Bridgewater State College’s Office of International and Exchange Programs provides numerous opportunities for students, faculty, staff and members of the community to study abroad. Clockwise from top: Fortress of Verrucole in the mountains of Tuscany, Italy; Amie Thimas, showing digital photographs to schoolchildren in Cape Verde; heritage tour group, Cape Verde; architecture in Ile de Ré, France. Story begins on page 3.
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Dear friends,

The feature story for this issue of Bridgewater focuses on our efforts to offer opportunities to study and travel internationally. As I have often said to our students, few experiences are as eye-opening and life-changing as spending time in other countries.

Rapid advances in communications and technology may have made the world smaller and more accessible than it once was, but that certainly doesn’t mean that misperceptions and misunderstandings are things of the past.

Only by stepping onto a new continent, conversing in another language (or at least attempting to), and embracing the customs and traditions of others can one truly begin to appreciate the challenges and opportunities facing our world and its many peoples.

I cannot begin to tell you how gratifying it is to hear our returning students speak of their adventures – be it tasting eel in China, enjoying art in Paris or watching World Cup soccer in Ireland. All the while they are attending classes led by BSC or other world-class faculty members, learning about local cultures, and participating in ways of life often very different than their own.

What is so extraordinary about Bridgewater State College’s program is that it gives so many of our students the opportunity to travel outside of the United States for the very first time. Think about that for a moment.

A first-generation college student from rural Halifax or Fairhaven can suddenly find herself rubbing elbows with scholars at Oxford; the son of mill workers from New Bedford or Fall River can tell his parents and friends about how he marveled at the architecture of the Parthenon or the Coliseum; and a student readying for graduate school can first venture out and visit some of the most cosmopolitan cities on Earth.

Through the generous support of our alumni and other benefactors, more and more of our students are receiving scholarships and stipends to enjoy these incredible opportunities. As we strive to educate good citizens and the next generation of leaders, expanding opportunities for student travel represents one of the wisest investments we can make.

Though there is still much to do, it remains our goal to ensure that any Bridgewater State College student who wishes to travel or study abroad may do so, regardless of financial circumstance.

After all, we need to think of these not so much as once-in-a-lifetime occasions but first-in-a-lifetime opportunities. And as the case with learning in a general sense, our chief responsibility at Bridgewater State College continues to be whetting the appetites of our students and empowering them to succeed.

I’m sure you will agree that the early returns on our investment are very strong indeed.

Sincerely,

Dana Mohler-Faria
President
Intellectuals Abroad
BSC Students Search the World for Exciting, Inspirational Educational Experiences

Like any devoted English major, William Candler Jr. had read his Milton, studied his Oscar Wilde, pondered his Shakespeare. But then he had the good fortune to spend three and a half weeks at Oxford University in England — and inspiration was all around him.

Mr. Candler, a BSC junior from Weymouth, found himself having lunch at the pub where C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien and their fellow Inklings would critique each other’s new chapters. He sat in the vaulted halls of Oxford in the land of Malory and Lewis Carroll and Beowulf and discussed the implications of fantasy literature. Perhaps even better, Mr. Candler, a theater minor, sat in Shakespeare’s own Globe Theater to witness Romeo and Juliet themselves striding the boards.

“To think, we were a two-minute walk from where Tolkien created The Lord of the Rings,” he said of his summer 2004 Oxford experience. “To know that something of that superior nature was created within my viewing distance was just incredible. London, Tintern Abbey, Raglan Castle, Stonehenge — seeing it all firsthand made what I had only read about come alive.”

Being there — that’s what BSC’s international and study abroad program is all about. Through this extensive program, senior Megan Bradford learned to speak Spanish like a native, music professor Salil Sachdev became captivated by the rhythm of castanets, and international student Patricio Honores made a personal connection with the land of his birth.

For the adventurous and self-motivated student, study abroad programs bring the world within reach. Aside from the obvious educational benefits of the anthropology student studying the origins of humans in Africa or the international business student strolling through Tokyo’s financial district, studying abroad can be a life-altering learning experience. “Students absorb information with all their senses in a travel program — eating the foods, listening to the sounds of the language,” said Robin Melavalin, associate director of the Office of International and Exchange Programs. “One student in Japan had the fortunate experience of sitting quietly on a balcony and listening to chanting from a nearby Buddhist temple.

“They learn tremendous things academically, but they also put themselves in an environment where they have to figure things out themselves.”

Ms. Melavalin learned firsthand the benefits of international travel when, as an anthropology and sociology professor at BSC, she took a group of students to Cuba during spring break in 1999. With little administrative support available at the time, she made all the arrangements for the trip herself, from writing an itinerary to convincing wary parents.

It was all worth it. Ms. Melavalin’s students delved into medical anthropology, witnessing how Cuban doctors treat their patients with the best of all worlds — acupuncture, natural healing, magnetic mats, massage, nutrition, pharmaceuticals. At a botanical garden in Havana, they were introduced to healing plants. In a small village with dusty roads, they saw how children’s asthma was relieved when a local doctor convinced the government to call out the asphalt trucks.

“The students could see how everything was connected. They could look at medical problems in the United States and see there are global solutions,” she said.

Study abroad opportunities at BSC have boomed. Today there are many options available to students who find their way to Ms. Melavalin’s office in the Maxwell Library: short-term study tour led by faculty members, usually involving between 15 to 17 students; long-term study or exchange

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programs where individuals study at an overseas university for a semester or a year; and long-term study programs at other U.S. universities.

Set up similar to Ms. Melavalin’s Cuba experience, short-term tours are focused around a distinct study topic, such as education in Peru or Vietnam, or photography in Île de Ré in France. These tours are open to all students, regardless of major, and can be taken for credit. BSC usually runs about a dozen or so tours annually during intersession and vacation breaks.

For students who want a deeper experience, BSC offers many long-term study abroad programs in places such as Egypt, Spain, Australia, Japan, Greece, Costa Rica, Canada, New Zealand, France — even exotic destinations such as Cameroon — and unique opportunities such as the 100-day shipboard Semester-at-Sea.

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BSC Study Abroad Programs Benefit More than Students

It’s not only BSC students who benefit from the college’s extensive study abroad program. Faculty members, BSC staffers and even individuals not officially connected with the college can be found packing their bags for BSC short-term study tours.

That was the case with Kindra Clineff, a professional photographer from Topsfield who traveled to Île de Ré in France in June 2002 to study pinhole photography, an alternative photo processing method.

“For me, I needed to get away from commercial photography, find a new way of being expressive and learn something related to my field,” she said. “I hadn’t done anything like that study tour when I was in college, and I wished I had. It was a fascinating experience.”

For 10 days, the tour participants scrutinized the landscape through their viewfinders, under the guidance of BSC professor Dan Cooney. While as much as 20 years in age separated the undergraduates from the non-traditional students, Ms. Clineff found all the participants focused on their work, mature and fun to be around. Meal times were especially memorable, with group members laughing and getting to know each other. The entire tour was a “fascinating” experience, one she would love to repeat.

“It’s very inspiring to go to distant places,” she said. “On the tour I could leave everything behind and think differently. I found it easier to artistically burst forth, so to speak, rather than just recreating something familiar.”

Salil Sachdev is certainly familiar with African music, but like Ms. Clineff, his study tour experience awakened new possibilities in a subject he knows well. An assistant professor in the music department at BSC for six years, Professor Sachdev traveled to Spain and Morocco on an art history study tour in March of 2003. With a wide interest in world music, Professor Sachdev had spent time in Western Africa previously, and a trip to the north side of the country fit his “ongoing quest” to delve deeply into African musical styles.

“I love to explore different parts of the world, talk to folk musicians,” said Professor Sachdev, who leads the BSC African drumming ensemble, Khakatay. “We were visiting a desert area in Morocco one night, and there was a group of local visiting artists, and I got the opportunity to jam with them. It was great.

While in Spain, Professor Sachdev sought out small clubs, drinking in the feel and flavor of the flamenco as it was performed by native experts only 10 feet from where he sat. He became enamored of the castanets, how they were used, how they added to the rhythmic tapestry of the music.

He returned from the trip not only with a pair of professional castanets and the desire to perfect their technique, but also with endless new information and inspiration to share with his BSC students. “If you’ve been there, you have firsthand experience,” he said. “You can talk about cultures and music with so much more conviction. As an instructor, travel is extremely beneficial.”

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Study abroad is one way students can concentrate on specific subjects not available at BSC — where better to learn about castles than in Ireland? — or become immersed in a subject or foreign culture. Before she had finished a term at the University of Sevilla in Spain, Spanish major and BSC senior Megan Bradford was conversing with waiters and store clerks like a native.

"Here, if you need help in class, the teacher will speak to you in English," she said. "Not over there. I took classes on Cervantes, classes in language, and the professors only spoke Spanish."

Or perhaps students participate for reasons other than academics. Valerie Bosse, BSC senior, didn’t travel to Manchester Metropolitan University in England in fall 2003 because she couldn’t find any psychology courses here — studying abroad always had been in the back of her mind. Likewise with Patricio Honores, a BSC junior in management science, who spent a semester in Brazil and made an important personal connection with the homeland he left at age 5.

Students can also spend a semester at one of 175 educational institutions within the United States through the National Student Exchange Program. They can move closer to a subject that interests them by studying, say, at the University of Hilo, HI, tucked away in a rainforest near a volcano. Or they can pursue specialized classes not available at BSC, as is Marissa Montague, a senior from Sharon, who is spending her senior year at the University of Mississippi working intensely in one of the country’s rare undergraduate forensic chemistry programs.

"Next semester I get to do research with an organic chemistry professor. I will learn lab techniques I can’t learn here. I have the opportunity to work alongside graduate students and to be published," she said. "When I heard about the program at Ole Miss, I went to Robin and she said, ‘Let’s make this happen.’"

Students have the world at their fingertips, which in many ways is possible only because of BSC’s commitment to the program and the work done by Ms. Melavalin and her office. Whenever students travel abroad, they go with the full support and guidance of the study abroad office.

BSC is the only college in New England where people can get a passport on a campus — due to Ms. Melavalin, who went through the same certification process demanded of town clerks. She works individually with each student, discussing how the program fits the student’s academic and career goals, letting them know about financial aid and scholarships, talking first-time travelers through their doubts.

Most students are able to get financial assistance to help with airfare or costs, either through scholarships or by working with the BSC financial aid office to increase their funding allotment. Mr. Candler said a $900 scholarship he received from the BSC Foundation through the honors program made it possible for him to attend the Bridgewater-at-Oxford summer program.

Each student sent abroad attends a lengthy predeparture meeting where Ms. Melavalin discusses potential travel challenges. She passes out important cultural tidbits, like the fact that grown men in China don’t wear shorts — ever — and notes on proper manners in foreign lands.

