve," which was used to heal boils. When treating poorer residents, he would accept bread or a homemade treat as payment.

"He was (a) very kind, old-fashioned, giving, well-educated man who believed that everyone could succeed," his granddaughter Helen Hunt Kingsley recalled in 2000.

In appreciation of Dr. Hunt's leadership, townspeople named an elementary school after him. In 2000, BSU purchased the school and kept the Hunt name.

Today, Hunt Hall, located on School Street, houses art and music classrooms and offices, as well as the Parking Services and Connect Card Office.

Material in this article comes from "Bridgewater and the Influenza Epidemic of 1918," a Bridgewater Review article written by Dr. William Hanna, and "BSC Acquires Hunt School," a 2000 Bridgewater magazine article by Julie Santos Reardon, '91.



Dr. Albert F. Hunt and his wife, Lula

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Teaching in the Shadow of War

As English teacher Toni Bourgea, G'06, landed in Poland, she couldn't help but notice the missile launchers at the ready.

She journeyed to a small Polish town near the Ukrainian border as one of 15 teachers from across the United States chosen to teach English to Polish and Ukrainian students.

"We watch the news, and it's all just devastating and horrific," said Ms. Bourgea, who earned a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study in educational leadership from Bridgewater State.

Inspired to do something positive, she volunteered through her union, the American Federation of Teachers, to serve during a summer camp that sought to form connections between Poland and Ukraine. The Ukrainian students were from border towns that had not been destroyed by Russian attacks; many had relatives fighting in the war. "It was really awesome to share two weeks with them that was just about having fun," she said.

She helped 10 high school students improve their grammar as they wrote autobiographies and read John Steinbeck's *The Pearl*. They learned basketball and kickball and shared Polish and Ukrainian customs with Ms. Bourgea and her teenaged daughter, who was part of the American contingent.

Ms. Bourgea said she was uneasy traveling close to a country in the throes of war, but was relieved to see defenses at the airport and relied on the confidence she gained in BSU's educational



Toni Bourgea, G'06, a teacher for 24 years at South Shore Vocational Technical High School and president of the teachers' union, teaches English to Polish and Ukrainian students in Poland.

leadership program. "It's okay to take risks," she said of a lesson from BSU. "You know that you're going to be supported."

Ms. Bourgea and her daughter have stayed in contact with some students they met abroad and even sent them Christmas gifts.

She hopes to teach in Poland again and said her experience there has given her a new outlook on education. "We need human connection," she said. "I really do believe 100 percent it's all about relationships."



Students Use Food Waste to Develop Composting System for Campus Permaculture Garden

As he watched the dishes with discarded food make their way along a conveyor belt, Will Halben, '24, was intrigued. "I wondered where the food went," said Will, a marketing major with a minor in sustainability. "It was a lot of food waste." After talking with BSU's dining service, Sodexo, he learned it ended up in dumpsters outside the dining halls.

With Sodexo's permission, Will bagged the food scraps and then repurposed the waste into compost for his personal garden. "I realized how much abundance there was and that I could use it somewhere else," he said. "If I didn't do this, that food ends up in a landfill and contributes to methane emissions and can't properly break down."

Inspired to do more, Will teamed up with Matt Potvin, '23, a biology major, who is involved with BSU's permaculture garden, located near the Miles and DiNardo residence halls. The pair came up with a plan to install a closed composting system to benefit the garden using the discarded food. "The system is used to re-fertilize the soil," Matt said. "The composting system already has microorganisms in the soil. As we add compost, these will break down and distribute. We won't need to add anything from an outside source."

The project is supported through the BSU Sustainability Program.

"Matt and Will are largely in charge of this composting initiative; my role is to supply materials and communicate with Sodexo," said Dr. Robert Hellström, a professor in the Department of Geography and co-coordinator of the Sustainability Program. "The goal is to create a compost learning space on campus that's visible."

Educating the campus community is probably the most important part of the project, Will said. "We are trying to design and show how inexpensive it can be to compost, how it helps the environment."

A sign will soon be posted near the garden with a QR code that will explain how others can get involved with the project.

For some graduates, it's a life of service, plain and simple.

In the following pages, meet alumni who have devoted a large part of their lives to serving others. From founding nonprofit organizations, to donating their time on the boards of various charities, to pursuing careers in fields devoted to improving the lives of the less fortunate. These individuals embody the Bridgewater Way.

Service is an integral part of a BSU education, and many of these graduates say their better angels first came to light during their days on campus. We are proud of what these alumni represent, and thankful for their decision to make ministering to others central to their lives.

The Greater Good

BSU alumni make helping others the focus of their careers

AMARYLLIS LOPEZ, '20: ***Feeding the minds of tomorrow's leaders***

BY JOHN WINTERS, G'11

AS A PRECOCIOUS FIFTH-GRADER with a keen interest in reading and writing, Amaryllis Lopez, attended a summer program sponsored by Andover Bread Loaf, a literacy and writing education initiative.

It's fair to say she kind of liked it.

"It was the best time of my young life, and they couldn't keep me away," the Lawrence native said.

Indeed. Today Ms. Lopez is the organization's network director. "I think it's cool that's all come full circle," she said.

During her years at BSU, Ms. Lopez was thinking of becoming a teacher. She majored in English, carrying minors in Latin American and Caribbean Studies, as well as African American Studies. But it was her volunteer work, which she'd been doing since high school, that tugged her in another, albeit similar, direction.

Ms. Lopez's first volunteer work involved serving on the Lawrence School Committee Council, focusing on justice and equity in education.

"I saw how much outreach programs impacted people. I said, 'I'd love to do that and pay it forward,'" she said.

This is where Andover Bread Loaf enters the picture.

According to its website, the nonprofit's mission is to "promote literacy and educational revitalization through the lens of social justice in the most under-resourced communities and school systems around the world, particularly in U.S. urban communities and public schools." It does this by partnering with schools and communities, and delivering educational and cultural workshops and events. The program is part of Phillips Academy's outreach efforts.

"I was greatly impacted by the organization's work; it made me a better writer and got me involved in the community," Ms. Lopez said of her initial encounter with Andover Bread Loaf.

Teaching and learning have long been central in Ms. Lopez's life. Her mother, who immigrated to the United States from Puerto Rico, had wanted to be a teacher. She would hold "classes" at home for her children. (Ms. Lopez's two sisters are also Bears: Joyce, '25, and Alexandra Lopez-Hernandez, '18.)

The memories of those at-home classes clearly left a mark on Ms. Lopez. "I'm a nerd and geek out when I learn something," Ms. Lopez said. "I want to teach people about the things I've learned."



Among the tasks Amaryllis Lopez, '20, is taking on with Andover Bread Loaf is chronicling the organization's 35-year history. Behind her are decades worth of records and videos to be examined and archived.

This love of education also comes in part from working with her BSU mentors, Dr. Alba Aragón and Dr. Allyson Ferrante. "My older sister told me that if I went to Bridgewater and didn't find a mentor, I failed," Ms. Lopez said with a laugh.

She's been working full time with Andover Bread Loaf since September. Part of her job consists of building an archive and chronicling the history of the organization, which was founded 35 years ago.

"It's an incredible lineage that I'm documenting," Ms. Lopez said, adding that some of the young people benefiting from the organization's efforts today are the grandchildren of the program's earliest participants.

Most of her time is spent developing and holding workshops for K-12 students. These have creative writing and art components, storytelling, spoken word poetry and more. "This is the heart of the program," she said.

"It's really a nice mix," Ms. Lopez said. "At first, I wanted to be a teacher, but I didn't think I'd like the constraints of the classroom. Now I get to be in the classroom, but in a different way. The best part is I'm still impacting students' lives."

Visit www.andover.edu/about/outreach/andover-bread-loaf to learn more about the program.

TAMARA DZIALO, '02: ***Alumna founds nonprofit to help victims of violence in their hour of need***

BY HEATHER HARRIS MICHONSKI

RAISED BY TWO POLICE OFFICERS, Tamara Dzialo knew at an early age she, too, wanted to help people. "I always seek out ways to get involved ... I try to look at things that maybe aren't working properly, and find ways to fix them," she said.

After graduating with a degree in psychology from Bridgewater State, Ms. Dzialo has worked in a variety of positions over the past 20 years, all with the same goal – to be an advocate.

And that's exactly what the BSU alumna did when she founded Project PACK.

While working as a domestic violence coordinator in 2006 with the Bristol County District Attorney's office, Ms. Dzialo had a conversation with a nurse who specialized in assisting with post-assault examinations.

"Not many people realize this, but the entire process takes three to four hours. (The victims) sit in an emergency room for hours, and they struggle to grasp the worst thing to ever happen to them," Ms. Dzialo said.

During the conversation, the nurse made a simple comment. "She wished we could provide toothbrushes for the survivors, and I thought to myself, 'Why can't we?'" Ms. Dzialo said.

Using her own money, she started buying toothbrushes, tissues and lotions for survivors to use during the grueling exam process.

The demand for the items grew, and Ms. Dzialo realized the best course of action was to start up a nonprofit to better serve those in need. Project PACK was born. Since 2012, more than 5,000 kits have been handed out to survivors.

