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Dear Friends,

In this issue of Bridgewater, we want to take a moment to highlight a growing fact of campus life that often gets overlooked when we celebrate our institution’s many achievements – and that’s the tremendous support we receive from external funding agencies to bolster our teaching and research efforts. When government agencies and private foundations make the choice to invest in Bridgewater State College, they do so because they recognize our institution’s forward trajectory and tremendous potential.

To put it simply, you’ve arrived at a new place entirely when the likes of the National Science Foundation, the Smithsonian Institution and the National Institutes of Health all have you on their respective radar screens.

Far more important than the dollars and the headlines, though, are the profound ways in which these wonderful new investments, combined with the generous support made possible through our own BSC Foundation, impact the lives of our students, faculty and the people of Southeastern Massachusetts. Though our college may increasingly have many of the trappings of a large research university, the scorecard we keep is based on how well we can transform these resources into unique and exciting learning experiences. In the pages that follow, you’ll have the chance to hear directly from a few of the individuals whose lives have been greatly enhanced by the extraordinary array of new programs, equipment and opportunities that external funding has made possible.

Behind each of these success stories, too, is a tale of great dedication and determination. Faculty and staff spend thousands of hours each year researching opportunities, writing proposals and persuading decision-makers as to the merits for support. Through often tedious and exhausting work, those involved carry with them the hopes and dreams of our entire college family; their ultimate successes become indelible proof points of Bridgewater State College pride.

I hope you’ll take a moment to revel with us in these accomplishments and to salute all those who have made such feats possible. If in reading about the changed lives of our students and faculty you feel motivated to learn or do more, remember that each and every one of you has an open invitation to be a part of the excitement.

Sincerely,

Dana Mohler-Faria
President
Ready for a pop quiz? What do the National Science Foundation, the National Institutes for Health and the Federal Highway Administration have in common?
A. They’re all government agencies.
B. They all award grants for promising research.
C. They’ve all made grants to Bridgewater State College.
D. All of the above.

If you guessed D, “All of the above,” you’re right.

Over the past few years, BSC has attracted an impressive amount of grant support from national foundations, funding everything from big-ticket laboratory equipment like an nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometer and a DNA sequencer, to a Teaching American History grant that’s training nearly 150 South Coast teachers, to a coveted Smithsonian Fellowship, awarded to one scholar annually.

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Dr. Edward Brush

Sea Change

According to Dr. Ronald Pitt, associate vice president for academic affairs, these grants reflect an important shift on campus over the past decade.

“It’s a huge cultural change institution-wide that’s not driven by one thing – it’s a combination of factors,” Dr. Pitt explained. “Many of our faculty were hired in the past five or six years. They’ve brought with them strong ideas about what they want to do with their careers, which includes scholarship. But they’ve chosen Bridgewater State College because they want to do it at a teaching institution.”

BSC “has also increasingly recognized and rewarded faculty scholarship,” Dr. Pitt said. President Dana Mohler-Faria created a “Celebration of Academic Excellence”
event, honoring faculty for their scholarly pursuits and excellence in teaching. He also established a presidential fellowship that provides a yearlong release from teaching for one to two faculty members to pursue in-depth research or creative work. Then there’s CART, the Center for Advance ment of Research and Teaching, which supports faculty professional development with internal grants for a wide range of activities, enabling scholars to further their work.

“All of this clearly makes a statement that the president and the institution value this kind of work,” said Dr. Pitt. And together, they’ve also made the campus environment fertile for research, observed Dr. Frances Jeffries, director of grants and sponsored projects. “At one point, Bridgewater State College looked across the desk and said, ‘This is really important. We owe it to the quality of our faculty, students and as an institution to focus on research and sharpen our skills in this area.’ We now have resources here on campus to truly support research. The soil was tilled under President Emerita Adrian Tinsley; President Mohler-Faria has been able to cultivate major initiatives,” she said.

**Pushing the Scientific Envelope**

This cultivation has produced a bumper crop of grants from national foundations, through highly competitive application processes that have pit BSC against some of the country’s top – and very well-endowed – research universities.