Included is serious discussion about post-9/11 travel conditions, airline safety and boarding procedures, even anti-Americanism. Don’t wear khakis overseas, she advises — what could be a fashion statement in the states could be inflammatory elsewhere. Ms. Melavalin said 9/11 didn’t put a damper on the study abroad program but did foster changes to assure everyone’s ultimate safety. The entire program has been developed to allow students to “travel internationally with confidence and in the care of the college,” she said.

Ms. Melavalin keeps in touch with the overseas students via e-mail, and they know her phone number and how to reach the U.S. State Department in case of emergencies. When terrorist train bombings rocked Madrid last year, the college immediately got assurance that the six BSC students studying in Spain were all safe. (None was in the city during the incident.)
Overseas students can register for next semester’s classes over the Internet and remain in touch with their academic advisers. Once home, the students meet again with Ms. Melavalin to share and swap stories and photos.

“Certainly a primary goal is to internationalize our curriculum. Bridgewater State College students now have access to travel, to learn, and to bring that information back to other students,” Ms. Melavalin said.

BSC President Emerita Adrian Tinsley recognized the importance of study abroad to both the individual students and the greater BSC community, Ms. Melavalin said, and sought to develop and expand the program. Continuing that work is Dr. Dana Mohler-Faria who not only supports the concept of study abroad but also travels on some of the short-term tours.

In January, the president traveled with a group of BSC students and faculty to the Republic of Cape Verde, an archipelago nation off the coast of equatorial Africa. For President Mohler-Faria, who at the time of his inauguration was only the second person of Cape Verden heritage to ascend to the presidency of a higher education institution in the United States, this trip was his first to the land of his ancestors.

“My family and I were really excited to have made the trip,” he said. “This was a very special trip for me.

In 1872, the BSC graduating class included a Japanese native named Shuje Isawa. When he later returned to his homeland, Isawa founded the first public school system in Japan based on the lessons learned in his education classes at BSC.

Since then, Japan and BSC have shared a special connection, one that is realized today in an extensive and long-standing student exchange program. Dr. Edward Minnock, dean of graduate and continuing education, said about 10 to 15 Japanese students enroll every year at BSC through the National Collegiate Network.

These students are full-fledged BSC students, he said, who spend their entire four years at Bridgewater State College, graduate and return home with an understanding of American business and culture that helps them earn prized international jobs.

But while they are exceptional academic students, Dr. Minnock found the Japanese exchange students were having a hard time fitting in socially on campus. Both cultural differences and the fact that English is a second language for most prevented the students from enjoying the entire BSC experience or caused difficulties in management courses where students complete projects in teams, he said.

Working together to tackle this challenge, Dr. Minnock; Mary Delgado, assistant director of graduate and continuing education; Kristy-Ann Eldridge, international student adviser in the Center for Multicultural and International Affairs; and Asian studies department head Wing-Kai Tao created a mentoring program that pairs incoming Japanese freshmen with American BSC students. Last September, this new plan was put into action.

“We recruited students who agreed to act as conversation partners with the Japanese students,” Dr. Minnock said. “The mentors act as campus social...
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personally, and I was so glad to share some of this time with our students.”

In addition to the time he spent with colleagues from BSC, the president met with an individual who is no stranger to the Bridgewater State College campus — Cape Verde’s Prime Minister, José Maria Neves, who visited the college in fall 2003. Dr. Mohler-Faria and Prime Minister Neves have enjoyed an ongoing dialogue regarding the future establishment of a Cape Verdean higher education system.

In April of this year, the president will travel as part of a Bridgewater State College delegation to Japan (see pages 6-7, “Long-standing Relationship Between BSC and the Land of the Rising Sun”).

Since 1999, the Bridgewater State College Foundation has supported international and study abroad programs to the tune of $150,000. Financial support for the 17-year-old Bridgewater-at-Oxford program — the “grandmother” of BSC study abroad programs, as Ms. Melavalin calls it — has always been strong. A special endowed scholarship fund set up by Bristol County Savings Bank in 1999 has helped students like Megan Bradford pay for their overseas studies.

The program is benefiting from a boost in the coming year. Last fall, the foundation and college trustees didn’t hesitate to approve President Mohler-Faria’s $70,000 international and study abroad budget request. In addition, the president requested an additional $20,000 for study abroad “to reflect the growing relevance of this mode of study in our increasingly multicultural society.” Again, the foundation gave its approval.

When students travel, the benefits to BSC are great. They return to campus eager to learn, and their enthusiasm is infectious. A student who has visited Hiroshima, Ms. Melavalin said, will tackle a World War II history course with new insight.

“They come back avid learners,” she said. “They speak up in class, relate stories, give speeches and educate the whole class. When they return, they are more likely to connect with our international students here.”

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Mr. Candler agrees. "I had new inspiration to do well, a new passion for learning that came from being in the intellectual capital of the world," he said of his Oxford adventure. "Sitting around discussing literature, hearing insights I had never heard before. It was a learning experience I could take back to my English and theater classes and share with them."

Their memories are real and vivid. Mr. Honores describes the intense colors of Rio de Janeiro, the blue of the ocean, the white sands, the green mountains, the shimmering pale buildings. "Brazil is so beautiful. It had a huge impact on me ..." he said. "I can't put it into words, but I know that if I hadn't gone on the exchange, I would see things differently, feel things differently."

Ms. Bradford fondly describes the university where she studied, an 18th century tobacco factory made of stone, with a water fountain in the foyer and the scent of orange blossoms in the air. She recalls how the entire town of Sevilla shut down for a weeklong religious festival before Easter, and how the people celebrated again with lights and feasts and dancing once Resurrection Day had passed.

Back at BSC, her Spanish civilization textbook is filled with places she's been and things she's seen. "When I was in Spain I would say, 'I can't believe I'm seeing all this and learning at the same time,'" she said.

For Ms. Bosse, England means clusters of schoolchildren in uniforms running down a hill to lunch, French fries that are really "chips" and potato chips that are really "crisps," bright-red "call boxes," tiny village post offices and new English friends who were curious to know if all Americans are like The Simpsons.

Mr. Candler so enjoyed his introduction to the English traditional tea, with scones and jam and an hour of worry-free relaxation every afternoon, that, on several Friday afternoons, he replicated the custom in his BSC dorm room.

Perhaps the deepest change is in the students themselves— not as students, but as maturing adults. For most, study abroad marks their first overseas experience. Even those only traveling short-term with a faculty member must eat strange foods and adapt to different ways. Those exchanging for a semester or more are thrust into a foreign world on their own.

"It was scary. I didn't know anyone at the two universities I chose," said Ms. Montague, who also spent a semester at Dalhousie University in Nova Scotia. "Being hundreds of miles away from home challenges you, and you grow and learn about yourself. Now I know there is another world out there."

Travel teaches young adults how to keep track of finances, exchange money, make connecting flights, be responsible, Ms. Melavalin said. "Before Spain, I was adolescentish," Ms. Bradford said. "There comes a point in everyone's life when you have to grow up, see what you are capable of. This is the perfect opportunity."

Once they've tasted travel, the students can't get enough. It's a snap to take the ferry from England to France for a weekend in Paris, meet friends in Switzerland to go skydiving, or arrange a jaunt over to Rome to catch a glimpse of the Pope.

Ms. Bosse keeps in touch with friends she met in England via e-mail. In the residence halls at Manchester Metropolitan, she met exchange students from Greece, France, Italy, Spain and elsewhere, all struggling mightily to speak English, all curious about her and her culture. She made friends from all over the world. Friends that, Ms. Bosse believes, she will keep forever.

Many returnees join the BSC Study Away Student Association, where they not only share their own experiences but also encourage other BSC students to put aside their doubts and give study abroad a try. "When else in your life will you be so free that you can go anywhere in the world you want?" Mr. Honores said.

"It's not something you can think overly long about," Ms. Bosse said. "If you want to do it, do it. It was the greatest experience of my life. I would do it again, and I know all the students who went over with me think the same thing. It's one of those things I will carry with me for the rest of my life."
A Memorable, and At Times Emotional, Heritage Tour to the Republic of Cape Verde

“Morableza” is a word used by the residents of the Republic of Cape Verde that means “to welcome people, to treat them well, to show appreciation for their coming to our home.”

The spirit of that expression was much in evidence for a group of 23 travelers from Bridgewater State College — led by Dr. Dana Mohler-Faria, president of the college, and Robin Melavalin, associate director of the Office of International and Exchange Programs — who spent the first week in January on a visit to that country.

“Cape Verde is a collection of 15 islands, 10 of them inhabited — 300 miles off the coast of Africa, with a population of more than 420,000 people,” said Harold Tavares, a senior economics major at BSC who is a citizen of Cape Verde.

Mr. Tavares served as the president’s official translator (Creole and Portuguese are the languages of Cape Verde) during the seven-day tour.

He performed translation duties when President Mohler-Faria and other members of the Bridgewater State College group were welcomed at a reception in Praia by government officials of the Republic of Cape Verde, including President Pedro Pires, Prime Minister José Neves, Ambassador to the United States José Brito, and Minister of Education and Human Resources Filomena Martins.

“For me, the best part of the trip was having the opportunity to see people from Bridgewater State College visit and explore Cape Verde,” said Mr. Tavares. “Outside of my country, the largest number of people from Cape Verde live in Southeastern Massachusetts. Many of those of Cape Verdean decent have never seen where their relatives originally came from.”

President Mohler-Faria, who was accompanied on the trip by his wife, Kathy, and 13-year-old son, Jonathan, is among them.

“One of the most memorable, and most emotional, moments for me occurred when there was a reception held for us at a school on the island of Brava, where three of my four grandparents were born,” said President Mohler-Faria.

“The mayor of Brava met us as we landed on the island and took us later that afternoon to the school, where the children presented gifts to us,” he said.

Standing in that school in Brava, and being received by the students and the staff as a native son – and knowing that this is the land where my grandparents lived and struggled – was very special and meaningful to me,” the president continued. “I could feel the pride that they expressed in the fact that ‘one of their own’ has done well in the United States.”

Although President Mohler-Faria said he looked forward eagerly to this first trip to the land of his ancestors, he had no idea of the kind of reception that he and his traveling companions would receive upon their arrival.

“Immediately as we landed in Cape Verde – it was early morning and very foggy – I got my first taste that I was in for something special,” he explained.

As we left the plane on the island of Sal, I saw a group of people holding a large sign with my name on it, welcoming us. From that first moment, I realized that our coming to Cape Verde was a special event for the people of that country, and throughout the trip, wherever we went, we received a warm welcome.”

In a conversation three years ago, President Mohler-Faria and Ms. Melavalin agreed to organize a college-sponsored educational trip to Cape Verde.
I recall he said to me, ‘I’ve never been there but I’d love to go with students.’ That’s when the seed was initially planted that he would travel with a group from the college,” said Ms. Melavalin.

In October 2003, Cape Verde’s prime minister, José Neves, paid a visit to Bridgewater State College during an official tour of New England. The visit was significant for the college as it marked the first time that a head of state had visited the school.