As a volunteer-based organization, Project PACK relies heavily on donations, and one of the biggest donors over the years has been her alma mater. "Bridgewater State has been one of my biggest supporters of donating items. Ann Doyle is a godsend; she is by far the number one supporter," Ms. Dzialo said.

Each April, which is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and October, Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Ms. Doyle, a staff associate in BSU's Wellness Center, organizes a supply drive to benefit Project PACK. "The BSU Peer Educators, Health Promotion and I committed to this project early on. Unfortunately, sexual assault is a reality, and if we can provide a level of comfort to the survivors, why wouldn't we keep supporting it?" Ms. Doyle said. "This is a meaningful project, and knowing that you're supporting another Bear's nonprofit impacts people on campus."

Aside from donating items, Ms. Dzialo said, those in the BSU community can help in other ways, mainly by spreading the word. "People liking and sharing our Facebook page, sharing our information on their social media platforms so other people can learn more about us, that is extremely helpful," she said. "Every little bit helps."

Visit www.projectpack.org to learn more about this organization.



Tamara Dzialo, '02, stands in her garage amidst dozens of boxes filled with donated items for the Post-Assault Comfort Kits she and volunteers will assemble.

HAROLD TAVARES, '05, G'07: *Learning locally, thinking globally*

BY BRIAN BENSON, G'23

TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD, Harold Tavares knew he needed a seat at the table where decisions are made.

He recently found such a position of influence at the World Bank Group, where he represents 23 African nations as an alternate executive director. "Where I am today, it has a lot to do with Bridgewater State and the experiences from Bridgewater," he said of working at one of the largest international development organizations. "Bridgewater led me to the practice of thinking globally."

A native of Cabo Verde and a transfer student, Mr. Tavares felt comfortable on campus because pockets of Southeastern Massachusetts have a large immigrant population from the island nation. He earned a bachelor's degree in economics and a master's degree in public administration. Both foreshadowed his work at the World Bank, which provides financing and technical assistance to support development in more than 170 countries.

As a student, Mr. Tavares developed global connections by working with international students and programs. After graduating, he remained on campus, helping the university grow its international partnerships in countries such as Jordan and Belize, and contributing to the launch of the Minnock Institute for Global Engagement.

He was also administrative director of the Mandela Washington Fellowship Public Management Institute at BSU. The institute, which is part of a nationwide U.S. Department of State program, has welcomed about two dozen young African leaders to campus most summers since 2016.

Mr. Tavares, who was chief of staff to Cabo Verde's prime minister before accepting the World Bank job, stayed in touch with the fellows as they assumed larger roles in many of the countries he now serves at the World Bank. "That experience positioned me well," he said. "In this position, you have to know the culture and how the politics work because you represent them. You are their voice."

In his new role, Mr. Tavares is helping World Bank leaders address pressing challenges such as poverty, the COVID-19 pandemic and climate change.

"He was a stellar student," said Dr. Michael Kryzanek, professor emeritus in the Department of Political Science, who knew Mr. Tavares as a student and colleague. "He has a great personality and knows how to work with people. ... He's an example of someone who moved quickly and very effectively up the ladder of success."

Despite that ascension, Mr. Tavares is grounded by a simple yet powerful reason for public service: "It's to see a better world and to work for the people."

Ultimately, he concludes, "I couldn't have found a better place than Bridgewater."







Rachel Calabrese, '93, has fun with Kaiden Judge of Foxboro, one of the children benefiting from the ConfettiKids program.

RACHEL CALABRESE, '93:

Getting a kick from giving back to the community

BY JOHN WINTERS, G'11

WHEN RACHEL CALABRESE WORKED for the Foxboro Recreation Department, she'd occasionally get a call from a parent whose child wanted to join one of the town's athletic programs, but the cost was prohibitive.

Often in such cases, that would be the end of the story. However, Mrs. Calabrese, grounded in a desire to minister to others, thanks to her time at Bridgewater State, along with a background working in nonprofits, is not the kind of person to turn any youngster away. "I'd call my family and friends and ask them to pitch in. Then we'd contact the family and tell them there was a scholarship available."

Technically speaking, that scholarship was simply the money raised by her network of benevolent contacts. However, these calls came in often enough that at some point Mrs. Calabrese decided she may have stumbled upon a need that she could perhaps help address.

"I thought if this is happening in Foxboro, then it must be happening elsewhere," she said.

In 2017, she founded ConfiKids Inc., a nonprofit organization that helps families of limited financial means afford enrichment activities for their children that would otherwise be out of reach. ConfiKids funds activities for children in first through eighth grade, including various sports; programs in theater, dance and the arts; martial arts instruction; music lessons; and much more. To apply, a student must have been approved to receive free school lunches due to financial limitations.

"These children love their activities," said Mrs. Calabrese, a mother of three. "They make friends, develop important socialization skills, and they're doing something instead of being on their phone or watching TV. It can change the direction of their lives."

Mrs. Calabrese grew up in Cambridge, where she benefited from lessons in ballet, tap and jazz. She credits these activities with building her confidence and teaching her the importance of determination and teamwork.

At Bridgewater State, she majored in communication studies and minored in philosophy and political science. She said it was on campus that the philanthropy bug first bit. As a student, she was involved in MASSPIRG, Greek life, and lent a hand in countless fundraisers.

"I always had a little of that in me," she said. "But from the time I worked in nonprofits, I loved everything about it – the community, the people, the people we helped. There's just something to this kind of work that I enjoy."

Now she has her own nonprofit based out of her Foxboro home. And by any measure, ConfiKids is thriving. Last year, the organization provided funding for 400 youngsters, passing out more than \$160,000. Its current budget stands at a quarter-million dollars. Overseen by a board of directors and with an ever-increasing network of benefactors and annual fundraising events, the organization is growing and looking toward a bright future.

While those numbers are impressive, it's results that matter. Mrs. Calabrese can point to many success stories, including a young man whose trumpet lessons were funded by ConfiKids. Today, he is a member of the prestigious youth division of the Boston Symphony Orchestra. Then there's the girl who was able to join a soccer team thanks to ConfiKids. "She loves it so much she refused to take off her team jersey," Mrs. Calabrese said.

Youth who've discovered a love of hockey, a girl whose drama classes have helped her capture some prime roles. These stories are legion.

"We always want to help kids reach their goals," she said.

In keeping with what's known around campus as the Bridgewater Way, Mrs. Calabrese deflects all the credit to her board members and donors. "We have an amazing community of amazing people," she said.

Learn more about the program at www.confikids.org.



ZITA VIEIRA MENDES, G'13:
Alumna founds English-language school in Cabo Verde

BY BRIAN BENSON, G'23

WHEN ZITA VIEIRA MENDES BEGAN TEACHING young Cabo Verdeans the English language seven years ago, she served 15 students. Today, the organization she started is working with about 400 youngsters.

Ms. Mendes provides English instruction that is unavailable in the African nation's public and private schools, and she credits her graduate studies in education at Bridgewater State University with inspiring her to act. "I came back eager to do more and do better," said Ms. Mendes, who attended BSU on a scholarship that resulted from the longstanding

partnership between BSU and her undergraduate institution, the University of Cabo Verde. “I can never pay that back, but somehow I will pay it forward.”

People on the 10-island archipelago predominately speak Portuguese and Cabo Verdean Creole, but English is essential to the country’s development.

On a recent trip to Cabo Verde, BSU administrators toured her organization, which is called ELL CV and located in Praia, the country’s capital. Legislative, municipal and business officials from Massachusetts communities with large Cabo Verdean populations joined the trip, which celebrated 20 years of collaboration between BSU and Cabo Verde.

The local delegation met with Cabo Verdean President José Maria Pereira Neves, who visited BSU most recently in April. The tour included a visit to the University of Cabo Verde, which BSU helped establish in 2006. The United States contingent also explored an agriculture system that uses minimal water and soil.

“At the heart of the partnership really is our students and our graduates,” said President Clark, noting that about 200 people from Cabo Verde have earned degrees or completed leadership development at BSU. “We have alumni in Cabo Verde making an incredible difference for the country.” Ms. Mendes is one shining example of the impact Bridgewater graduates are having, President Clark said.

In addition to working with children, ELL CV offers translation services and programming for adults. Ms. Mendes, who also teaches at the University of Cabo Verde and is working on earning a PhD in English education, developed a curriculum that other schools are using to offer English instruction to young students.

“English is becoming more and more important,” said Angelo Lopes Barbosa, director of BSU’s Pedro Pires Institute for Cape Verdean Studies. “It’s creating new opportunities to bring about investment and connections to the world.”

Ms. Mendes praised BSU professors for providing strategies to teach beyond the grammar and mechanics of a language and help students practice their skills orally.

Those multilingual skills were on full display when the BSU delegation conversed in English with ELL CV children. “They were asking hard questions and (students) were able to answer in the proper manner,” Ms. Mendes said. “That was the most special moment.”



PHOTOS, FROM LEFT:

In late 2022, President Clark, along with a contingent of BSU administrators and local officials, visited Zita Vieira Mendes, G’13, and some of her students at the English instruction organization she founded, ELL CV, in Praia, Cabo Verde.