Take the college’s GeoGraphics Laboratory, co-directed by Dr. Uma Shama, professor in the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, and Larry Harman, ’63, an adjunct professor in the Department of Earth Sciences. The pair has secured grants from the likes of the U.S. Research and Innovative Technology Administration or National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the Federal Transit Administration and Microsoft Corporation for a variety of innovative investigations, including the Cape Cod Wireless Project.

Through this ambitious undertaking, explained Dr. Shama, the GeoGraphics Lab created a wireless network “cloud,” covering the entire campus and the center of Bridgewater, to track and optimally position campus buses. “Using commercially available technology, we created an automatic vehicle location system using global positioning system (GPS) satellites to track campus buses through the town and the college campus. Then we placed Internet cameras on the vehicles and sent real-time video back to the Web server along with GPS data,” said Dr. Shama. “With the development of WiFi cities like Philadelphia and Boston, this may be a significant step for transit information for consumers as well as a safety and security feature for Homeland Security.”

Grants from the National Science Foundation and corporations have brought sophisticated state-of-the-art instruments like an NMR (Nuclear Magnetic Resonance) spectrometer as well as a DNA sequencer into college laboratories. With such cutting-edge equipment, “the possibilities are endless,” said Dr. Edward Brush, professor in the Department of Chemical Sciences, who helped to write the NMR grant.

“The NMR is an instrument that analyzes magnetic fields around atoms and how they change – very similar to what MRIs do in medicine. This allows us to study the structure of molecules in a variety of research applications, plus it really prepares students for careers in chemistry,” said Dr. Brush.

Dr. Michelle LaBonte, assistant professor in the Department of Biological Sciences, has similar praise for the acquisition of the DNA sequencer. “Students learn about using this type of equipment in class. Now they’ll be able to actually do it themselves. It’s great experience for students and gives them a competitive edge in applying for jobs and to graduate schools.”

Having a DNA sequencer is also allowing Dr. LaBonte, who researches the immune systems of primates, to stretch her research funds further. “I used to have to pay to send out samples for analysis,” she said. “Having a DNA sequencer here allows me to get a lot more research done for less money.”

Access to such sophisticated instruments “adds a huge amount of value to student education,” concluded Dr. Brush. “It’s unusual for an undergraduate institution to have this type of equipment because it’s just so expensive. [Having these instruments] means that students can get as good an education at Bridgewater State College as at any institution in the Northeast.”

**Teaching the Teachers**

In the past four years, BSC has been the recipient of two of the largest competitive grants in the institution’s 166-year history: The U.S. Department of Education has made $1.6 million, in the form of two grants, available over a six-year period. These two Teaching American History (TAH) grants, awarded to the Plymouth
and Brockton Public School Systems, have been administered by BSC. Through the grant, explained Dr. Margaret Lowe, associate professor in the Department of History, “we’ve created partnerships with six area school districts, supporting teachers in making history come alive for their students. The grant has provided everything from weekend modules and summer institutes on particular themes in history, such as immigration, the Civil War and women’s rights, to field trips and classroom materials.”

The TAH grant was intended to “build bridges between academic historians and public school history teachers in order to promote the teaching of American history,” Dr. Lowe continued. “It’s been a tremendous opportunity for the college to connect with and serve the South Coast region; to create a real, working partnership with area public schools, which has and will continue to have a direct positive impact on the day-to-day lives of teachers and students. It’s also been wonderful to really get a sense of the goals, hopes, needs and frustrations of teachers in the field. By knowing more about their professional lives, we’re better able to prepare the next generation of teachers.”

In the sciences, the National Institutes of Health’s Science Education Partnership Award (SEPA) has brought CityLab to BSC, providing training for 80 middle and high school teachers in hands-on investigation techniques. It’s also brought nearly 10,000 secondary students to campus to use advanced scientific instrumentation not available at their schools.

The departments of Biological Sciences and Chemical Sciences, whose members co-authored the SEPA grant, received an $870,000, three-year grant to bring the innovative program to campus. In fall 2005, the group learned the grant would be renewed for two years, allowing them to further disseminate the inquiry-based curriculum throughout the region.

“Our ‘Whale of a Mystery’ curriculum is a story-based investigation that requires students to use sophisticated laboratory equipment to evaluate whether confiscated cargo is in fact whale meat from endangered species,” said CityLab co-director Dr. Merideth Krevosky, assistant professor in the Department of Biological Sciences.