During meetings with the prime minister and his staff, President Mohler-Faria pledged to explore avenues to developing an ongoing relationship between the college and the people of Cape Verde.

Paula Fontes, president of the Cape Verdean Student Association (co-sponsor of the heritage tour), is a senior criminal justice major at BSC who was born in Cape Verde. One of eight children, she came to the United States as a small child and had made one trip back, when she was 15 years old.

“When Ms. Melavalin and I discussed the itinerary, I immediately thought it was a great idea,” said Ms. Fontes.

She said she was thrilled to have the chance to make the journey again.

“Cape Verde is definitely changing, and I saw a lot of differences since I was last there six years ago,” she said.

Among all those from BSC who had memorable experiences during the visit, Mike Gomes, associate vice president for administration and finance, had what is perhaps the most dramatic of all.

“All my adult life I’ve kept reminding myself of a promise that I made to my father, who came to this country — as best as I can recollect — in 1908, when he was a very young man,” said Mr. Gomes.

“He died in 1983, when he was 90 years old. He had always wanted to go back to Cape Verde but he never did.”

With help from BSC student Luis Rosa, a native of Cape Verde, Mr. Gomes came much closer to finding his father’s home than he had thought he would.

“I had no idea where, specifically, my father had been born,” he said.

He only knew the name of a section of Fogo, “but that’s as precise as I could be.”

Mr. Rosa agreed to do some research. “He shared it with his uncle, who happens to work in the local city hall.”

With information provided by Mr. Rosa’s uncle, Mr. Gomes and several other members of the BSC party used several hours of free time on a Saturday morning to make a trip to the mountain village where his father was born.

Upon arriving in the village, “I noticed a man walking toward us who looked familiar and appeared distraught,” said Mr. Gomes, “and when he got closer, he said, ‘Today is a sad day. My older brother just died. His name was Miguel Lobo Gomes. He was your father’s nephew.’ I realized I was face-to-face with my first cousin. It was surreal.”

Mr. Gomes was able to attend the wake that morning for his cousin and meet many of his relatives. His first cousin led him to the house, now abandoned, which was the birthplace of Mr. Gomes’ father. Gently scooping some soil to put into small bottles, Mr. Gomes plans to bury the soil at his father’s gravesite in New Bedford.

“The experience of finding where my father was born was tremendous,” said Mr. Gomes. “I expected to be able to collect some dirt from the island of Fogo to bring home, but I didn’t expect to get soil that my father probably touched.”

Plans are already underway for a return trip to Cape Verde in spring 2006, and in the interim, President Mohler-Faria expects to have ongoing discussions with officials of that nation on a host of potential cooperative projects, including advice and support from BSC as the country seeks to create its first public university.

“Everyone who went on the trip wants to return there,” said Ms. Fontes, echoing the sentiments of all who made the journey to Cape Verde. “Personally, I can’t wait to go back.”
Another “First” at Bridgewater State College: A Master's Degree Program Offered in Mexico

By David K. Wilson, '71

Bridgewater State College has been offering teacher education programs since 1840, but in fall 2004 a historic step was taken when — for the first time ever — the college began offering a master’s degree program in education in another country.

The Westhill Institute is an American school in Mexico City offering programs from kindergarten through high school.

Its connection to Bridgewater State College began when Headmaster Andrew Sherman attended a conference in Panama City in fall 2003, where he met Dr. Edward Minnock, dean of graduate and continuing education at BSC.

The headmaster told the dean of his desire to provide his teachers with the opportunity to earn master’s degrees in education.

"Westhill Institute was actively looking for a partnership where we could be an equal member in the relationship and help shape and tailor the program to the needs of both institutions," said Mr. Sherman.

"Bridgewater State College was receptive to this idea and very flexible in its understanding of the special circumstances of a U.S. school operating outside of the United States," he said.

When Dr. Minnock returned to BSC, he contacted Jane Souza, assistant dean responsible for off-campus programs.

"I learned of Mr. Sherman’s interest in having a master’s degree program to be used as a recruitment and retention tool for his teachers. He said that most of Westhill’s teachers had only bachelor’s degrees, and the headmaster wanted to encourage them to study for master’s degrees," she said.

Mr. Sherman and Ms. Souza had several telephone conversations, and she recalled asking him exactly what kind of program he wanted.

"I'm looking for a good master’s program in education from a reputable institution," Mr. Sherman told her. "I know Bridgewater has an excellent reputation in this field."

He had specifics: "I want the teachers to improve their literacy skills, but I don’t want a master’s in reading; I want them to have technology skills, but I don’t want a degree limited only to technology; and I want them to have special education skills, but not exclusively in that field."

Ms. Souza took that information to a meeting with the coordinators of those programs in the college’s School of Education and Allied Studies.

"The question I asked was, 'If we were to build a new master’s degree program with the best, well-rounded K-12 program possible, what course would you include from each area?'" said Ms. Souza.

The new program was titled "Masters in Education for K-12 Education in Non-U.S. Settings."

In spring 2004, Ms. Souza went to Westhill to explain the program that was being developed for them. "The concept we developed was received enthusiastically, which of course made us happy," said Ms. Souza.

By fall, the first course was ready, and Mr. Charles Elliott, '64, G'67, a long-time visiting professor at BSC and a veteran of 35 years as a public school teacher and administrator, was asked to teach it.

"I went to teach a course entitled, 'Teacher as leader: issues to advocacy,' which is based on a course that I’ve taught at BSC for the past five years," said Mr. Elliott.

From Nov. 1-12, Mr. Elliott was at the Westhill Institute.

"The program is designed to have instructors from Bridgewater State College spend two full weeks at Westhill offering an intense course. Students – the teachers at the institute – attend four hours a day for four days after school the first week, followed by eight hours on Saturday, then another four hours a day for four days the second week," he explained.

"This was my first trip to Mexico. I don’t speak any Spanish, but I was assured the students all spoke English," he said. "I had confidence in the program, and I enjoy very much the content of this particular course. And I’m pleased to say everything went well."

Over the course of three years, including summer sessions, teachers at Westhill will earn a master’s degree from BSC.

"When the first class graduates in summer 2007, this will be Bridgewater State College’s first graduation in an international setting," said Ms. Souza.
By Fate, Nicholas Litton, '85, Found Bridgewater State College and Life in the United States

In September 1981, when Nicholas Litton arrived in the United States from his native England to attend Bridgewater State College, he had only scant knowledge about this country’s higher education options.

“I had grown up on a farm in the east of England near a town called Norwich, and I went through most of my youth without ever thinking I’d be leaving to cross the ocean and head to America for an education,” he said.

“I really had no inclination to think about, or inquire into, American colleges.”

That continued as he graduated from Radley College, a private school near Oxford, and then went immediately to work.

“I was employed for several years by a hotel in a fashionable part of London, and I was enjoying a very comfortable social life. But eventually I got bored with that and began to think, ‘What am I going to do with the rest of my life?’ ”

One evening he was reading the newspaper when an advertisement caught his attention.

“The ad’s headline was, ‘Attend College in the U.S.A.,’ and a telephone number was provided,” he recalled.

“An interview was scheduled, and for a fee of $100, I filled out a form which I was told would be sent to a variety of colleges in America. Among the schools was Bridgewater State College.

“At that point, I didn’t have any idea of the difference between a college such as Bridgewater State and a university such as Ohio State, which was also one of the dozen or so schools listed.”

As fate would have it, the first reply came from Bridgewater State College.

“And so I came here without any expectations, and, fortunately, I found a good place with good people. I recall that at the end of my first semester here, I went home to England for the Christmas holidays and about a dozen friends from BSC came to the airport to see me off. Frankly, I couldn’t wait to get back once the holidays were finished.”

Mr. Litton chose English as his undergraduate major (“a natural choice,” he said). He joined several campus organizations, including the International Students’ Association and the college’s radio station, WBIM, and had a part-time job in the college’s Office of Public Affairs.

Looking back today, he said, he found adjusting to life in Bridgewater — and in the United States — “very easy because everyone I met was exceptionally pleasant and helpful.”

Best of all, he said, he met his future wife, Diane Parent, who was also a student, during his second semester at BSC.

“We got engaged in January 1984 and were married the next September,” he explained, and from that point on he knew he would likely stay in this country rather than return home to England, as he had originally planned.

He admitted, however, that his first job out of college was a “bit of a disappointment.”

Through contacts provided by a relative, he was hired by a health insurance company to deliver policies to people who had purchased a plan.

“I had to drive all over New England in a rickety old car to bring the policies to those who had enrolled, and I only got paid if the people accepted the delivery.”

Eventually, the health insurance business “went south,” and, in search of a job, he contacted a former BSC classmate, Bill Hoffman.

“Bill and I had worked together at the college radio station, where he had been the program director. At the time, he was working for a parking garage company in Boston, and he told me, ‘I can get you a job there that will last you for a couple of weeks.’ ”

That sounded fine to him, recalled Mr. Litton, who in 1985 entered the parking garage business as a lot attendant earning $4.25 an hour.

Ultimately, he stayed in the business for much longer than “a couple of weeks,” and two decades later he is the general manager for the Central Parking Corporation in Boston overseeing approximately 700 employees.

“It’s been a good career, and I’m grateful to Bill for steering me in this direction. By the way, Bill soon left the parking lot business and now arranges overseas corporate outings both here and abroad. Life’s turned out fairly well for both Bill and me.”

Today Nicholas and Diane, also Class of 1985, make their home in Falmouth, raising their teenage son, Jeremy, and two infant twin daughters, Elizabeth and Katherine.

Although he has spent nearly all of his adult life in the United States, he returns to England at least once a year where he still has family.

“You come to appreciate both places and, equally important, you come to appreciate the qualities of each,” Mr. Litton said. “I feel strong connections on both sides of the Atlantic, and I regard that as a blessing.”
Jack Hackett, '55, Continues His Involvement at BSC as President of the Bridgewater State College Alumni Association

To Jack Hackett, it’s a simple quid pro quo: Bridgewater State College served him well, and he’s returning the favor.

A half century after earning his bachelor’s degree at BSC, Mr. Hackett remains involved with his alma mater — these days as the president of the Bridgewater Alumni Association.

Mr. Hackett and his wife, Pat, also a graduate of the Class of 1955 at BSC, live in the Holly Ridge section of Sandwich. “The college,” Mr. Hackett said, “has been a big part of our lives, personally and professionally.”

Until he retired a decade ago as a full-time administrator, Mr. Hackett devoted 44 years to the Weymouth school system, first as a sixth-grade teacher, later as an elementary principal and finally as the school system’s associate superintendent — the job he was holding until he retired in 1999. After leaving the Weymouth system, Mr. Hackett taught briefly as an adjunct professor at Stonehill College.

Mrs. Hackett taught in the Weymouth system, but spent most of her professional career at St. Edward’s School in Brockton.