Ms. Mendes shows her BSU spirit as she speaks to a group of children.



BRIANNE MCNAMARA, '11:

Answering the call for veterans, cancer patients and others

BY JOHN WINTERS, G'11

THERE ARE MOMENTS WHEN those who do the important work of nonprofit organizations get a visceral sense of the good they are doing.

For Brianne McNamara, one of the first times this occurred was as an employee of Homes For Our Troops, a Taunton-based nonprofit that builds homes around the country for severely injured veterans. Several years ago, Ms. McNamara witnessed the presentation of a mortgage-free home to a Pennsylvania veteran who'd spent the past decade in the local Veterans Affairs hospital. "I'll never forget the family first going into their new house," she said. "It had such a real impact on me."

Though now a true believer in the value of service, Ms. McNamara was definitely in the "undecided" column when she first came to Bridgewater State University.

"I remember when I was applying for college, I had no idea what I wanted to do," she said. "All I knew is that I wanted to help people and feel good at the end of the day about what I was doing."

The Worcester native earned a degree in communication studies with a minor in political science. While at BSU, she interned at the Massachusetts Statehouse. Still, when Ms. McNamara graduated, she faced an especially tight job market. "I was waitressing and doing customer service work just to get by," she said.

Eventually, she found herself employed by Homes For Our Troops, traveling the country and managing a staff that performed fundraising and community outreach. With that, her path was set. "It kind of led me in this direction, and I fell in love with the work," Ms. McNamara said.

Subsequently, she also served as an alumni engagement officer for the Bancroft School in Worcester and for the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk with the American Cancer Society.

For the past 18 months, she has worked for the nonprofit organization Heifer International, which focuses on ending hunger and poverty around the world in sustainable ways.

But that's not all. Ms. McNamara finds time to serve on the board of directors for Project New Hope Inc., which provides support for American veterans, and the Team JAF advisory board with the Joe Andruzzi Foundation, a nonprofit organization committed to assisting New England cancer patients and their families by contributing much-needed financial support. She also is a board member and communications chair for Women in Development, an organization dedicated to helping women advance their careers or volunteer efforts in the field of fundraising through education, networking and professional development.

Ms. McNamara is passionate about all of these areas. The Joe Andruzzi Foundation holds a special place in her heart, however, as shortly after graduating from BSU, she lost both of her parents to cancer.

"These organizations exist because of the gap between what people need and what they are getting," she said.

As she builds her career and continues to volunteer in the nonprofit sector, Ms. McNamara is learning important skills. Someday she'd like to lead or be a consultant to such organizations, helping them maximize their ability to help people in need.

She comes by this altruistic impulse naturally.

"It's all about the values my parents instilled in me. 'Help people, and be a good neighbor.' I just try to live by those words," she said.

Ms. McNamara again thinks back to that Pennsylvania family that was provided a mortgage-free house via Home for Our Troops.

"You could see the relief when they entered their new home, knowing they don't have a mortgage. Their life just became so much easier," she said. "When I see things like this, it lets me know that I'm in the right place, doing what is right." ♦



Dr. Donald Padgett studies samples of a pond lily species not known to grow in Massachusetts that were found by his student Carilyne Ricardo Carbonell, '22.



Natural Discoveries

Learn how student fieldwork benefits not only their research but also the region

BY JOHN WINTERS, G'11

Students and Faculty Identify Species Rare to this Area

CARILYNE RICARDO CARBONELL, '22, had no idea when she was collecting plant samples in the Blue Hills Reservation in Milton that she was making a discovery that would prove to be notable.

As part of Dr. Donald Padgett's aquatic plants course, students had to collect 10 samples from the wild. Among Ms. Carbonell's collection was a plant she identified as Yellow Pond-lily (*Nuphar variegata*).

Later, when checking his students' work, Dr. Padgett, a professor in the Department of Biological Sciences, did a double take when he saw what Ms. Carbonell had actually collected. It was not *Nuphar variegata*, but rather a pond lily called *Nuphar advena*. Sometimes called the immigrant pond-lily, this species is not previously known to grow in Massachusetts.

In botanical circles, this is relatively big news. In December, an article authored by Ms. Carbonell, Dr. Padgett and Dr. Jenna Mendell, an associate professor in the Department of Biological Sciences, was published in the peer-reviewed journal, *Rhodora*, the journal of the New England Botanical Society. Titled "An established *Nuphar advena* (Nymphaeaceae) in Massachusetts, U.S.A.," the article introduced this new addition to the state's flora.

"When Dr. Padgett approached me, I first thought he had the wrong person because my work has never been recognized before," Ms. Carbonell said. "So, I was very proud to find out it was really my work that was going to be published."

Nuphar advena is listed as a rare plant in both northern Maine and Connecticut. It is far more common in New

Jersey and in states farther south. It just so happens that Dr. Padgett is a worldwide authority on this group of plants.

"Anyone else may not have noticed," he said.

Discovered in fall 2021, Ms. Carbonell's special pond lily collection was kept over the winter by Dr. Padgett. When spring rolled around, he enlisted Dr. Mendell, and together they went to the Blue Hills and looked around near the reservoir there to confirm the plant's identification. They found the immigrant pond-lily was thriving.

"Now the question was, 'How did it get there?'" Dr. Padgett said.

He considered whether a frog or bird may have been responsible for the plant's migration. But then he went online and found that between 2007 and 2010 the reservoir was reconstructed by the state Department of Conservation and Recreation as part of an anti-terrorism project. The water was drained, and massive storage tanks built nearby. The tanks hold an emergency supply of fresh water in the event of large-scale tampering with the reservoir or other disaster. As part of this water storage project, the eastern half of the original reservoir was eliminated. The entire area was then reconstituted, including a planting scheme for re-vegetating.

"I suspect that this species was planted deliberately, but unknowingly," Dr. Padgett said.

The upside is that people are now aware that there is a new and beautiful water lily in Massachusetts. The only potential downside is that the immigrant pond-lily may live up to its name and start to take over the area around it, possibly clogging waterways.

"The plant is well established and is reproducing in the wild, doing its thing," Dr. Padgett said. "But the issue is that this is a non-native aquatic plant, and many of them clog waterways. This one being new, we're not sure what it's going to do."

Samples of the newfound species are now on file at BSU, as well as at Harvard University and the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

The discovery proves that sometimes groundbreaking science requires a bit of luck, too. "It was total serendipity," Dr. Padgett said.

As for Ms. Carbonell, she hopes to go to medical school. Now she'll do so as a published scholar.

"I'm so happy I took this class," she said. "I learned so much about plants that I would have otherwise never known about."

BSU's Little-Known Natural History Collection is a Valuable Resource for Classroom Lessons and Faculty Research

TALK ABOUT HAVING A SKELETON in the closet.

At Bridgewater State University, tucked away on the ground floor of the Dana Moher-Faria Science and Mathematics Center is an entire room full of skeletons. Plant specimens, preserved bird carcasses, seashells and just about anything that currently lives or once lived in the region also can be found here, preserved in one form or another for experiments and classroom demonstrations.

Welcome to BSU's Natural History Collection. Most people have no idea that such a place exists on campus. Granted, Harvard University's Natural History Museum gets most of the limelight, deservedly so. However, BSU's collection is important in its own right. In addition to making specimens available for teaching and learning, the faculty members who make use of and contribute to it share some of their research findings with Harvard and the state. That information helps determine critical habitat information, enables the tracking of species and can even help add or remove a particular plant or animal from the endangered list.

"For an institution of our size, this is really a remarkable collection," said Dr. Donald Padgett, a professor in the Department of Biological Sciences. He points out that BSU's collection even has some specimens that Harvard's is lacking.

Maria Armour, an instructor in the Department of Biological Sciences, is manager of the collections. She recently acquired the help of Julia Hebert, '22, a graduate student from Taunton, to bring the operation up to date. Each specimen must be identified and numbered, and detailed information about where and under what circumstances it came from must be kept on file. Some items are photographed with a camera lucida.

"I think it's all about education," Ms. Hebert said. "We're very big on trying to educate the community and the campus. This collection holds so much value, and I want to help it get to what it can be, and we can see how much value it holds."

The collection was begun in the mid-1960s by late Bridgewater State biology Professor John Jahoda, an avid collector of specimens. (There's talk of one day naming the collection after him.) It has grown over the decades, thanks to donations of species by students and faculty, and today the collection comprises 5,000 items.

"I found a box of birds the other day," Professor Armour said on a recent spring afternoon.

Instructor Maria Armour and graduate student Julia Hebert, '22, flank a yak skeleton in BSU's Natural History Collection.



There are bones all over DMF: a horse in the basement, a whale hanging in the building's atrium, three more sets of whale bones in storage elsewhere.

Professor Armour said the collection is important for many reasons. "These items can be incorporated into research and outreach to learn about the changes in an organism over long periods of time," she said. "There's much to be gained by studying a specimen and learning about where and when it was collected." In some species, evidence can be seen of the likely fallout of climate change, such as shifts in habitats, migration patterns, etc.

For a student like Ms. Hebert, working with the Natural History Collection is a dream come true. A dream that dates back to her youngest days. "I was always bringing home snakes," she said. "My mom wasn't crazy about that."