Though designed to inspire younger students from Southeastern Massachusetts to pursue careers in science, the CityLab program has also positively benefited BSC students. Dr. Krevosky points out that education students intern at CityLab during the summer to satisfy practicum requirements, while science students working as lab assistants can try out teaching to see if it’s a good career for them.

Back in the classroom, co-director Dr. Michael Carson, associate professor in the Department of Biological Sciences, said CityLab has inspired faculty to increase the amount of inquiry in introductory science courses. “We realized that the younger students were so engaged with this lab investigation, wouldn’t it also work to teach our undergraduate labs using story lines? And that’s exactly what’s happened: we’ve made introductory labs much more inquiry-based and more exciting,” he said.

Drs. Carson and Krevosky said they’re proud to work at an institution capable of securing one of the coveted SEPA grants. “It’s a very big thing. These are highly competitive grants that don’t often go to state schools,” said Dr. Carson. “It’s a tribute to our reputation that we were able to get this grant – and then have it renewed.”

And as the clearest sign yet that private grants often seed even bigger undertakings, the college announced in May the formation of CASE, the Center for the...
Advancement of Science Exploration. The primary mission of the new center is to promote and improve science interest and literacy for students in grades 5–12, teachers in area school districts and members of the extended college community. CASE will support new curriculum development, research the most effective teaching models for the delivery of science content, deliver school- and community-based outreach programs and share best practices with local partners.

Trial and Error

Behind all of these grants – plus many others not listed here – is the support of the Office of Grants and Sponsored Projects. “Our work is to match ideas and resources at the application stage, and once grants are secured, to help manage them and do all of the compliance work required by the funding agencies,” said Dr. Jeffries. “Sometimes, we work with a faculty member over a period of years to hone the idea into something fundable.”

This is exactly what happened with Dr. Thomas Mickey, professor in the Department of Communication Studies, who applied for a Smithsonian fellowship four years in a row. This honor is bestowed on one scholar annually – across all fields from institutions across the country. “Last year, the college was able to sponsor Tom to go down to Washington, D.C., and spend the day at the Smithsonian to talk with them about his research idea,” said Dr. Jeffries. The trip paid off: in fall 2005, Dr. Mickey was awarded the Enid Haupt Fellowship from the Smithsonian for his project, “The Commercialization of Nature: Selling the Garden in the 19th Century to the Middle Class.” Though the dollar amount of the yearlong fellowship is relatively modest by grant standards – $20,000 – it’s a major milestone for BSC. “A Smithsonian fellowship is very prestigious. We’ve never received one before. This is a first for us,” said Dr. Jeffries.

The Haupt Fellowship grants Dr. Mickey access to any of the Smithsonian’s archives, including those at the Horticultural Division, the National Museum of Natural History and the Department of Agriculture. “It’s the first time a non-horticulturist has used these archives,” Dr. Mickey explained. “It’s like being a kid in a candy shop. I have access to all of these incredible materials. The college has been so supportive,” he added. “I’ve been traveling to Washington twice a month and am planning an extended stay this summer. I simply couldn’t do this without the support of my department, the dean and the president.”

It’s all about the students – bringing knowledge back into the classroom, involving students in out-of-class research or creative production, either through their own projects or inviting them to be part of faculty research. It’s a whole notion of scholarship in a way that benefits students.

Dr. Ron Pitt

Mission-Driven

By now, you may be wondering: Does this impressive list of external grants mean Bridgewater State College is transforming into a research university, moving away from its mission as primarily an undergraduate teaching institution? Not at all, according to those interviewed. “We are still very much a teaching institution,” said Ron Pitt. “It’s all about the students – bringing knowledge back into the classroom, involving students in out-of-class research or creative production, either through their own projects or inviting them to be part of faculty research. It’s a whole notion of scholarship in a way that benefits students.”

After all, added Dr. Lee Torda, director of the Adrian Tinsley Program for Undergraduate Research, “you can’t be a very good teacher if you’re not up on what’s going on in your field. That requires you, as a faculty member, to stay current and bring that knowledge back into the classroom. The reality is that faculty love to do research, to be engaged in the exchange of scholarship. And this passion infects students.” The bottom line? “Happier, more-engaged faculty make for a better classroom experience,” she said.