From his early years as a Bridgewater State College undergraduate, Mr. Hackett was involved in the campus community — as a member of the Men’s Club, as an “end of the bench” member of the basketball team and with Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

After graduation, Mr. Hackett, who holds graduate degrees from Bridgewater State College and Boston University, stayed close to the college through various alumni activities. He enjoys close working relationships with staff and faculty, as well as with college president, Dana Mohler-Faria.

He has been a director of the alumni association’s Board of Directors since the late 1990s, and he ascended to the presidency from the vice president’s chair.

“Pat and I have always worked on reunion committees,” he said, adding that plans are already underway for the classes 50th reunion.

“The Class of 1955 will be making a significant contribution to the college to provide scholarships for students who plan to work in the field of education,” he said. “We have an effective alumni council, and our directors are taking an active role in increasing alumni participation — especially by recent graduates.

“We want to invite active undergraduates to sustain their leadership roles as alumni,” he emphasized. “And we want them to increase their participation, not just financially, but socially and culturally as well.”

As for the Hacketts, they’ll maintain their own high profiles through a series of scheduled events and monthly alumni board meetings. Mr. Hackett sits in on subcommittee meetings in an ex officio role. And, he’s a member of the Board of Trustees of the Bridgewater State College Foundation, which is responsible for fund-raising activities.

While Mr. Hackett lauds the expanded role BSC enjoys in the academic community, he reflects fondly on the college’s seminal contribution to the field of teacher education.

He and his wife, he said, were well prepared to fill their roles as educators.

“We worked enthusiastically in education,” he recalled, “and hired teachers, whenever possible, from the ranks of BSC graduates.”

And, oh yes, lest it appear that the Hacketts’ radar is permanently tuned to the Bridgewater State College campus, other people and activities enrich their lives as well. There are the three Hackett children — Julie, John Jr. and Jane. There is the travel — a recent 14-day cruise to the Mediterranean and the winters in Florida. There are the charming grounds that surround their property — grounds that the couple nurture with great care and affection. And there’s his weekly round of golf on the Holly Ridge course that’s visible through the rear windows of their home.

It’s a place that stirs the senses and nourishes the soul. But then, from the Hacketts’ point of view, so is Bridgewater State College.

Dick Sherman of North Attleboro is a free-lance writer for regional publications.
It was the late 1970s and two college roommates were starting to forge their ways to successful careers in the women’s basketball coaching circuit. Little did Elaine Clement-Holbrook, Class of 1975, and Barbara Stevens, Class of 1976, know back then that their Bridgewater State College connection would remain as strong nearly three decades later and their coaching careers would flourish.

Ms. Clement-Holbrook, who coaches the varsity girls’ basketball team at Oliver Ames High School in Easton, was honored by the Women’s Basketball Coaches Association with the Coach of the Year for District One (which includes New England and New Jersey) award. The award is a prestigious one in her field, but what matters most to Ms. Clement-Holbrook, who is also the co-chair of Oliver Ames’ science department and has taught in the Easton school system for 29 years, are her players.

“I think about what I can do as a coach to make it better for them, and it makes me so proud when they succeed,” commented Ms. Clement-Holbrook, who played on BSC’s basketball team for two years.

A number of her players have gone on to play at the Division I and II levels on scholarship, and some have even gone into coaching, including BSC’s women’s basketball coach, Bridgette Casey.

But Ms. Casey isn’t Ms. Clement-Holbrook’s only Bridgewater State College connection. Her coaching career started when she student-taught at Oliver Ames. There, her co-op teacher and then head basketball coach Sue Rivard, BSC Class of 1963, served as her role model.

Said Ms. Clement-Holbrook, “I saw in Sue what I wanted to do.”

Sure enough, Ms. Rivard had taken her on as assistant coach, and when Ms. Rivard retired the next year, Ms. Clement-Holbrook took over and her passion for the field has never waned.

With more than 430 wins under her belt, Ms. Clement-Holbrook has a lot of respect in the coaching community, which she explains as a pretty tight-knit group.

And Ms. Clement-Holbrook’s fellow BSC teammate and roommate, Barbara Stevens, can attest to that. Although her coaching career took a different route at the collegiate level, Ms. Stevens, the head coach of Bentley College’s women’s basketball team, said the two’s careers are still intertwined and they still help each other out with advice and encouragement.

Ms. Stevens, who played on BSC’s team for four years and was captain the last two years, entered the 2003-2004 season as the first women’s basketball coach in Division II to have won 600 games in 25 years or less of coaching.

Reaching that mark and being named Division II Coach of the Year was quite an honor for Ms. Stevens, who always showed an interest in coaching, even when she was a student on the BSC team.

“I found the strategic part of the game very fascinating. In college, I would attend coaching clinics and then come back to give my thoughts to our head coach — I was very fortunate that she allowed me to do that,” reflected Ms. Stevens.

Like Ms. Clement-Holbrook, Ms. Stevens’ passion for basketball and a career in coaching also may have been fueled in part by another Bridgewater State College graduate, Rita Castagna, Ms. Stevens’ coach at Marian High School in Worcester.

“Rita definitely influenced me most in terms of getting into the physical education field,” said Ms. Stevens.

Ms. Stevens, who has been at Bentley College for 19 seasons, also spent some time coaching at Clark University and the University of Massachusetts.

“When I look back at my career, I feel blessed about my experiences … you get to this point of 600 wins by a having a lot of young women work hard for you, and that is very rewarding,” explained Ms. Stevens.

Ms. Clement-Holbrook couldn’t agree more. “It’s about the young women who play this game,” she said.

And it’s about coaches like Ms. Clement-Holbrook and Ms. Stevens who got their start at Bridgewater State College, during a time when women’s athletics was not a top priority at most institutions, but who put their hearts and souls into the game in order to inspire future generations of women basketball players … and coaches.

Leah Bement has an extensive background in corporate and marketing communication, having worked for higher education institutions, the financial services industry and most recently, Sony Electronics.
Afro-American Alumni Association
Afro-American Alumni Association Hosts Third Annual Student Recognition and Alumni Awards Dinner

Dr. Jerald Walker, associate professor of English, was the master of ceremonies at the annual dinner.

The Bridgewater State College Afro-American Alumni Association hosted its third annual Student Recognition and Alumni Awards Dinner. Dr. Jerald Walker, associate professor of English, was the evening’s master of ceremonies.

The 2004 Jerrol J. Toldeo Outstanding Student Award recipient was Admar Semedo, ’04. Mr. Semedo was the senior class president and the 2004 student commencement speaker. He is enrolled in the MPA program at BSC and is the campaign manager for a 2005 mayoral candidate in Brockton.

The 2004 Outstanding Alumni Award was presented to co-founder and former president of the Afro-American Alumni Association, Jeanne Oliver Foster, ’77. Ms. Foster is a strong advocate of diversity at BSC and is always supportive of the Afro-American Alumni Association and its programs.

The following students were recognized for their outstanding academic achievements:

- **Bridgewater Alumni Association Scholarship**
  - Austin Awasung
  - Andrea Braham

- **Ruth Batson Scholarship**
  - Andrea Braham

- **Jerrol J. Toldeo Memorial Scholarship**
  - Andrea Braham

- **Dr. Robert A. Daniel African-American Scholarship**
  - LaToya Jack
  - Jenaya Smith

- **Paul L. Gaines Scholarship**
  - Michele Morato

- **Professor Lester G. Houston Memorial Award**
  - Susan Paul

- **Mary and Adrian Rondileau Scholarship**
  - Admar Semedo

- **Professor Henry Santos Scholarship**
  - Shannon Stanton

Certificates of appreciation were given to Nanette Baines, G’04; Dorie Aucoin, ’76, G’79; Sister Mary Ellen Dow; Roberta Eldredge, ’98; Janine Boutin, ’90, G’97; Nanette Baines, G’04; and Rev. Chang Hee Son for their continued support of the Afro-American Alumni Association’s mission. Special recognition was also given to Jacqueline Tucker’s mother, Mary Deal, who helped prepare the fine food that was served.

If you are interested in becoming part of this active alumni organization, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 508.532.2695. To find out more about the Afro-American Alumni Association, please visit its Web site at www.bridgew.edu/AfroAmAlum/.

Afro-American Alumni Association Career Mentor Program

The Afro-American Alumni Association Career Mentor Program is based upon the philosophy that career mentoring enhances self-confidence, social skills and a smooth transition from college student to working professional. If you would like to become part of the mentor program, please visit the Afro-American Alumni Association Web site at www.bridgew.edu/AfroAmAlum/ and complete a mentor commitment form. Upon receipt of the commitment form, you will be contacted by the Office of Alumni Relations to discuss the program.
American Flag Donation

The Bridgewater State College Alumni Association wishes to thank Sheila Tunstall McKenna, ’62, and Carolyn Van Buskirk Turchon, ’62, for the American flag and flag stand they presented to Alumni Board of Directors at the November board meeting. This flag will be used at various on-campus alumni events where it is deemed necessary to have a flag and will be permanently housed in the Davis Alumni Center.

Sheila McKenna, ’62, left, BAA past president, and Carolyn Turchon, ’62, BAA vice president, present an American flag to Jack Hackett, ’55, BAA president.

Alumni Services

Discounted Car, Home and Recreational Insurance Program

The Bridgewater Alumni Association offers discounted car, home and recreational vehicle insurance. Please call the Office of Alumni Relations to find out more about this program.

Alumni Association Web Page

Visit the alumni association’s Web site at www.bridgew.edu/alumni to learn more about alumni activities and events taking place on and off campus. You may submit class notes, join the new online community (contact the Office of Alumni Relations to obtain a password), purchase merchandise and even make your annual fund donation through a secured online site.

Alumni Student Loan Consolidation Program

Graduates with student loans (and parents with PLUS loans) may be able to lower their monthly payments and lock in low interest rates. This program is guaranteed by the U.S. Department of Education and offers superior benefits and customer service. Please contact Candace Maguire, director of alumni relations, at 888.272.9555 for more information regarding this new service to alumni and parents of current students.

Career Services Update

Fourth Annual Internship Fair

Bridgewater State College hosted its Fourth Annual Internship Fair on Nov. 3. More than 30 employers representing diverse career fields attended this event and provided information on different career fields and occupations to more than 200 BSC students. Employer feedback was very positive and many were impressed by the students’ enthusiasm and interest in their companies. Alumni who attended the fair included Meghan Anderson, ’02, Road to Responsibility; Jennifer Baron Finn, ’96, Fitcorp; Steven Hill, ’94, Children’s Museum in Easton; Clare Honen, ’85, High Point Treatment Center, Inc.; Denise Malenfant, ’78, George P. Johnson Company; Rebecca Marshall, ’03, Greater Boston Convention & Visitors Bureau; Debbie Peruzzi, ’92, South Shore Mental Health; Andrew Shaw, ’01, AFLAC; Gioia Tango, G’01, High Point Treatment Center, Inc; Ann Ulett, ’92, Pricewaterhouse-Coopers; and Kim Voelxen, ’04, Canton Club.