She plans to earn a PhD and aims to become both a researcher and educator. Her research, based on her work with BSU's Natural History Collection, was presented in April at the New England Natural History Conference, held in Vermont.





Faculty Member and Students Catalog 'Imperiled' Freshwater Mussels and Much More

WHEN INSTRUCTOR JAY CORDEIRO takes students in his "Biology of Freshwater Mussels" course to waterways across Plymouth and Bristol counties, he's never sure what they'll find.

Sure, usually the students go about their business and put together a collection of mussels that they will study, identify and label as part of their grade. Along the way, they also learn all about these amazing water creatures. For instance, they are one of the most imperiled groups of animals on the planet, they can filter a gallon of water an hour, 37 species of mussels are extinct, and much more.

"They're not cute with big bulging eyes," Professor Cordeiro said. "But it's something that's in the students' own backyards that they have no idea about."

The one-credit course is directed at upperclass-level undergraduate and graduate students. It meets weekly for nine weeks, and the field trips where students strap on their waders are at its heart. The class puts a strong emphasis on conservation, Professor Cordeiro added.

While most of the mussels are returned to their habitats, a few from each outing are kept. Professor Cordeiro donates them to BSU's own Natural History Collection, housed on the first floor of the Dana Mohler-Faria Science and Mathematics Center and the Museum of Natural History at Harvard University. Eventually, the Harvard museum's Mollusk Collection Department adds these records to its central database. Information associated with each specimen (including names of collectors) gets entered and ends up online where he and students can view their names in perpetuity as collectors of these specimens. "They can go back and show their great-grandchildren they helped build this important database," he said.

The database adds much to what scientists know about the various species in the area, including changes in distribution and habitats, threats and trends, and conservation status. Notably, in his freshwater mussels course, Professor Cordeiro and his students have even located a few endangered species, discoveries for which the Harvard database plays a crucial role. The information is reported to the Massachusetts Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program, which is responsible for protecting rare species in the state.

"This information really helps the state in its annual tracking and conservation of all rare species," he said. "They closely monitor anything on the endangered and threatened list." The findings help state officials make educated decisions about where to best expend their conservation resources.

Professor Cordeiro also serves as a wildlife biologist and project coordinator for Mass Audubon. Through this organization, he has worked with area schools to teach young children about vernal pools, constructed protected wetlands for endangered frogs, and much more.

Mussels, in particular, are important to monitor, as they can act like "canaries in a coalmine," Professor Cordeiro said. "They're very sensitive to water quality and other bio-indicators of the health of their aquatic environment," he said. "If a species of mussels begins to disappear, it will tell you something is wrong."

The impact of climate change makes this monitoring critical and makes the contributions of Professor Cordeiro and his students all the more important. ♦

Instructor Jay Cordeiro holds a box of mussels gathered during his class, "Biology of Freshwater Mussels."

BSU develops first undergraduate degree
in state system focused on cybersecurity

Cyber range and security operations center
coming soon

Safeguarding the



The background image is a dark, futuristic control room or data center. In the foreground, several rows of computer workstations are visible, each with multiple monitors. Some people are seated at these workstations, their backs to the camera. In the background, a large wall display shows various data visualizations, including maps, charts, and binary code. The room is dimly lit, with blue and white light emanating from the screens and ceiling fixtures.

Future

U.S. SENATOR ED MARKEY sees cyberthreats as one of the most critical economic and privacy issues facing the country. But he is reassured by the steps Bridgewater State University is taking to expand its cybersecurity education, including new graduate and undergraduate programs in the quickly expanding field. "This program is absolutely essential, and it's both world class and affordable," he said.

The senator visited campus in February to announce \$2 million in federal funding, procured with the help of U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren, to support development of two forward-looking initiatives meant to ensure tomorrow's cybersecurity graduates get the necessary hands-on experience and are ultimately ready for what promises to be one of the great challenges of the coming years.



The first is the creation of a cyber range inside the Dana Mohler-Faria Center for Science and Mathematics, which will be one of the most sophisticated in the country. It will enable students and professionals to experience mock ransomware, malware, and other attacks, and learn to identify and mitigate them. The range, which can train 700 people annually, will open in the fall with rows of computers and large video screens that will facilitate hands-on instruction in how to defend against the latest hacking and cyber-attacks.

These mock cybercrime investigations will be based on real cases.

Taher Al Sharif, '18, G'20, knows the value of this kind of experience. Working as a cybersecurity graduate assistant at BSU helped him land a job in the rapidly growing field. Now he's a senior SOAR (security orchestration, automation and response) engineer at National Grid and is excited to hear about the coming cyber range and the impact it will have on those following in his footsteps. "All those students will get this hands-on experience," said Mr. Al Sharif, who earned a bachelor's degree in

computer science and an MBA from BSU. "It can lead to bigger and better things."

Shortly after the cyber range opens, a security operations center will make its debut. Run by cybersecurity professionals with students serving as interns and apprentices, the center is designed to help municipalities, nonprofits, regional companies and government agencies monitor, detect and respond to threats, and will provide even more real-life experience for BSU students.

The new graduate and undergraduate cybersecurity programs are also expected to begin accepting students for the fall 2024 semester. BSU's undergraduate degree in cybersecurity will be the first in the Massachusetts state university system.

In thanking Senator Markey for his help securing the funding for these projects, President Clark was effusive. "These dollars from the federal government transform places like BSU and literally change the trajectory of our ability to serve the people of Massachusetts, and especially our students," he said. "These dollars make a difference."

What Is Cybercrime and What Harm Can It Do?

It happens to most people several times a week. That odd email out of nowhere asking you to download something supposedly related to your job. Or the highly urgent message that someone has logged onto your Venmo account from a new device. Or the 5 AM text message telling you your streaming account has been suspended for some undisclosed reason, and you need to log on and address the issue – or else.

These examples are the work of cybercriminals hoping to hijack your online information and wreak havoc on your life and finances. It's one of the downsides of living so much of our lives online. Businesses large and small provide even richer targets.

Cybercrime has simply become an incredibly common element of modern society. *Cybercrime Magazine* predicts

the damage caused by cybercrime to hit \$10.5 trillion annually by 2025; the result of sustained growth equaling 15 percent per year.

Closer to home, in 2021 alone, data breaches affected more than 1.8 million of Massachusetts' 7 million residents.

As for the public sector? Cyber perils are the biggest concern for companies globally in 2022, according to the Allianz Risk Barometer, Allianz Global Corporate & Specialty's annual report that identifies the top corporate risks for the next 12 months and beyond.

The corollary to all this bad news is a job market that can hardly keep pace. As of this writing, there are more than 20,000 unfilled cybersecurity positions in Massachusetts alone, and 750,000 nationally. *Cybersecurity Magazine* predicts the seemingly endless expansion of the Web, including increasingly digitized businesses, artificial



Architectural renderings by Civitacts Architecture



President Clark leads U.S. Senator Ed Markey (right) and State Senator Walter Timilty to BSU's cyber range, which is under construction in the Dana Mohler-Faria Center for Science and Mathematics.

intelligence, Internet of Things devices, blockchain, virtual reality, quantum computing and cybercrime directed at individuals, will only complicate and increase the number of threats faced, propelling global spending on cybersecurity products and services to \$1.75 trillion cumulatively for the five-year period from 2021-2025.

Meanwhile, the 2022 Cybersecurity Workforce Study Report published by the International Information System Security Certification Consortium, a nonprofit industry group founded in 1989, estimates that the global cybersecurity workforce currently numbers nearly 5 million. That figure is expected to jump by 11 percent each year in the near future.

That's a lot of employees, yet it's expected to continue to fall short of the need. The report continues, "While the cybersecurity workforce is growing rapidly, demand is growing even faster. "[D]espite adding more than 464,000 workers in the past year, the cybersecurity workforce gap has grown more than twice as much as the workforce with a 26.2 percent year-over-year increase, making it a profession in dire need of more people."

The other challenge, formidable on its own, is a need to improve the skills of those already in the industry.

Seeing the Future

Ryan Kuczer, '23, may have just graduated from BSU, but already he has his sights on continuing his education in cybersecurity, a field he has come to love.

He plans to enroll in BSU's graduate certificate program in cybersecurity. During his undergraduate years, he watched the Internet continually expand and realized that the pervasiveness of technology means threats can crop up anywhere. Someone needs to be there to stop them. "You can pretty much link cybersecurity to anything you touch in life," Ryan said. "Pretty much everything you do is linked to the internet."

BSU has for years been staking out a path to become a leader in cybersecurity. With the launch of this program, the resources behind it and the partnerships stemming from its development, the university is uniquely suited to meet this growing demand and position itself on the vanguard of national cybersecurity education.

The new degree programs increase access to affordable, applicable careers in the computer science and governance fields. BSU currently offers a cybersecurity and digital-forensics minor as well as a master's certificate in cybersecurity and cybercriminology. Different than other cybersecurity certificate programs, the BSU program adds cybercriminology to focus on the investigative side of cybercrime.

Students will graduate with the skills, experience and knowledge to compete in the growing global markets that demand highly skilled cybersecurity professionals who can adapt and grow as the industry's needs expand.