“It is amazing,” concluded Dr. Pitt, looking back over the past few years’ track record of external grant support. “We’re not a Research I university,” [the former Carnegie Foundation classification indicating universities receiving the highest amounts of federal research funding], “but look at what we’ve been able to accomplish. It’s remarkable.”

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Hillary Thomas, First Participant Under the Joint Admissions Agreement, Has Sights Set on Medical Career

By John Winters

For a young person who was unsure of what path to follow after high school, Hillary Thomas is going places.

Enrolled in medical school and serving with the U.S. Army Reserves, Ms. Thomas still has some time to go before she’s seeing patients in her own practice. However, anyone would agree, this Bridgewater State College graduate has worked hard to get where she is.

And the 26-year-old East Sandwich native has done it in an unorthodox way. She was the first student to graduate from BSC thanks to the Joint Admissions Agreement, which makes it easier to move between two-year and four-year state institutions. Thus, Ms. Thomas, after attending Cape Cod Community College for one year, was able to transfer to BSC, and then go on to medical school.

“I’ve been on the medical track since very early on in my education,” she said. “The Joint Admissions Agreement definitely helped ease the transition.”

As driven and accomplished as she is today, it’s hard to believe that when she first graduated from Sandwich High School, Ms. Thomas wasn’t sure what she wanted to do.

“I was burned out after high school and didn’t pursue any four-year schools,” she said.

After looking at several other options, including the Peace Corps, she enrolled at Cape Cod Community College and worked part time. Even before settling in, Ms. Thomas had her eye on making use of what was then a new program to help facilitate the transfer of students between state institutions.

“It was something I heard about when I first started at Cape Cod,” she said, adding that the program was so new at that time that she was like a “guinea pig” for the folks at BSC.

The commonwealth’s Joint Admissions Agreement is a pact between state institutions that allows those enrolling in a Massachusetts community college to more easily transfer to a four-year institution in the system. The agreement dates to 1997, and was intended to remove any barriers for students seeking to make such a move in the name of educational and/or career advancement. Through the agreement, students who enroll as freshmen at a state community college can sign up for the Joint Admissions Program and thereby be automatically eligible for conditional acceptance by the state college of their choice.

Ms. Thomas earned her associate degree at Cape Cod Community College in the summer of 1998 and that fall transferred into BSC as a junior.

She graduated in 2001, summa cum laude, with degrees in biology and chemistry.

Ms. Thomas went from BSC to Boston University School of Medicine where she received a post-baccalaureate degree from the Graduate Medical Science program. Next stop was the Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences College of Osteopathic Medicine, where she’s enrolled today.

In April 2002, the busy alumna signed on with the Health Programs Scholarship Program, which she described as “sort of an ROTC for medical school.”

This means that Ms. Thomas, once she’s finished with medical school and her three-year residency, will perform four years of active military service in exchange for tuition assistance. She knows already that at some point she will be deployed as a general practice physician.

In short, it will be 2013 before she’s able to decide if she will enter civilian medical practice.
State Legislators and Staff Who Are BSC Alumni Gather at Reception in Their Honor

By Clare Leschin-Hoar

The House of Representatives Member's Lounge was abuzz when Bridgewater State College alumni – currently serving as state legislators and staff – met in mid-May for a reception in their honor.

Reigniting long-held ties to the college, the gathering of more than two dozen included several state representatives, a state senator, various legislative aides and BSC staff, including President Dana Mohler-Faria.

“They’re what you’d expect from Bridgewater alumni,” said President Mohler-Faria during introductions.

“Beyond that, they’re influential in this legislature, and each and every one of them is a strong supporter of public higher education. They know the experiences of our students, because they were them, and they have never forgotten.”

This is a sentiment echoed closely by many of the lawmakers.


“I remember people sort of ushering me through the eight years I spent as an undergraduate – working all day and going to school at night, realizing I could do anything I wanted to do. Part of our job now, is making that possible for a lot of other people at Bridgewater State College and at other public universities and colleges in the state,” she said.

Like Sen. Menard, many declared their appreciation for time spent at BSC and expressed their continued support of the college and of statewide public higher education.

“I have very, very deep feelings for Bridgewater State College,” said Rep. James Fagan, ’69, of Taunton, whose son graduated from BSC, and another is in his freshman year at the college.