Thank you for making this event a success. We hope to see you again next fall.

Homecoming

Career Services would like to thank the alumni, students and friends of BSC who visited its booth during Homecoming weekend in October. Adults and children alike enjoyed playing our first-ever “Career Toss” game. In addition, alumni were able to sign up for CareerNet and obtain career-related resources. Congratulations to David Buckley, ’85, who won a BSC fleece sweatshirt.
Are you searching for a new job or industry contacts? Career Services is happy to offer BSC alumni CareerSearch, a powerful online database offering users access to information about employers, including contact names, addresses, phone numbers and company background information. CareerSearch allows a user to search specific geographic locations for specific types of employers and is a great way to research potential employment opportunities. The subscription provides access to thousands of company contacts in the New England region. In order to log in, you must create an account on the CareerSearch site. To create an account, visit the career services homepage at www.bridgew.edu/careerservices for complete instructions. Bridgewater State College’s alumni and student access to CareerSearch is free of charge thanks to the generosity of Enterprise Rent-A-Car.

Career Services
Calendar of Events

For information on any of the following events, please contact Career Services at 508.531.1328.

Gearing Up for the Education Job Market
Wednesday, March 16
3:30-6 PM
Rondileau Campus Center Ballroom
Bridgewater State College
This event connects teacher candidates from BSC and other area colleges and universities with superintendents and hiring personnel from Southeastern Massachusetts school districts. From 3:30-4:30 PM, a panel will speak to teacher candidates about hiring practices, trends in the field of education and what they are looking for in candidates. The panel will be moderated by Mary Ann McKinnon from the School of Education and Allied Studies and will be followed by a networking fair from 4:30-6 PM. More than 50 hiring personnel from 27 school districts in Southeastern Massachusetts attended this event last year and participation is expected to increase this year. Teacher candidates, including BSC alumni, should register for this event online at www.bridgew.edu/careerservices/onlineworkshops.cfm.

12th Annual Job Fair
Wednesday, April 6
Noon-3 PM
Rondileau Campus Center Ballroom
Bridgewater State College
Mark your calendar for Career Services’ annual job fair. More than 45 organizations will be on campus to interview BSC seniors, alumni and members of the Bridgewater community for full-time, professional-level opportunities with their organizations. Alumni who are job seeking are welcome to attend this fair. Additionally, if your employer is interested in participating in this year’s job fair, please contact Tracey Gray at tgray@bridgew.edu.

Massachusetts Education Recruiting Consortium (MERC)
Thursday, April 21
Bayside Expo Center, Boston
This annual education job fair is open to BSC alumni and graduating seniors who are certified/licensed in education. School districts from all over the United States will interview candidates for a variety of teaching and educational positions. In order to attend, you are required to participate in a MERC orientation session. Please call the Career Services Office at 508.531.1328 for detailed information or to register for one of the orientation sessions.

Alumni Career Profiles
Career Services has developed an alumni profile series highlighting alumni from various career fields. Profiles are posted on the Career Services Web site and are used to educate students about different career paths. To view the alumni profiles or submit your own, please visit www.bridgew.edu/CareerServices/alumnipage.cfm. A special thank you to the alumni who have already submitted profiles.

Calling All Alumni
Career Services is seeking BSC graduates who would like to share their career insights and perspectives with BSC seniors. Alumni are needed to participate in networking events scheduled for spring 2005. All majors and class years are welcome. If you are interested, please contact Colleen Oliva at 508.531.1328 or via e-mail at coliva@bridgew.edu.

Bridgewater State College Announces the Launching of Its Alumni Online Community

WANT TO RECONNECT WITH CLASSMATES with whom you have lost touch? Then visit Bridgewater State College’s new online community at alumni.bridgew.edu.

THERE IS SO MUCH WAITING FOR YOU, and there is no fee to join. Take the time to register and see what awaits you. To join, you simply log in with a temporary user name and password. To receive that information, please call the Office of Alumni Relations or e-mail Candace Maguire at cmaguire@bridgew.edu.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, please feel free to contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 888.272.9555 and ask for Candace.
alumni.bridgew.edu
CareerNet is BSC’s online alumni career advisory network designed to assist current students and alumni in their career planning. CareerNet consists of a group of alumni volunteers who share their experiences with students and other alumni. It is a great way to give back to the college.

Career Services is looking for alumni participants from all career fields, including business, education, health care, human services, nonprofit, government and those who are self-employed. Join the program and share your career experiences, such as how you got started in your field and what you have learned on the job, as well as offer job search advice.

**How do I get started?**
CareerNet can be accessed through www.monstertrak.com. Once on the MonsterTrak site, please select Career Contact and Alumni Network on the menu. Once in the system, select Register and follow the step-by-step instructions. It’s that easy. The program allows you to update your information so that students will be able to contact you even if you move or change jobs. Please make sure to include your e-mail address when you register.

Career Services would like to thank the 120 alumni who have already registered with CareerNet and hopes more alumni will consider joining. Your insights, expertise and experiences are valuable to making this program successful.

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**Class of 1979 – 25th Reunion**

The common question of the evening was “where did the time go?” Members of the Class of 1979 celebrated their 25th reunion with good food and music and renewed the same sense of closeness that the class experienced 25 years ago. Thanks go out to Al Silva and committee members Nancy Inman Brown, Paula Macomber Money and Marjorie Andrade Hewitt for planning a fine evening.

Jerry Riordan, who lives in Italy, received the prize for the person who traveled the farthest to attend the reunion.

Sodexho Food Service crew who helped make the reunion memorable pose with Candace Maguire, director of alumni relations (center).

Former WBIM disc jockeys from the Class of 1979 (from left) Robin Pearl, Al Silva and Leslie Scott Lysan attended the 25th reunion.
Greek News

In an effort to keep alumni up to date with the activities of the Greek organizations on campus, a Greek News column will be included in the Alumni Update portion of the magazine. If you have any questions or comments, please e-mail Shelby Harris, associate director of student involvement and leadership/Greek adviser, at sharris@bridgew.edu.

Gamma Phi Beta

The women of Gamma Phi Beta held their first overnight sisterhood retreat in two years at Camp Bournedale in Plymouth in November. Many sisters continued to work at the Children’s Physical Developmental Clinic (CPDC) and also volunteered at the Boys and Girls Club in Taunton. Gamma Phi Beta increased its membership by 10 last semester, organized the Mr. Greek pageant in December and donated proceeds to Camp Fire USA, a leadership camp for children.

Congratulations to sister Kendra Gignac, who gave birth to a son, Mason Kevin Baldini, in October.

Phi Pi Delta

Phi Pi Delta, BSC's local coeducational fraternity, welcomed seven new members. They adopted a family for "Baskets of Love," a project spearheaded by the campus group Jumpstart to help families during the holiday season. Many of the fraternity's members were active throughout campus, participating in residence life groups, athletic teams and other clubs and organizations.

Sigma Pi

The men of Sigma Pi fraternity collectively dedicated 200 hours to community service last semester. They assisted with Freshman Move-in Day and held their annual Red Cross Blood Drive in October, contributing more than 160 usable donations. The group raised funds for the chapter by working at athletic events at Gillette Stadium.

After all was said and done at the Eta-Eta chapter’s 2004 elections, Sage Mike Courville was elected to a second term, only the second sage to be re-elected in chapter history. In December they raised money for Camp Sunshine, a camp for terminally ill children.

Alpha Eta Rho

The brothers of BSC's coed professional aviation fraternity, Alpha Eta Rho, initiated four new brothers last semester. Members of the fraternity have participated in philanthropic events like Big Brothers and the Light the Night walk for The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society to raise awareness of blood cancers and funds for cures. Members of Alpha Eta Rho also help out in the Department of Aviation Science by letting prospective aviation students shadow them.

Kappa Delta Phi

Kappa Delta Phi fraternity held its annual canned food drive in November. Members donated close to 1,000 bags to My Brothers Keeper, a Christian ministry service in Brockton. Several brothers also worked with the CPDC and Mentors in Violence Prevention program this semester. Their first clothing drive was held in early December. The brothers wish to congratulate Brother Brandon L. Phinney, who was nominated for the National Nahum Leonard Scholarship.

Phi Sigma Sigma

During the months of September and October, the Epsilon Iota chapter of Phi Sigma Sigma volunteered more than 350 philanthropy hours and raised more than $1,670 for charities. Members participated in the Marie Curry Walk for Breast Cancer, raising more than $900, and they raised an additional $500 for the National Kidney Foundation through their annual "Jail and Bail" program. Each Saturday morning the sisters helped out at CPDC as well. In October, they worked at Barrett's Haunted Mansion in Abington to raise money for their Epsilon Iota chapter, which, with the addition of five new members, has 34 sisters.

Theta Phi Alpha

Over the summer, members of Theta Phi Alpha sorority put together a calendar raffle with items donated in October. They also participated in BSC’s Into the Streets program helping various locations around the community. The sisters participated in the Boston Heart Walk and the Jumpstart program "Baskets of Love" for deserving families in the community during Thanksgiving.
Intergenerational Learning

The Office of Alumni Relations is working with Dr. Rebecca Leavitt and her freshman seminar class on a new project that brings together the older alumni and a group of freshmen in an effort to provide a learning experience for two very different generations. Field trips will be taken together, book discussions will take place, movies will be analyzed and both groups will be asked to interview each other.

If you would like to become part of this group that meets twice a semester, or if you would like more details, please contact Candace Maguire at 508.531.2695.

Shea Scholar Presentations

Charles Fortier II, ’04, and Katie Mae Lewis, ’05, presented their Shea Scholar research projects in the Davis Alumni Center to members of the BSC community. Mr. Fortier’s project, “The Unhappy Life of Galois and the Important Addition of Galois’ Theory,” focused on the 17th century life and struggles of Evariste Galois and his contribution to mathematical world. Ms. Lewis’ project, “Prisoners of War: The Story of Six Women Prisoners,” researched the lives of six women who were captured and held prisoner during the Civil War.

The Shea Scholar Committee wishes to thank Professors Ward Heilman and Thomas Turner for mentoring these students. The Shea Scholar Program, established in 1987 by the Bridgewater State College Alumni Association in honor of Dr. Ellen Shea, provides funding to assist undergraduate research. The recipient(s) are chosen by the Shea Scholar Committee, chaired by Carol Kryzanek, ’69.