"This program is unique in that it doesn't just focus on the technical aspects of the job," said Dr. Enping Li, professor in the Department of Computer Science. "Unlike other universities, we're strongly emphasizing ethics and the relationship between cybersecurity and the criminal justice system. This program is for burgeoning professionals, taught by professors with real-world cybersecurity experience." The hope is that BSU's offerings in cybersecurity will set the standard for the state and potentially serve as a national model.

No other program can provide this level of immersive education and training, ensuring students are on the cutting edge of cybersecurity defense, said Steve Zuromski, vice president of information technology and chief information officer at BSU. "Just like pilots use flight simulators, our students will have access to a one-of-its kind facility that will give them the hands-on, real-world training they need to immediately enter the workforce and get a job."

In February, Senator Markey spoke of the important role BSU is now prepared to play. "Bridgewater State University is meeting the moment in order to ensure students are prepared to protect and deliver for our communities," he said. "This is the future, and Bridgewater State University is going to prepare the workforce for that future." ♦

(This feature was developed from a series of articles by Brian Benson, G'23, with contributions from John Winters, G'11.)

CYBERCRIME BY THE NUMBERS

\$10.5 trillion

predicted level of damage caused annually by cybercrime by 2025

1.8 million

number of Massachusetts residents, out of a total of 7 million residents, affected by data breaches in 2021

\$1.75 trillion

projected cumulative amount of global spending on cybersecurity products and services from 2021-2025

5 million

estimated number of current global cybersecurity workers

11 percent

predicted increase in the number of global cybersecurity workers each year in the near future

750,000

number of unfilled cybersecurity positions nationwide as of May 2023

20,000+

number of unfilled cybersecurity positions in Massachusetts as of May 2023

The statistics above were cited by the following sources:

Cybercrime Magazine, the Allianz Risk Barometer, *Cybersecurity Magazine*, the 2022 Cybersecurity Workforce Study Report published by the International Information System Security Certification Consortium

Additional funding for the cyber range included \$250,000 from the Massachusetts Skills Capital Grant, supported by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Education Skills Capital Program; and \$711,500 from the MassCyberCenter. The federal earmark covered 67.5 percent of the funding for the cyber range, with the additional 32.5 percent (\$961,500) coming from additional funding. In 2022, the Baker-Polito administration announced a \$1.2 million grant that partially funded the security operations center.



New Approaches

*Changes in undergraduate research program
increase diversity and equity*

BY JOHN WINTERS, G'11

RESEARCH IS OFTEN ABOUT asking tough questions, big questions.

When Dr. Jenny Shanahan and her colleagues in the Office of Undergraduate Research began asking tough questions of their program, they found work needed to be done. This was especially true in light of the pandemic and the many changes it wrought, as well as the reckoning, nationally and locally, over racial injustice, including the 2020 murder of George Floyd.

Most experts agree that BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and People of Color) students and faculty were disproportionately impacted by these events. "We felt our students and many of our faculty mentors were dealing with the intersection of these crises, and if we were going to help them heal, rebuild and achieve what they aim to do, we needed to do things differently in every part of our work," said Dr. Shanahan, who is assistant provost and head of BSU's Center for Transformative Learning.

She, along with BSU professors Dr. Jeanne Carey Ingle, Dr. Jing Tan, Dr. Thayaparan Paramanathan and Dr. Kenneth W. Adams, developed a multi-pronged approach to making necessary changes to the university's undergraduate research program. Ultimately, they came up with a number of principles to guide and drive these changes. The article they wrote about the process was recently named 2022's best paper by *Scholarship and Practice of Undergraduate Research* (SPUR). The article, "Seven Principles for Reimagining Undergraduate Research in the 'Next Normal,'" was first published in the journal's winter 2022 issue and reissued in winter 2023.

The SPUR judges saw real value in the work, which included surveys of student researchers and faculty mentors, research into how higher education is changing and a literature review. Those participating were asked to review the undergraduate research application and instructions, the department's website, the content of some of its workshops and more.

The findings were "humbling," Dr. Shanahan said.

The goal was to rethink just about every aspect of undergraduate research, Dr. Shanahan said, ensuring it aligned with the findings of the Special Presidential Task

Force on Racial Justice. "If there's one thing the presidential task force showed is that so much of what we do in higher education is founded in white supremacy," she said. "It's not intended, but it's a legacy we have to contend with. "We need to examine these things and uproot them."

Dr. Shanahan highlighted two of the changes the Office of Undergraduate Research has made or is making. An expectation of a fixed, 10-week, 40-hours-per-week commitment for students participating in the summer Adrian Tinsley Program (ATP) constituted an insurmountable barrier for those with long-term jobs from which they couldn't step away. The new ATP allows students to conduct research for a total of 200 or 400 hours, spread out over 14 weeks on their own schedule, alongside other work and family responsibilities. The second change is a streamlined application for the ATP grant. With the aim of creating a more equitable opportunity for students, the application will include criteria that value a broader array of strengths they can bring to research, such as engagement in their communities and fluency in more than one language.

The payoff of having made many changes is that today BSU's undergraduate research program is more diverse. In fact, the cohort of students in the program last summer represented the most racially and ethnically diverse ever. ♦

Seven Principles for Reimagining Undergraduate Research in the 'Next Normal'

1. Overhaul undergraduate research recruitment, selection and support for BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and People of Color) students
2. Support faculty and students shifting their research focus to topics of renewed urgency (e.g., effects of the pandemic, racial injustice) and seeking to decolonize their research
3. Create customized support for undergraduate research in different disciplines and on different kinds of projects, as students and faculty face disproportional challenges
4. Capitalize on the unexpected benefits of remote research and mentoring
5. Respond to the lack of assuredness with technology and lack of access to reliable connectivity experienced by faculty and students
6. Accommodate the work schedules of students
7. Offer flexibility and trust

Access Granted

Honors class invites qualified BIPOC students to give research a try

BY JOHN WINTERS, G'11

IT MUST HAVE BEEN a very unusual Uber ride.

Elaine Otero-Mendez, '23, was on her way to present her research at an April conference at Stonehill College, and she was doubting herself. "I woke up that day at four in the morning thinking I didn't know my subject," she said. "But on the way there I did my presentation for my Uber driver. We talked it over, and I thought, I *do* know my subject."

A native of Puerto Rico for whom English is her second language, Ms. Otero-Mendez said that as a university student she sometimes felt the effects of what's known as "imposter syndrome." Now that she's presented her work at a conference, aced an honors-level course, graduated with a degree in social work and is eyeing a master's degree, she's proved something to herself and others. "At the conference, it was like, 'Hey, we are really doing this,'" she said.

Addressing the obstacles to diversity and inclusion in honors programs has in recent years been an increasingly important goal of colleges and universities across the country. Identifying and abolishing the obstacles to Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC), as well as first-generation students, who might be interested in the benefits inherent in doing honors-level scholarship is at the heart of these efforts.

Different institutions have tried to address the issue in different ways. At BSU, an honors colloquium on racial justice is unique not only because of its subject matter, but also because it is geared toward students from racially minoritized groups who have strong GPAs but might never have seen themselves as honors material. In short, it's a chance for students who never considered themselves honors material to give it a try.

"As a faculty member, I reflected on this, and it started to percolate," said Dr. Jibril Solomon of the Department of Social Work, who developed the course. "I knew we had to be more conscious of this. It made me realize that this is real and impacting students, and it brought me back to my own experience when I was an undergraduate."

This special one-credit seminar course, "Racial and Social Justice Dialogues: A critical lens and theoretical framework to dialogue about race, justice and our collective social consciousness," was offered in fall 2021 and 2022. Elaine and two others, Carolina Ramirez Ramirez, '25, and Vanusa Abreu, '23, were enrolled in the most recent class. Each presented her work at Stonehill College in April at the Undergraduate Research Conference on Social Justice and the Politics of (Mis)Education. Presenting their research in front of an audience of peers and academics was transformative, the students said.

"I think it was great," said Vanusa, a Cabo Verde native who, like Elaine, lives in New Bedford. "In the beginning I was doubting myself a little bit, especially not having English as my primary language. But the conference created a safe environment that was not threatening and very supporting. And having those other students and faculty there for us was so inspiring."

Elaine's topic was criminalization vs. treatment of people with mental health and substance use disorders in the prison system. Vanusa's research dealt with sex trafficking in the United States.

Meanwhile, Carolina's work focused on racial and social justice in the foster care system, something she's long been passionate about. She said she's seen friends negatively impacted by the system. "I saw how they didn't have a voice," the Dartmouth resident said. "I thought I needed to do something." This impulse impacted both her choice of a major and the direction her research took. She may have also glimpsed her future, including one day obtaining a master's in social work and making a career of assisting others.

"This experience did help me conclude that I want to create a nonprofit to help families and children in need, such as filling out paperwork, finding affordable housing, applying for SNAP benefits ..." she said. "I just want to help children's voices be heard."