“I’m somebody that bought in entirely that public higher education is good, and I wait anxiously for the day that we become Bridgewater State University. I think that the contributions that BSC has made in education and in higher education fully justify that next step,” said Rep. Fagan.

Other legislators in attendance included representatives Rep. David Flynn, ’58; Peter Koutoujian, ’83; Patricia Haddad, ’72; and Stephen Canessa, ’02.

“We know the state college system is a great one, but we also agree that Bridgewater State College is the flagship of our fleet,” said Rep. Flynn of Bridgewater.

“And we’re in good hands with the likes of the legislators we have in this chamber.”

For 26-year-old Rep. Canessa – the youngest member serving in the House – the alumni gathering provided another opportunity to stay connected to the college he graduated from just four years ago.

“My experience at the college was great, but the experiences I’ve had with the college since I’ve graduated have been even more worthwhile,” said Rep. Canessa.

“I knew there would be a lot of folks here at the Statehouse that are alumni of the college because Bridgewater State College has done a tremendous job of its student population giving back via public service,” he said.

Rep. Canessa credited BSC with helping to prepare him for his role as a state lawmaker.

“Probably the most important thing I was taught at BSC, was that no matter what the goal is … if you have the ability, the talent and the educational background, you can achieve it as long as you work hard enough for it,” said Rep. Canessa.

Dr. George Serra, director of the Center for Legislative Studies (sponsor of the event) and chairman of the Department of Political Science, said alumni events like this are of benefit to everyone. It encourages alumni to come back and participate on campus, fosters opportunity for internships for BSC students and is a way for the college to recognize their homegrown lawmakers for their commitment to public service.

“They have a love for the institution that you saw in that room, and it’s important to keep that flame alive,” said Dr. Serra.

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ALUMNI PROFILE

Shea Scholar Recipient Displays His Artwork in Mural Project

By John Winters

If things are a bit brighter these days at the Massachusetts Alcohol and Substance Abuse Center (MASAC), in Bridgewater, thanks should go to Fred Gerstenecker, ’05. As a student at Bridgewater State College and as part of his Shea Scholarship project, he painted six large murals along one of the center’s hallways. On a recent, rainy spring morning, he returned to see his creation and listen as a prison official told him how much it meant to the commitments there.

“That’s great to hear,” Mr. Gerstenecker said. “It makes me feel good to know I’ve made a difference.”

The murals are recreations, or re-imaginings, of famous movie posters. The images are culled from the posters for Spiderman, From Russia with Love, King Kong, War of the Worlds, Tora! Tora! Tora! and Vertigo. Mr. Gerstenecker wanted to depict posters from movies that are considered timeless, and that are male oriented.

His goal was to represent various movie genres, from science fiction to suspense, and to create something that would stir the emotions of those who saw the work.

“An effective movie poster will usually catch one’s eye with a successful blend of graphic images, text and the artistic use of color,” he said. “Not only did the poster theme have the potential to be aesthetically pleasing, it also had the ability to conjure feelings of nostalgia in the viewers.”

The building that houses the murals is where the men, who are civilly committed individuals participating in a 30-day detoxification program, are brought on their first day at the center, and where they attend their classes. The idea was to create art that would give the men something to talk about. It’s done that and more, said MASAC Superintendent Karin Bergeron. The murals inspire conversation about the films they depict, about the artwork and other things, and help to forge bonds between the men, she said.

“The murals act as an icebreaker for men who don’t know each other and have to begin to trust each other in a group setting,” she said.

The idea for the project came up during fall 2004 from the artist’s former BSC art professor, Dr. Stephen Smalley, who offered it as a directed study opportunity for Mr. Gerstenecker. Seeing the project would probably last longer than the semester, the artist applied for a Shea Scholarship, which pairs an eligible student with a faculty mentor and funding to work on a summer project. Mr. Gerstenecker worked closely with Dr. Smalley over the summer, and last September, the project was completed.

While working on the project, Mr. Gerstenecker also got to know some of the commitments and staff of MASAC. “They were very accommodating, and we talked about things like art, and about life,” he said.