Upcoming Events

Alumni Receptions
Sunday, March 6
Waterside Room, Sarasota, Florida
11 AM–1 PM

Tuesday, March 8
Edgewater Beach Club, Naples, Florida
6–9 PM

Met and Married Alumni Dinner
Saturday, March 12
East Campus Commons
6–10 PM

Major Awards Ceremony
Saturday, April 16
Rondileau Campus Center Ballroom
6–9 PM

Annual Football Alumni Dinner
Friday, April 29
Charlie Horse Tavern
West Bridgewater
6–10 PM

Save the Date
Alumni Weekend – June 3–4
Alumni who graduated in years ending in a five or zero should begin to think about planning a special reunion either in June or during Homecoming in October. Please contact the Office of Alumni Relations if you are interested in forming a reunion committee to plan your reunion activities. Also, remember, you do not have to be in a special reunion year to return to campus and enjoy the day. All classes are welcome.

The Class of 1955 reunion committee has been working diligently for a number of years on their 50th reunion. This class will begin festivities on Friday evening, while others returning to campus will begin to celebrate on Saturday. Plans to date include:

• Friday evening – Class of 1955 cocktail reception and reunion dinner
• Saturday breakfast in the East Campus Commons for all alumni
• Walk Down Memory Lane – 50th Reunion Class
• Annual meeting of BSC Alumni Association in Horace Mann Auditorium
• All alumni luncheon in Flynn Dining Commons
• Campus tours
• All alumni dinner in East Campus Commons

The Courtyard Marriott in Raynham is offering a special rate of $98 per night plus tax, and the Fairfield Inn in Middleboro has a special rate of $89 per night plus tax. The Fairfield Inn offers a complimentary breakfast and the Courtyard Marriott offers a buffet breakfast for an additional $8.95 per person plus tax. Please call the hotels directly (Courtyard Marriott 508.822.8383 or Fairfield Inn 508.946.4000) to reserve a room. Reservations must be made at either hotel no later than May 10.
Homecoming 2004

Once again, alumni, parents and friends returned to campus in great numbers to support the Bridgewater State College Bears football team and to participate in numerous activities that were planned for Homecoming.

WBIM alumni returned to campus Friday afternoon for the annual DJ reunion that continued until Saturday evening. Former DJs had a great time bringing their old tunes back to the airwaves and reconnecting with each other.

The Homecoming parade followed a number of breakfasts that were held for alumni, parents and friends. Parents gathered in Tillinghast Hall, Kappa Delta Phi met in the Bridgewater Dining Room and the first reunion of the student/alumni group, the Crimson Ambassadors, took place in One Park Avenue. These breakfasts were a great way to start the Homecoming celebration. From there, alumni walked outside to the front of the Campus Center and watched the Homecoming parade. The students did a wonderful job decorating their floats in hopes of winning the alumni association’s $1,000 prize for the best float. This year’s winners were Afro-American Society, CVSA, LSL, MIB and the International Exchange Club. Their rendition of Michael Jackson’s “Thriller” was extraordinary.

All in all, it was a great day at BSC. The weather was beautiful, the Bears won the football game and people have already started making plans to have more small group reunions take place in October 2005. If you would like to plan a special reunion for October, please contact Candace Maguire, director of alumni relations, to discuss details.
WBIM alumni who returned for the DJ reunion include (from left) Lee Stanford, ’89; Chris Smalley, ’89; Mike Holmes, ’85; and Steve Unis, ’88.

Rita Hobart (from left), Candace Maguire and Laurie Daniels from the Office of Alumni Relations make sure that Homecoming participants are enjoying the day.

Kappa Delta alumni gather at breakfast.

Dr. David Ostroth, vice president for student affairs, serves as parade marshal.

Parade judges watch the parade from the steps of the Campus Center.

The Homecoming king and queen wave to spectators as they ride in the parade.

Alumni gather at the alumni tent.
The annual Carol Mulloy Cuttle 5K Road Race kicked off Saturday’s activities. The number of runners increases each year, and everyone agrees that the course is very challenging. All proceeds from this road race support clinicians working in the Children’s Physical Developmental Clinic at BSC.

This year’s first- and second-place winners in each category were:

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Courtney Jones, ’93, won the Best Overall Female trophy, and Nathan Goldrich won the Best Overall Male trophy.

Courtney Jones, ’93, the winner of the best overall female trophy in the road race, stands with Hyannis-Bridgewater Physical Education Alumni Association President Donna Medeiros, ’86, G’01.

Donna Medeiros, ’86, G’01, with the men’s overall road race winner, Nathan Goldrich.
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The Bridgewater State College Alumni Association invites you to celebrate your lifelong connection to your alma mater by purchasing a personalized engraved brick that will be placed in the Alumni Courtyard in front of Horace Mann Auditorium. Your tax-deductible gift of $100 entitles you to a 4 x 8 inch personalized brick that will become a lasting part of Bridgewater State College’s history. An 8 x 8 inch brick paver is available for a tax-deductible gift of $250. Every time you come to campus, you will be able to stroll the courtyard, see your engraved brick or paver and be reminded of your commitment to and support of Bridgewater State College and its students.

You may choose to purchase a brick to honor or memorialize a special BSC graduate. A gift card will be sent to that person or to the family of the graduate you are memorializing. All proceeds will benefit BSC students through enhanced scholarship funds.

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Buy a Brick
1931
Mary Lavelle Breault was the grand marshal in Northboro’s Applefest parade.

1935
Dorothy Bearce Tilden celebrated her 90th birthday in May. She has two sons, six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

1936
Barbara Albret
87 North Pond Drive
Brewster, MA 02361–1929

1937
Ruth Metcalf
104 Pleasant Street
Bridgewater, MA 02324

1940
Celebrate 65th reunion
June 4
Irma Wall Dobbyn and her husband spent five weeks in New Hampshire with the Dobbyn/Egan families.

1941
Winnifred Taylor Hodges
2219 New Bedford Drive
Sun City Center, FL 33573
Dr. Carey Brush has been retired since 1988 in Richmond, VA, where she volunteers at the Virginia Historical Society.

1942
Loretta Kennedy Dexter
15 Buckwood Drive
South Yarmouth, MA 02664

1943
Virginia Mayo retired after 42 years of teaching and has traveled the world over. She says the only place left she hasn’t been is the North Pole, which she hopes to reach in a year or two.

1944
Jeannette Mulvey Mahoney retired from formal public school teaching and from her work as a public health administrator.

1945
Constance Kennefick
9 Highland Street
Gloucester, MA 01930
Hannah Leavitt Heifetz is the proud great-grandmother of Vinnie, a pure-bred beagle.

1946
Jacqueline Killen Weyand
34–10 94th Street, Apt 1C
Jackson Heights
Long Island, NY 11372
Marie McNeil Sweeney retired in 1991 and is enjoying life in southern Florida.

1949
Ralph J. Fletcher
81 Riverboat Village Road
South Hadley, MA 01075–1354
Joyce Bissell Carpenter remembers how much fun the 50th reunion was in 2003 and would like the class to meet again at the Alumni Weekend luncheon and watch the Class of 1955 walk through the Daisy Chain.

1950
Mary Cote Foster’s goal for this year is to visit all of her children. She has already visited New Mexico, North Carolina and Connecticut and expects to be in Ohio, California and Australia before the end of the year. ... Margaret Malone DiPersio hopes everyone is looking forward to their 50th reunion in 2006. She says her bones are creaking, but she still puts one foot in front of the other.

1951
Hazel Luke Varella
121 Center Street
North Easton, MA 02356
Betty Rich Tuttle has traveled extensively through the years to Europe and South America. She volunteers at a local art museum in Columbus, IN, and works part time as a secretary.

1952
Francena Warren Smith
32 Mellen Street
Needham, MA 02494
Plans are in the final stages for the 50th reunion. We are looking forward to seeing many of you back on campus. The reunion committee has worked diligently planning a very special weekend. See you on June 3 and 4.

1953
Carlene Dodd Brown
35 Tam O’Shanter Way
South Yarmouth, MA 02664
Eleanor Lydon Olson
661 Falmouth Road R117
Mashpee, MA 02649
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1954
Beverly Tunstall Shavinsky
81 Francis Street
Fairhaven, MA 02719
### 1958

**John B. Lonergan**
21 Westminster Road  
East Weymouth, MA 02189

**Viola Goodnow** passed away in September and will be honored by having a trophy case named in her honor at Frontier Regional High School where she taught and coached for more than 40 years. ... **David Flynn** served as the acting Speaker Pro Tem at the Statehouse.

### 1959

**Joseph McDonald Sr.** received an award from Battleship Cove for his 35 years as a docent, photographer, videographer, PT boat restorer, resident model builder and exhibitor. His son, Joseph McDonald Jr., ’81, received a similar honor.

### 1960

**Celebrate 45th reunion**
June 4

**Ginny Jewett Hogg**
194 James Otis Road  
Centerville, MA 02632

### 1961

**Ron Reynolds** is enjoying semi-retirement by teaching three classes at Bridgewater State College in physics and earth science. ... **John Morgan** is a great-grandfather for the second time.

### 1962

**Barbara Aguiar Lombardo**
53 Oakland Street  
Brockton, MA 02302

**Don and Gail Ellis Vincent** hosted a gathering for the class of 1962 in August. This was the first of several area gatherings.

### 1963

**Eileen Herbert** brought together **Louise Westgate Scott, Ruth Parent Fitzpatrick** and **Elizabeth Pinel Fisk**, members of the Class of 1963, for the Area I Delta Kappa Gamma Women Educator’s meeting at the Abington Ale House.

Members of the Class of 1961 (from left) Martha Grillo Furtado, Marilyn Walsh Norton, Barbara Caulfield Flanagan, Carol Connors Cannata and Beatrice Piesco Clem got together at the Daniel Webster Inn in Sandwich.
The 40th reunion of the Class of 1964, held at Foxwoods Resort and Casino in Connecticut, was a huge success. There were many new faces along with our regular reunion goers. Some members gambled early, attended the banquet and Englebert Humperdink concert, and gambled into the morning hours. After those big retirement salaries dwindled, John Newburn relaxed the nervous gamblers by playing the piano after dinner, and needless to say, he hasn’t lost his touch. Not bad for a guy who can’t read a note of music and plays by ear. It brought back memories of John in the men’s dorm when he imitated the styles of Duke Ellington, George Shearing, Frankie Carle, etc. Of course we had our famous Yankee swap, which provided lots of laughs. Many took the shuttle to the Pequot Museum, returning with rave reviews. It truly was a memorable experience. Hope to see everyone at the 45th.

Class of 1964 president Anthony Sarno was honored in Stoughton with an athletic field and playground named in his honor upon his retirement as superintendent of Stoughton public schools. Marta Biondi Cambra married Dan Cambra and has a daughter, Kristina, and a son, Erik. She is director of educator quality for the Vermont Department of Education and is a violinist for the Vermont Philharmonic and the Montpelier Chamber Orchestra.

Priscilla Douzanis Hurd moved to a new home in Port Charlotte, FL. Raymond Masse retired from Portsmouth High School in Rhode Island after 34 years of service. He also has added three grandchildren to his family.

Sandra Auffrey Bonneau has retired after 37 years of teaching first grade at Rogers School in Fairhaven.