Dr. Solomon is pleased with the course's outcomes to date. The Stonehill presentations were the proof that when a door



Dr. Jibril Solomon of the Department of Social Work meets with students from his honors colloquium (from left) Vanusa Abreu, '23; Elaine Otero-Mendez, '23, with her two-month old daughter Amira Violeta; and Carolina Ramirez Ramirez, '25.

is opened and students are encouraged to walk through it, good things can happen. "It was amazing to watch them present in front of all these other students," he said. "It was quite an experience to see, especially considering a year ago these students didn't think they belonged in honors.

"It confirmed to them that, yes, not only can they do honors-level work, but they also have the skills to do research, develop ideas and present their work," he added.

"I think the presentations confirmed to them they are not imposters at BSU or in the Honors Program. Now they know they can excel at the highest level."

The work of Elaine, Vanusa and Carolina may also have lasting and widespread effects. Elaine and Vanusa hope to collaborate as researchers in the future and, eventually, as activists. They are already discussing the possibility of setting up a nonprofit focused on helping underserved populations.◆

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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.

1954

Rose B. Maloney, G'56, G'82, and her husband, **John F. Maloney, '57,** are doing well and will celebrate their 67th wedding anniversary in August. They wish the best for their classmates.

1957

Barbara Churbuck Adams, G'59, and her husband, Charles, happily retired to the Bass River section of South Yarmouth and are enjoying life in their 1835 Greek Revival home. They are both very active on several town boards.

After 32 years of flying with Alaska Airlines, **Lee Seater** became a "Million Miler." Half of the miles earned were trips back to Boston.

1960

Judy Schneider was recently honored when the entrance to Hanover High School was named for her and is now known as Coach Schneider Way. She taught physical education at the school for 58 years, and coached basketball for 42 years, winning more than 475 games. Over an 11-year period, Ms. Schneider's basketball teams won 170 consecutive games. In field hockey, she notched 520 victories. She has been

inducted into the Durfee High School Athletic Hall of Fame, BSU's Athletic Hall of Fame and New Agenda: Northeast Hall of Fame.

James E. Hubbard Jr. was inducted into the Fairhaven High School Athletic Hall of Fame in July 2022. This is his fourth hall of fame selection, including Bridgewater State in 2009.

1962

Robert Kitchen and **Catherine "Cathy" Howard Kitchen** will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary in July.

1965

Elayne Scott Neal published her sixth book, which is her third poetry book, *Spirit of Life Poetry: Views of the Dual World*, on Amazon under the pen name E. N. Light on April 3.

1968

Mary Beth Furze Maitoza coordinated a Lifelong Learning Rhode Island fall semester 2022 course celebrating Frederick Law Olmsted 200. Participants' presentations included Boston's Emerald Necklace as well as more than 60 public and private commissions in Rhode Island, including the great lawn of the John Brown House. Since retiring from Mansfield High School's

English department, Ms.

Maitoza has volunteered as a literary tour guide for the Rhode Island Historical Society, leading both student and film festival groups for more than 15 years.

1971

Jean Ciborowski Fahey is enjoying a surge in her career as an award-winning author of hybrid children's books – *I'll Build You a Bookcase* and *Make Time for Reading: A Story Guide for Parents of Babies and Young Children*. She was featured in the March 2023 *Multilingual Educator*, a journal published by the California Association of Bilingual Education (CABE). The journal was distributed to 5,500 participants at the CABE annual conference, held in March.

1975

In November 2022, **Tanya Sullivan** was inducted to the Middleboro High School 2022 Athletic Hall of Fame as a coach.

Robert "Bob" Smith, G'87, and his wife, Harriet, recently moved to Bridgewater. He retired from the Easton public school system in 2010 and since 2011 has worked part time in BSU's Department of Athletics.

1977

Judith Murray Smith, G'13, and **Gary Minnehan, '78,** were delighted to reunite with Dr. Stephen Smalley, former professor and chair of BSU's Department of Art, on December 1, 2022, at their collaborative exhibition at Abington Public Library.

1978

Jeffrey P. Entwistle retired in May 2020 following a 39-year professorial teaching and designing career. He was granted the title of Professor Emeritus of Theatre and Dance after his retirement from the University of Wisconsin Green Bay. In November 2022, once the grip of COVID finally allowed for comfortable travel, Mr. Entwistle and his wife, Donna, '77, enjoyed a life- and career-affirming retirement gathering with many of his former students and colleagues in the Grand Foyer of the Weidner Center for the Performing Arts.

1981

Joseph McDonald Jr. published his first two novels in 2022. *Electric Fame*, a novel set in the mid-1980s about a group of musicians with big dreams and their travels along the way to fame, was published in August 2022. It contains many Bridgewater references throughout, including the old railroad

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bridge, the Rat, WBIM and *The Comment*. *Wildest Dreams*, published in October 2022, is an anthology title with two-dozen tales, mostly inspired by dreams. His next two novels, featuring many characters from *Electric Fame*, are scheduled for release in 2023, with a final book in the series, currently in progress, scheduled for 2024 release. Since retiring in 2014, Mr. McDonald has been working as the lead photographer for Altered Reality Entertainment, a company that produces multimedia, multi-genre events across the country, including the flagship show Rhode Island Comic Con. He also shoots music and independent wrestling events with his daughter, Hope.

1984

Beverly Kris Jaeger-Helton was inducted into the New

Agenda: Northeast Hall of Fame for her contributions to girls and women in sport. She is also an international tennis official.

1985

Debra Adamson, a published children's book author, released two books in fall 2022. *Thankful Thanksgiving* and *God Sent You with Love*, published by Cottage Door Press, are available through Amazon.

1987

Edward J. Valla received tenure and was promoted to associate professor in the Emergency Management/Homeland Security Department at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy. For his upcoming sabbatical project, he will teach at the University College of Copenhagen in its Emergency and Risk Management Department.

1989

After 16 years as athletic director for Hoover High School in Fresno, California, **Timothy Carey** was hired as the vice principal on special assignment, in the Student Engagement Department for the Fresno Unified School District. His main role is overseeing K-8 athletics for the district's 17 middle schools and 66 elementary schools.

Paul Lightfoot was appointed senior vice president of user experience at Cognite, an industrial software company.

1990

Steven Goodyear was appointed president and chief executive officer of Summit Hill Foods, Inc., effective November 1, 2022. He previously held the role of president.

1994

James Janczy joined Danvers-based NewFed Mortgage as executive vice president-chief production officer.

Robert D. Cozzone was named president and CEO of Hudson-based Avidia Bank.

1995

Nicholas Garofolo starred in, wrote and produced the film *Crime Traveler: The Adventures of Dave Slade*, which was recently released on Tubi TV.

1997

Patricia A. Fisher has been sworn in as the chief of police for the Town of Newbury.

1999

Dr. Rhonda Trust-Schwartz is a professor at Palm Beach State College in Boca Raton, Florida. She is also teaching two courses in the Communications Department at the

ALUMNI SERVICES

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ALUMNI UPDATE

CLASS NOTES

University of Miami. She earned her PhD at the University of Connecticut.

2002

Justin Lyons has joined Landry/French Construction as project executive.

2005

Christopher Pereira, a member of the Air National Guard and an Afghanistan veteran, has been awarded the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, granted to military members who perform substantial volunteer service

to the local community above and beyond the duties required as a member of the United States Armed Forces. Among the volunteer responsibilities highlighted are chairman of the Dartmouth Veterans Advisory Board, president of the Dartmouth Youth Football League and co-founder and co-chair of the Dartmouth Education Foundation.

2009

Jennifer Sanborn is the recipient of the 2022 Citation for Outstanding Performance

by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for her contributions to the Department of Children and Families.

2015

Devon Fields, G'15, is the assistant town administrator for operations for the Town of Brookline, where she previously served as administrative services director.

2019

Tiana Jurisic was accepted for a prestigious internship at the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, where she will

be a human rights intern working on the Human Rights Report and presenting it to the Human Rights Council. She will be starting to pursue her PhD in public health in fall 2023, focusing on refugee health.

Kaitlyn Rielly, G'19, is the admissions coordinator at the nonprofit Mary Ann Morse Healthcare Center in Natick, a short- and long-term community serving MetroWest aging adults.

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: bridgew.joinhandshake.com/login. Make sure your company posts on Handshake as well.

CAREER FAIRS

Career Services hosts several 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 & Job Fair

Thursday, September 21, 2023, 1-3 PM
Rondileau Student Union Ballroom

STEM & Health Sciences Career Expo

Wednesday, October 18, 2023, 2-4 PM
Dana Mohler-Faria 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 also 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 for more information.