Thomas Witham is superintendent of schools for the Southwick-Tolland Regional School District. Theodore Sharp is superintendent of schools in Gorham, ME. Nancy Botelho Bryant is still working as a supervisor for the Department of Social Services after 28 years. Laura Hayes Gobron retired from Natick public schools after 35 years and is a grandmother to twins, Riley and Meredith. Linda Hall Flynn said her daughter Kerri received her RN degree; her daughter Erin gave birth to a son, John, in August; and her daughter Kristyn became engaged in November. Diane Lindstrom McGuire retired after 35 years of teaching English at Bridgewater-Raynham Regional High School. She has her own quilting business, White Violet Quilt Design, where she designs quilts, writes patterns and teaches. She is active in Bayberry Quilters of Cape Cod and won a Viewer’s Choice ribbon in last year’s show.

Carol Ethier Pappas has been a librarian in Warwick, RI, for 21 years.
1973
Jane Lafond-Paquin was named Outstanding Teacher at the Secondary Level by the American Association of Teachers of French at the AATF's 77th annual conference. ... Brenda Lima Herbeck is town tax collector/treasurer for Mattapoisett. ... Jeffrey Riley will retire as superintendent from the New Bedford Regional Vocational-Technical High School in June. ... William Jacques is a special needs teacher at South Shore Educational Collaborative in Hingham.

1974
Veronica Galanek Wainwright 4358 Bonfield Court Oxford, MA 21654
Linda Franchi Loiselle is principal of South River Elementary School in Marshfield. ... Stephen Shaw is principal of Country Elementary School in Weston.

1975
Denise Ward is principal of the new Frank M. Silvia School in Fall River. She has worked within the Fall River school system for 29 years. ... Evelyn Camara Tonelli has retired and is working to support the arts in Fall River. She is the secretary of the Greater Fall River Art Association and attends as many fund-raisers as she can to support local artists. ... Nicholas Vordack was chosen as the Falmouth Guild November Artist of the Month.

1976
Jacqueline Sylvia Wheaton 716 Atlantic Road Swans Island, ME 04685
Michael Marcinkus is the first layman principal at Sacred Heart School in North Quincy. ... Thomas Turco is the volleyball coach at Barnstable High School where he has won seven division titles. He was inducted into the Massachusetts High School Volleyball Coaches Hall of Fame. He continues to coach and work with special needs kids at Barnstable High School.

1977
Robert Mansur 12584 Gate Way Carmel, IN 46033
Donald Rebello is principal of BMC Durfee High School in Fall River. ... Judianne Prario Point is a foreign language teacher at Barrington High School in Rhode Island, where she also supervises the senior project and the chess team.

1978
Elizabeth Gallagher Duval
12 Hutchinson Lane Quincy, MA 02169
Philip Holt is principal of Dennett Elementary School in Plymouth where he has taught for 30 years.

1980
M. Scott McDonald
101 Highgreen Ridge Peachtree City, GA 30269

1981
Cynthia Booth Ricciardi 6 Captain Harris Drive Assonet, MA 02702
Kathleen McSweeney is principal of Gateway Regional High School in Huntington. ... Joseph McDonald is a marketing manager for Sears, and has started McDonald Media, a full-service video production company.

1982
John Sullivan
6 Phyllis Road Foxboro, MA 02035
Allan Moniz runs a summer camp called Suspenders Summer Circus Skills Camp, where he teaches children circus tricks. He also performs with his group, The Suspenders. ...
Tracey Parker Martineau is a Massachusetts Reading First implementation facilitator.

1983
Gail Silvia is director of athletics for Westport High School and Middle School. ... Susan Crosby-Tangen received the Katherine Ley Award, which honors an eastern Massachusetts women's athletics administrator who is a proponent of women's issues, creates opportunities for women in athletics, and is a role model for female coaches and administrators. She is the assistant athletic director at Bridgewater State College. ...
Colleen Turner is a partner in the Boston-based public relations firm, Burnieika Turner Communications.

1985
Gregory Gelinaeu, CLTC, CSA, was promoted to branch sales manager for Bankers Life and Casualty Company in Lincoln, RI.

1986
Paula Vogel Quill
20 Goldsmith Drive Newburyport, MA 01950

1987
Kevin Kindregan
10 Western Avenue-Apt. 106 Quincy, MA 02170
1988
Dan Darcy
400 The Fenway
Emmanuel College
Boston, MA 02115

1989
Christine O’Brien is bank treasurer for Avon Co-operative Bank. Kevin Graham was named senior vice president for the aviation finance division of Salem Five Bank. Eugene Rosenthal is living in New Hampshire with his wife and daughter and is also a pilot with Spirit Airlines. Ray Puglisi was promoted to event services manager at Daytona International Speedway.

1990
Jorge Neves
16 Labrie Lane
Holyoke, MA 01040
William Hanlon received a juris doctor degree from New England School of Law. John Pelrine is vice president, marketing director for Scituate Federal Savings Bank. Master Sgt. Sheryl Rogers of the 102nd Operations Flight was named the senior NCO of the year for the final quarter of fiscal 2004.

1991
Christina Aylward Tiernan returned to teaching at Reading Memorial High School after being away for two years in Colorado Springs.

1992
Naoe Suzuki received the Blanche E. Colman Award from Mellon Trust of New England. She has exhibited her artwork at places such as Boston Center for the Arts and San Francisco Public Library. Claire McCarthy is superintendent of schools for Stoughton. Timothy Plante is assistant principal of Ford Middle School in Acushnet. He was a basketball, baseball and soccer coach over the years as well as an instructor for the Nomar Garciaparra Baseball Camp in 2001. Michael Henry was named to the 2004–2005 Administrative Fellowship Program at Harvard. Scott Kinsella was appointed vice president of compliance at Salem Five Bank.

1993
Debra Gately-Cacciator
439 Lexington Street
Waltham, MA 02542
Bill Coffey is a trainer for the Pawtucket Red Sox. Larry Pushard is working as a paramedic and firefighter in Canton. Lauren Bishop Pushard is a registered nurse. Brad Bustin is a baseball coach for BMC Durfee High School. Elissa Flynn-Poppey joined the Romney administration as his deputy legal counsel. She is also executive director of the Judicial Nominating Commission for Governor Romney. Jennifer Leedham Devine joined the Plymouth Re/Max Paramount real estate office as a sales associate.

1994
Matthew Maderos
12 Wickford Lane
Quincy, MA 02169
Wendy Kirby was promoted to head athletic trainer at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. Christopher Campbell is the new principal of Avery Elementary School in Dedham. Kevin Turner is principal of Harwich High School. Holli Greene Nickelson joined the upper unit team as a special education interventionist at Warren Elementary School. Wade O’Connor is a basketball coach at St. Catherine College.

1995
Kristen Simbro Hall is vice president and global relationship manager at CDC IXIS Asset Management.

1996
Tina Michael-Dahlmann
750 1B East Road
Tiverton, RI 02878
Chad Kelley is athletic director at King Philip Regional High School. Jim Sullivan is director of software quality for Monster Worldwide, parent company of Monster.com. Dung Nguyen is a physical education teacher at Oxford High School in Oxford. Rebecca DesRoches is a fourth-grade teacher in Acushnet. Eric Kinsman is a Portsmouth, NH, police officer and received a letter of commendation for his role in the arrest of two suspects in the act of committing a burglary. Karen Waldron Saltzman is one of the new assistant principals at Ahern Middle School in Foxboro where she taught for more than 10 years.

1997
Roger Limoges
1332 15th Street NW- Apt. 23
Washington, D.C. 20005
Marika Conway is athletic trainer in residence at Peabody High School. Nancy Hines is director of English language arts/social studies for grades K-8 in Foxboro.
1998

Carol Sacchetti
P.O. Box 259
Bristol, RI 02809

Marc Mangiacotti is assistant men's and women's indoor and outdoor track and field coach at Wheaton College.

1999

Lee Charpentier
233 Upstone Drive
Nashua, NH 03063

Heather Sansoucy is a mortgage orig- inator at Bristol County Savings Bank. ... Jennifer Correia received a juris doctor degree from the New England School of Law. ... Michelle Miller-LaRowe was honored as the International Nanny Association's Nanny of the Year for 2004.

2000

Jason Stamp is a mathematics teacher in the Tewksbury public school system. ... Mary Brown is acting principal at Downey Elementary School in Westwood. ... Christopher Booth is a full-time police officer in Foxboro. ... Linda Cleveland is a teacher in the Abington school system. ... Juliet Hathon is an intern at Falmouth Human Services. ... Michael Marini received his master's degree in criminal justice from Boston University and was named a Presidential Management Fellow. He is working in the Office of Personnel Management's Center for Security and Emergency Actions in Washington, D.C.

2001

Susan Dupuis is a special education director of Marshfield Schools. ... Julie Taylor Desouza is a guidance counselor in the Acushnet school system. ... Leigh Camille is acting principal at Burke Memorial Elementary School in Medway. ... Dan Erickson is athletic director at Canton High School. ... Caitlyn Romano is associate director of development at Ursuline Academy in Dedham. ... James Ford has returned home from an 18-month tour of duty in Iraq. He served in Ramadi working to rebuild the community and technology.

2002

Nicholas Onishuk was awarded the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal and the National Defense Service Medal for supporting missions of Operations Enduring and/or Iraqi Freedom in Afghanistan and Iraq. ... Steve Whynott is teaching at Harwich Middle School. ... Stephen Canessa became the youngest member of the House of Representatives. He is the state representative for the 12th Bristol District. ... Rosa Napoli Kelliher is a broker for Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage.

2003

Michelle Turner is teaching fifth grade in Reading. ... Andrea Maher is a first-grade teacher in Nantucket. ... Cathleen Furtado is teaching at St. Mary School in Pawtucket, RI. ... Jennifer Lynch was promoted to senior trade processor at State Street Bank in Quincy. ... Steven Peters is a risk management professional in

2004

Julie Schwotzer is teaching third grade in the Plymouth school system. ... Timothy MacDonald is the new principal at Hollis School in Braintree. ... Alissa Holgerson was accepted into a master's degree program at City University of New York's John Jay College. ... Kaitlyn MacLean was the art director for the award winning publication The Bridge, a Bridgewater State College publication of fine arts produced entirely by students. ... Jennifer Stodder was the graphic design manager for The Bridge. ... Jessica Peterson was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army.
Marriages

Cynthia A. Eager, ’75, to Susan E. Milton
Lisa Desberg to Peter Lucia, ’81, on June 27, 2004
Margaret E. Neejer to Raymond A. Duffy, G’82, on Nov. 6, 2004
Lisa Banevicius to Paul Hansbury, ’86, on Aug. 9, 2004
Diane McGuire, ’87, to Kurt Armstrong
Kim LaForest to Robert Citarro Jr., ’89, on Oct. 8, 2004
Linda Lawton, ’90, to Kevin Nichols on Nov. 29, 2004
Patricia Norton, ’90, to Michael Coppola on Sept. 5, 2003
Jean Bean to Thomas Doyle, ’91, on July 31, 2004
Karen Mole, ’93, to Kurt Scholz on May 29, 2004
Elaine DesRoches, ’93, to Lewis Gage III on Aug. 13, 2004
Rose Williams, ’93, to Cheryl Robert
Mary Crape, ’93, G’95, to Joe Pereira, G’04
Danielle Lachance, ’93, to Timothy Gillett on June 11, 2004
Michele Miano, ’94, to Jason Field on March 6, 2004
Erie-Kate Moynihan, ’94, to Christopher Dehan on June 19, 2004
Kimberly Mooney, ’94, to Christopher Park on Aug. 22, 2004
Lori Buxton, ’95, to Lt. Maxim Gilmesteyn
Tara McMahon to Matthew Brophy, ’95, on Feb. 15, 2004
Amy Boris to Dung Nguyen, ’96, on June 20, 1998
Sharlene Moore, ’96, to Troy Papineau on July 10, 2004
Lynn Moreau, ’97, to Keith Wepplyer
Victoria Boynton, ’97, to Scott Cassidy
Erinn Foster to David Lancia, ’97, on Aug. 1, 2003
Heather Leclair to Jared Alves, ’97, on Nov. 29, 2003
Christine Reis to John Reinhagen, ’97, on April 24, 2004
Allison Murphy to Marc Jenkins, ’97, on July 17, 2004
Heather Chapman, ’98, to David McGinn
Melissa Cotter, ’98, to Brian Flagg on May 15, 2004
Amy Kochan, ’98, to Vincent Falconeri on May 29, 2004
Dana Warrick, ’98, to Joseph Coady
Michelle Gervais, ’99, to Tom Carney
Amanda Johnson, ’99, to Abel Rebele
Andrea Lopes, ’99, to Robert Curran on June 26, 2004
Michelle Watts, to Daniel Birolini, ’99, on July 30, 2004
Jennifer Hill, ’99, to Peter Stetkiewicz on Aug. 21, 2004
Kara Jean Crawford, ’99, to David James Scichilone on July 3, 2004
Valerie Deputy to Joshua Fletcher, ’99, on May 1, 2004
Leslie Aguilar, ’00, to Keith Hammond on Oct. 18, 2003
Sarah Sargent, ’00, to Todd Castro on July 25, 2004
Carol Cook, ’00, to Nathan Tynan on July 17, 2004
Jennifer Jones, ’00, to Brian Morse
Kate Kastritis, ’00, G’03, to John Murray Jr., ’01, on July 17, 2004
Lauren Gideika, ’01, to Keith Soares
Courtney Bunker to Gregory Coutts, ’01, on Oct. 25
Caroline Savage to Eric Scott, ’01, on Nov. 2, 2003
Rita Ritval, ’01, to Brian DeForest on May 8, 2004
Kathy Victorino, ’01, to David Disilvestri on June 12, 2004
Melissa Thompson, ’01, to Michael Bradley, ’99, on Sept. 11, 2004
Katie Madore, ’02, to Timothy Pereira on May 29, 2004
Julie Stracuzzi to Andrew Reardon, ’02, on April 17, 2004
Amanda Blackwell, ’02, to Ryan Surgens on June 5, 2004
Megan Talbot, ’02, to Paul Goff Jr. on May 18, 2002
Jennifer Drew, ’02, to Douglas Vadnais, G’93, on July 30, 2004
Andrea Moro, ’02, to Adam Burnett
Jodi Anne Crooks to Derek Domingos, ’02, on Aug. 27, 2004
Caitlin Hurley, G’03, to Michael Wojkowski
Deanna Loudon, ’03, to Adam Greenstein, ’02, on March 20, 2004
Stephanie Brooks, ’03, to Shaun White on June 12, 2004
Katelyn Costa, ’03, to Matthew Rapoza on June 25, 2004
Rebecca Hughes to Justin Loe, ’03, on June 26, 2004
Elizabeth Eldred to Geryk Paige, ’03, on June 26, 2004
Jennifer Lynch, ’03, to Steven Peters, ’04
Laura Karns, ’04, to Timothy Emerson on Aug. 14, 2004

Births

To Michael Seldon and Annmarie Weir Seldon, ’90, a daughter, Isabella Mary, on July 14, 2004. She joins her 3-year-old sister, Sophia Alexendra.
To Jess Bly and Cynthia Stankick Bly, ’92, a daughter, Peyton Bly, on May 1, 2004
To Larry Pushard, ’93, and Lauren Bishop Pushard, ’93, a daughter, Madeline Beth, on July 9, 2004
To Jonathan Hall and Kristen Simbro Hall, ’95, a son, Callahan Logue Hall, on June 3, 2004
To Laine Raposa and Paula Machado Raposa, ’95, a son, Andrew Joseph, on Jan. 2, 2004. He joins his brothers Alex, age 2, and Adam, age 5.
To Jim Sullivan, ’96, and Betsy Sullivan, a son, Brian James, on May 24, 2004
To Erick Reuter, ’96, and Carolyn Reuter, a daughter, Julia Erin, on June 10, 2004
To Brian McDonald and Teri (Roby) McDonald, ’96, a daughter, Caileigh Kathleen, on Nov. 22, 2004
To Jeff Boucher and Caroline Pike Boucher, ’01, a son, Cameron Theo, on Nov. 24, 2003
To Paul Goff Jr. and Megan Talbot Goff, ’02, a son, Brendan Thomas, on July 29, 2004
Deaths

Mollie Barash Robbins, '25, on Aug. 10, 2004
Jessie Goddard, '26, on April 3, 2004
Rita Ware, '26, on Nov. 7, 2004
Doris Roberts, '28, on April 5, 2004
Mary C. Halloran, '29, on April 8, 2004
Evelyn Tabberah, '30, on April 26, 2004
Helen Hutchison Bridges, '30, on Aug. 15, 2004
Ruth Kelley, '33, on March 18, 2004
Hazel M. Fuller, '33, on Oct. 10, 2004
Louise Tosi, '34, on July 25, 2004
Alice Donahue, '34, on Oct. 30, 2004
Ruth Sullivan Miett, '35, on Sept. 6, 2004
Anne Surinski Celia, '36, on March 28, 2004
Ida Leino Meade, '36, on Aug. 1, 2004
Alice Blanchfield Bogosian, '37, on Aug. 29, 2004
Rosamond Brunner, '37
J. William Costello, '42, on Sept. 29, 2004
Florence Harris Deich, '42, on Nov. 19, 2004
Virginia Lyman Snyder, '48, on Aug. 12, 2004
Sister Maria Murray, '49, on Oct. 16, 2004
Marjorie Janes, '39, on Aug. 31, 2003
Helen Zilinski O'Brien, '42, on March 30, 2004
Mary Louise Quigley Roy, '39, on March 17, 2004
Phyllis Hosker, '53, on Oct. 11, 2004
Robert Berube, '55, on Oct. 15, 2004
Doris Bisaiillon, '56, on April 7, 2004
Norman McGowan, '56, on April 17, 2004
Elizabeth Schuefer Miller, '57, on Sept. 26, 2004
James Sullivan, G'57, on Oct. 14, 2004
Carole (Morash) Golden, '57, on Nov. 4, 2004
Vi Goodnow, '58, on Sept. 15, 2004
Walter Morley, G'60, on Sept. 8, 2004
Ruth Brief Fox, '61, on Aug. 18, 2004
Linda Leger, '62, on Aug. 31, 2004
Irene Slattery, '62, on Oct. 17, 2004
Henry McGonigle, '62, on Oct. 26, 2004
William Pelton, '63, on Aug. 22, 2004
Peter D. Nord, '63, on Oct. 21, 2004
Rene Marois Jr., G'65, on March 29, 2004
Francis Ranieri, G'65, on Sept. 13, 2004
Eugene Morry, G'67, on Oct. 23, 2004
Sister Belmira Oliveira, formerly Sister Claire Francis, '69, on Aug. 8, 2004

Marlene Horn Suchy, '70, on Nov. 10, 2004
Steven Braz, G'71, on Aug. 1, 2004
Eleanor Keefe Santarpia, '71, on Aug. 28, 2004
Paula McHugh Page, '71, in Sept. 2004
Kevin Sheehan, '71, on Sept. 1, 2004
Victor Lindblom, G'72, on Sept. 7, 2004
Henri Paradis, G'73, on April 14, 2004
Gary Harrison, '73, on July 30, 2004
David Fonte, '73, on Oct. 14, 2004
Barton G. Pauls, G'73, on Oct. 27, 2004
John Gomes, G'74, on April 24, 2004
Lois Davis Copley, '74, on July 14, 2004
Catherine Reithmeier Keys, '74, on Aug. 1, 2004
Grace Jackson Bednarz, G'75, on Sept. 3, 2004
F. Paul Quartomoni, G'75, on Sept. 20, 2004
Charlotte (Dudley) McSorley, G'78, on Nov. 21, 2004
Ron O'Brien, '79, on Dec. 21, 2000
Jose Llanes, '79, on Oct. 17, 2004
Robert Olsen, '80, on Nov. 13, 2004
Jeannine Ducharme Nadeau, '81, on Oct. 5, 2004
Barbara St. Laurent, G'82, on Nov. 13, 2004
Susan Thurston Clancy, '85, on April 5, 2004
Ted Ringold, '90, in summer 2004
Frances Kulpa Lussier, G'91, on April 21, 2004
Doris Leone Gardiner, '91, on Aug. 16, 2004
Scott Troll, '93, on Aug. 11, 2004
Joan MacDougall, G'94, on Oct. 23, 2004
Robert Golden, '99, on March 22, 2004
Lorraine Lewis Daley, G'01, on April 8, 2004
James Salmon III, '01, on July 8, 2004
Teresa Sheehan, '02, on Aug. 30, 2004
Victoria Wolski Flinkstrom, former employee, on Sept. 30, 2004
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The 2005 Winter Commencement was held Jan. 28 in the Rondileau Campus Center, with more than 650 students receiving their diplomas. Pictured (top) Dr. Dana-Mohler-Faria, BSC president, addresses the students; also (center, left to right) keynote speaker Raymond McNulty, ’73; students enjoying the ceremony; and Dr. Mohler-Faria delivers his address.

The college’s 18th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration and Breakfast was held Jan. 17. This year’s theme was taken from something Dr. King wrote while in the Birmingham Jail: “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.” Keynote speaker Bobby Joe Leaster, who was imprisoned for 15 years for a murder he did not commit, was the keynote speaker. The college’s MLK celebration also included a day of service. More than 100 BSC students and staff members spent the day volunteering throughout the region. Pictured left to right: Mr. Leaster lends his voice to the closing sing-along; Peter Britto of New Bedford, this year’s recipient of the Martin Luther King Jr. Distinguished Service Award; and a local youth reflects during the breakfast.