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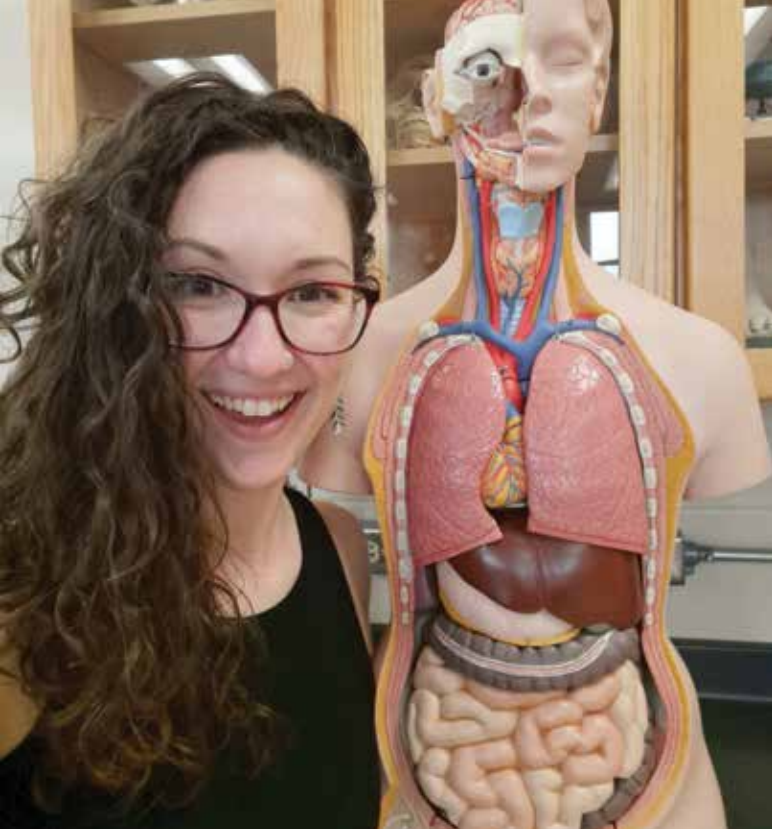
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CAMPUS ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT

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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ALUMNI PROFILE

DR. ALLISON (GALANIS) MOLONEY, '10

pandemic raging across the world, Dr. Moloney got to work. Like most colleges, Thomas, with a population of less than 1,000 students, immediately pivoted to a mix of online and in-person classes.

Despite her inauspicious start at the college, she quickly realized she'd found her truly happy place. "It's sort of a cliché, but it's the dream job, man," she said. "It's everything I'd hoped it would be. And one of the cool things is that I teach the same courses, but the students are always different. They've got different goals and different journeys."

This passion has paid off. Thomas College administrators recently announced that she will soon be promoted to associate professor. Meanwhile, Dr. Moloney's love of research hasn't faded. She has published two papers and plans more in the future. Her work focuses on finding novel drugs to treat acute myeloid leukemia. "Cancer is what I'm most interested in," she said.

Dr. Krevosky keeps in touch with her one-time protégé. "Allie is a phenomenal person who is at her core, caring, and she brings out the best in others in her presence," she said. "While she was in our lab, Allie worked hard becoming a proficient and highly capable scientist and microscopist, and, importantly, was a source of support for her peers, bringing fun and laughter to our group."

Things seem to be going equally well in Dr. Moloney's personal life. She is married to Joe Moloney, a 2011 BSU graduate, who just completed nursing school. The couple lives in Westbrook, Maine, and love the area's rural beauty.

Dr. Moloney credits some of her success to her intellectual versatility. It's a product of the education she received, she said. "My learning was so broad at BSU and Johns Hopkins that I can kind of do a little bit of everything," she said. (She teaches anatomy and physiology, nutrition, cell biology, genetics and more.) "When I got to Hopkins, I felt like I was a little Massachusetts state college kid here with all the big shots from Ivy League schools. However, I soon learned that my experience was so much broader. Bridgewater prepared me beautifully."

For Dr. Moloney, the best part of teaching is that she sometimes finds herself serving as a mentor for her students, much like Dr. Krevosky and Dr. Bowen during her own college experience. "They did it for me, and if I can do it for others, it gets me all warm and fuzzy inside," she said.

That's not a scientific phrase, but we get the picture.◆

—BY JOHN WINTERS, G'11

GENERALLY, WHEN STUDENTS COME TO COLLEGE, they either have their career goals confirmed – or upended.

For Dr. Allison (Galanis) Moloney, '10, it was definitely the latter.

When the Stoughton native began her studies at Bridgewater State, her dream was to become a veterinarian. That is, until she took part in her first biology lab. "They introduced me to research, and I was hooked," she said.

"They" were veteran biology professors, Dr. Jeffery Bowen and Dr. Merideth Krevosky. "There was something special going on in that lab," said Dr. Moloney.

She ultimately majored in biology and became a top student. After graduating from BSU in 2010, she moved to Baltimore to pursue a PhD at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, where she majored in cellular and molecular medicine.

Her first professional role was at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute as a researcher, yet the classroom beckoned. After a year in the lab, she spent four years as an instructor at Colby College in Waterville, Maine, and a year at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine.

During the spring 2020 semester, COVID hit. She was, it turns out, teaching a class at the time called "Emerging and Re-emerging Infections Across the Globe." "I thought that maybe this semester we can watch this new virus," Dr. Moloney said, envisioning the many perfect teaching moments. "However, it turned out not to be the life lesson that I hoped to teach them."

Good news arrived soon after, Thomas College, a private institution on the Kennebec River in Waterville, wanted to hire her for a full-time faculty position in the biology department. That fall semester, with a still-mysterious

ALUMNI UPDATE

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MARRIAGES

The university celebrates the wedding of the following alumni:

Cassandra J. Siegfried, '09, to Steven Willard, on June 3, 2022

Danielle J. Nadeau, '12, to **Samantha L. Kennedy**, '12, on July 23, 2021

Lori A. Routhier, '13, to **Christopher M. Coleman**, '09, on September 17, 2022

IN MEMORIAM

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

Margery Payson Chittim, '39, on August 10, 2022

Dorothy Howes Schertell, '45, on May 30, 2022

Phyllis Lawday Foster, '47, on March 31, 2023

Hortense Archambault Burton, '48, on September 17, 2022

Corinne McDonough Austin, '48, on October 10, 2022

Dilla Adams Battista, '50, on April 4, 2022

Walter G. Creedon, '50, on November 3, 2022

Frances Budd, '50, on July 27, 2022

Helen A. Kudlic, '50, on December 29, 2022

Anne Fitzmaurice Tierney, '50, on January 31, 2023

Henry F. Hicks Jr., '51, on March 28, 2022

Elizabeth A. Mansfield, '51, G'56, on February 11, 2023

Betty Manning Cummings, '52, on September 11, 2022

Dorothy Dawes Brawley, '52, on November 15, 2022

Jean Nugent Ryan, '52, on August 4, 2022

Margery A. Lally-Edele, '52, on December 10, 2022

Ann Marie Burke Guay, '53, G'55, on March 26, 2022

Paul Salamon, '53, G'61, on December 5, 2022

Samuel H. Olson, '54, on November 6, 2022

Joan Lundquist Swanson, '54, on January 13, 2023

Claire M. Appling, '54, G'57, on February 28, 2023

Charles Christie, '54, on March 14, 2023

Lois Day Butterfield, '54, on April 1, 2023

Madlyn Ware Giberti, '55, G'63, on August 7, 2022

Edna O'Reilly Cull, '55, on December 14, 2022

Eileen Tutty Altieri, '55, on April 4, 2023

Eileen Sullivan O'Grady, '56, on December 21, 2022

Esther G. Leary, '56, on December 13, 2022

Margaret Courant Lopes, '56, on February 25, 2023

Winifred Murray Leary, '56, on April 1, 2023

Joseph J. Reynolds, G'57, on January 18, 2022

Patricia Rafter Arcikowski, '57, G'61, on January 4, 2023

Frederico R. Medina Jr., G'58, on September 5, 2022

Sheila Quinn Collier, '58, on August 30, 2022

Helen Bodel Fitzgerald, '58, on January 18, 2022

Dr. John J. Fletcher, '58, on July 6, 2022

Ernest N. MacFadgen, G'58, on December 22, 2022

Dorothea Brock Lockmiller, '58, on March 21, 2023

Joanne Smith Pierce, '59, G'64, on August 17, 2022

Edward J. Slattery, G'59, on August 11, 2022

Alice Coughlin Mattson, '59, on September 25, 2022

John F. Kenneally, '59, on October 24, 2022

John Canto, G'59, on January 28, 2022

Dianne Speare Bridgwood, '59, on January 12, 2023

Arthur J. Souza, '59, G'61, on December 30, 2021

Ruth Schuttauf, '60, on June 24, 2022

Carol Stubbs Hale, '60, on January 28, 2023

Chester "Chet" Delani, '61, on February 14, 2022

Cynthia Pickering Dillon, '61, on June 20, 2021

Jeanne Lindsay Balcom, G'62, on June 26, 2022

Bjorg Jensen Jeppson, '62, G'82, G'86, on August 24, 2022

Beverly Tompson Berube, '62, on November 9, 2022

Joseph Noble, '62, on January 28, 2023

Patricia P. Gauthier, G'62, on March 25, 2023

Roger Lemenager, G'62, on March 27, 2023

John M. Ryan, '63, on September 13, 2022

Diane Houlberg Wyman, '63, on January 18, 2023

Dean A. Powers, '63, G'67, on March 10, 2023

Mary Ralicki Uchneat, '64, on November 14, 2021

Robert J. Casey, '64, G'68, on November 7, 2022

Barbara Costa Pereira, '64, on October 8, 2022

Peter Fuchs, '64, G'66, on January 18, 2023

Franz Cahoon, '65, on October 23, 2022

John E. Cribben Jr., '65, on December 4, 2022

George A. Ferreira, G'66, on August 16, 2022

Timothy Brady, G'66, on November 15, 2021

John W. Buckley, G'66, on November 9, 2022

Carol A. Price, '66, on November 20, 2021

Robert F. Souza, G'66, on January 23, 2023

Kenneth T. Lyons, '66, on February 20, 2023

Charles J. Cinto, G'67, on October 18, 2022

Marilyn Milne Dykeman, '67, on February 24, 2023

Christopher B. Lee, '67, on February 19, 2023

Carol Arruda Henson, '67, G'71, on March 4, 2023

Allen C. Eklund, '68, on August 29, 2022

Madeleine Chenard Schuman, '68, on November 1, 2022

Nancy Henerberry Smith, '68, on October 24, 2022

Barbara E. Hough, '68, on February 15, 2023

Eileen M. Morris, '68, on March 23, 2023

Alexander Whyte III, '69, on October 2, 2022

Nicholas Dipilato Jr., '69, on October 17, 2022

Virginia Martin, '69, on December 29, 2020

Nancy daLuz, '69, on April 5, 2022

Suzanne Reardon Brackett, '69, on March 18, 2023

Christine Hathaway Saad-Keefe, '69, on March 23, 2023

Paul Monti, '70, on August 26, 2022

Herbert A. Aalpoel, G'70, on August 29, 2022

Gayle Lawson Engstli, '70, on August 26, 2022

Stephen J. Whittaker, '70, G'76, on November 11, 2021

Peter Hosford, '70, on February 27, 2022

Deborah Trube Jackson, '70, on October 20, 2020

Lynne Regula-Foster Bougas, '70, on January 4, 2023

Paula A. Harper, '70, G'93, on February 17, 2023

Mary M. Moore, '71, on October 6, 2022

Eleanor M. Cucinatto, '71, G'74, on November 14, 2022

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Francis J. Page, '71, on December 2, 2022
Lynne A. Whiteley, '71, on April 8, 2023
Robin Congdon, '72, G'74, on October 18, 2020
Ann M. Childs, G'73, on September 1, 2022
Stephen F. Manley, '73, on August 16, 2022
Patricia E. Hansbury, '73, on October 31, 2022
James McDevitt, '73, on May 21, 2022
David M. Kneeland, '73, on September 27, 2022
Patricia Sousa, '73, G'90, on November 23, 2022
Katherine Tirrell Marin, '73, on November 3, 2022
Diane D. Phipps, '73, on December 31, 2022
Richard A. Giordano, G'73, on April 2, 2023
Laura K. Lynds, '74, on April 2, 2022
Rose Girard Bevis, '74, on January 30, 2023
Kenneth J. Stevenson, '74, on March 10, 2023
Jeanne M. Remondini, '75, on September 10, 2022
Robert Hallgren, '75, on November 11, 2022
Nicholas A. Vardack, G'75, on December 19, 2022
Michael A. Collins, '76, G'01, on August 19, 2022
Marilyn E. Smith, G'76, on August 16, 2022
Robert P. Ouellette, G'76, on October 23, 2022
Sara C. Kenney, G'76, on December 22, 2021
Stanley Makowski, '76, on October 8, 2021
Paul Benbenek, '76, on November 22, 2022
Wendy Hawkins Hanlon, '76, on October 12, 2022
Maureen Crosby Stefanski, '76, on October 13, 2022
Elvoid C. Mayers, G'76, on February 5, 2023
Robert L. Reid, G'76, in March 2023
Sgt. Paul T. Nolan, '77, on August 28, 2020
Louisa McKay, '77, G'84, on February 9, 2022
Mary F. O'Driscoll, G'77, on October 31, 2022
Rhonda Pruss, '77, on October 12, 2021
Kathleen M. Verdelli, '77, on February 20, 2023
Sheila A. Davis, '77, on March 27, 2023
Stephen Esdale, '78, on September 28, 2020
Kathleen H. Fanning, G'78, on January 6, 2023
Florence Lisherness, G'78, on February 14, 2023
Patricia E. Nee, G'79, on September 26, 2022
David A. Roberts, G'79, on October 5, 2022
Sophia Caradimos Gillespie, '80, on October 23, 2022
Jane L. Gadaire, G'81, on August 31, 2022
Sylvie Leblanc Nadeau, '81, on October 1, 2022
Marcia Elgart, '81, on December 29, 2021
Ann Holleran, '81, on June 12, 2022
Karen Morrison Cataldo, '81, on December 9, 2022
Charles E. Sturtevant, '81, on December 3, 2022
Paula Soltis, '82, on March 24, 2021
Carol A. King, '82, on October 31, 2022
Lucy A. Smith, G'82, on February 18, 2023
Dominic J. Genovese, '83, on September 12, 2022

Leonard L. Goldstein, G'83, on September 29, 2022
Deborah Cunha Kasabian, '83, on October 6, 2022
Estelle Markonish, '84, on July 24, 2022
Judith Jackson, G'84, on December 30, 2022
Michael G. Driscoll, '85, on September 28, 2022
Mark Beauvais, '85, on December 5, 2021
Diane E. Crane, G'85, in December 1, 2022
Carl Dietz, '86, on April 1, 2023
Myrna H. Crowley, G'87, on August 30, 2022
Patricia DeMello, '89, on March 27, 2022
Mary H. Bourque, '90, on August 21, 2022
Arthur C. Grant, '90, on October 16, 2022
Ronald K. Harris, '90, on November 8, 2022
Brendan W. Hallisey, '90, on January 13, 2023
Sarah Fallon, G'90, on February 1, 2023
Frank Coutinho, '91, on April 2, 2022
Marjorie J. Scotti, G'91, on September 12, 2022
Norma Belay, '92, on January 24, 2023
Raquel McShain Crowley, '92, on February 24, 2023
Ruth Vadas, '93, on November 24, 2022
Kathleen M. Powers, '93, on November 10, 2022
Margaret Mossman, '93, on January 22, 2023
Francis J. McGinty, '93, on April 1, 2023
Patricia Diamond, G'94, on September 25, 2022
Joseph Lawlor, '94, on July 14, 2022
Maria M. Harvey, G'94, on September 10, 2022
Robert Goonan, '94, on December 29, 2022
Alan M. Kane, G'94, on January 18, 2023
Maureen Rego, G'95 on January 10, 2022
Paul Couto, '97, G'05, on December 5, 2022
Kathleen D'Eri, '97, on February 26, 2023
Ann O. Cohen, G'98, on December 28, 2022
Mary L. Wood, '98, on February 2, 2023
Charlotte Hill, '99, on January 18, 2022
Edward L. Rodricks, '00, on December 30, 2021
William R. Curtin, '00, on October 21, 2022
Janet Maitland, '03, on January 1, 2022
Jodi McClellan LaFountain, '04, on October 14, 2022
Sharon Davis, G'05, on January 27, 2023
Donna Espindle-Scozzari, '05, in February 2023
Michael P. Lally Jr., '05, on March 24, 2023
Kathryn Considine Carey, G'06, on October 4, 2022
Amanda Boisvert Knight, '06, on January 15, 2023
John R. O'Neill, '06, on February 12, 2023
Timothy J. Clinton, '07, on September 2, 2021
Patrick Hanrahan, '07, on November 26, 2022
David V. Zauner, '09, on December 7, 2022
Michael B. Lough, '11, on March 9, 2023
Wendy J. Higgins, '16, on July 28, 2022
Ryan Plunkett, G'22, on November 5, 2022

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


David P. Deep, professor emeritus, Department of Physical Education, Vice President for Student Life, on February 2, 2023
Judith McLeod Deep, nurse and associate director of Health Services, on March 15, 2023 (*Read more about David and Judith Deep on page 9.*)
Dr. Ian H. Johnstone, professor emeritus, Department of Music, on February 20, 2023
Dr. Joseph J. Liggera, professor emeritus, Department of English, on September 5, 2022
Leo J. McGuirk, G'64, professor emeritus, Department of Education, on October 6, 2022
Albert O. Mondeau Jr., on April 28, 2022

PARTING SHOT



BSU'S Department of Athletics and Recreation hosted its biggest pep rally of the year, Midnight Madness, on January 26, drawing a large crowd of students who packed the Adrian Tinsley Center. The annual event this year featured performances by BSU's cheerleaders, Bear Band, Dance Team, Kinetic Edge Hip Hop Team and D'Afrique Dance Team, among others. Students took part in games, raffles and contests, including a hula hoop challenge, won by Divina Hernandez, '24, above. The theatre arts major said of the event, "I think Midnight Madness is one of the best displays of community spirit that BSU builds."

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- Reunion Class Celebrations
- Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony
- Flying Ivories – Dueling Pianos

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SATURDAY FEATURED EVENTS

- BAA Annual Meeting
- Trolley Tours of Campus
- Alumni Champagne and Bloody Mary Brunch
- Bristaco's Block Party in University Park
- Pre-Game Celebration at The Riviera Café (The Riv)
- Rathskeller Party Tent at Swenson Field Lot
- BSU Football vs. Westfield State



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