The project has also pointed this young artist down some new paths. When the MASAC project began, Mr. Gerstenecker was not a mural artist per se. Now he is fast becoming one, with one other work now underway, and a recent commission for a mural in the children’s section of his hometown library in Holbrook. ■
Dr. Benjamin Spence, Professor Emeritus, Focuses his Research and Writing on a Town in Transition

By David K. Wilson, ’71

Dr. Benjamin Spence, graduate of the Class of 1959 and professor of history from 1962 to 1996, was esteemed by generations of Bridgewater State College students for his ability to make the subject of history come alive in the classroom. When he retired after 34 years at the college, he didn’t leave his passion for the subject behind him.

“When you retire, it’s a relief at first, but you soon find out that you have to have something central to maintain your skills and interests. I have to thank Shirley Krasinski, who is also a retired member of the faculty and president of the Town of Bridgewater’s Improvement Committee, for giving me a focus. Shirley asked me to write an article about the First Parish Church cemetery, another article about Boyden Hall and a third article about the First Baptist Church.

“I used to say to my students all the time, ‘all history is local history,’ and that’s a truism. But frankly, I didn’t know much about the history of the Town of Bridgewater, although I’d been here off and on since 1955. When I researched these articles, I found that many of the facts I discovered reflected elements of what I had taught in my courses at Bridgewater dealing with the early 20th century, the so-called ‘Progressive Era.’ And I became intrigued. I became determined to continue my investigations.

“Initially, I planned to write a history of Bridgewater from 1900-2000, but I have a propensity for detail, so to make the project manageable, I’ve narrowed my focus to the years 1895-1929. I haven’t decided on a name for the book, but it will probably be Bridgewater: A Town in Transition. Much change was coming in that period, and that’s why I believe this title is appropriate.”

Dr. Spence devotes hours every day to this large-scale project, and hopes to finish in about five years. “It certainly keeps my mind active. I’m always uncovering new information, which is one of the joys of those who love the study of history.”

The Bridge Takes Home Gold Crown

By John Winters

With the spring 2005 issue of Bridgewater State College’s student-run literary and art magazine, The Bridge, taking home another major national award, and standing shoulder to shoulder with the likes of Harvard University, accolades are almost becoming routine.

And that’s just the point, said the founder and co-adviser of the magazine, Assistant Professor of English Dr. Jerald Walker. Though he’s grateful for the recognition the journal has received, he said that if The Bridge does not represent excellence and capture national awards, then he and the staff just aren’t doing their jobs.

“The award is an exciting thing, but it’s not a surprise,” he said. “Since we started this journal I wanted it to be good enough to earn national recognition.”

Confident words, but they’ve been backed up with results, ever since the publication of the first issue of The Bridge. The publication is two for two in capturing prestigious national awards from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association. Last year, it took home the Silver Crown; this year, The Bridge’s spring 2005 issue landed on top of the heap, taking home the Gold Crown.

“It’s really wonderful to get this type of national recognition,” said BSC senior Janine Woodward, an editor of The Bridge.

The spring 2005 issue featured 124 pages packed with the literary and artistic work of BSC students. The Columbia Scholastic Press Association created the awards in 1925 to recognize best practices in student journalism.
College Holds Inaugural Graduate Commencement Ceremony

By David K. Wilson, ’71

Two hundred ninety-four degrees and certificates of advanced graduate study were presented at the inaugural graduate commencement convocation of Bridgewater State College. The May 18 commencement was the first separate ceremony for graduate students since the establishment of a graduate program at the college in 1937.

Dr. Janice Harris, college marshal, and a member of the Department of Movement Arts, Health Promotion and Leisure Studies, signified the official opening of the ceremony by placing the college’s ceremonial mace in its cradle on the podium before a capacity audience of 1,400 in the Rondileau Campus Center Auditorium.

Introducing Dr. Dana Mohler-Faria, president of the college, to bring greetings to the audience, Dr. Harris said, “It is my pleasure to invite President Mohler-Faria to the podium to welcome you. He has championed the renewed focus on the School of Graduate Studies, and he spearheaded the development of this ceremony.

In his remarks, the president spoke of the historic nature of this year’s ceremony. “This is the first graduate commencement in the 166-year history of Bridgewater State College, and you are making history tonight,” he told the graduates. “What you sought when you entered the graduate program, and what you ultimately learned in order to succeed, have now been discovered and achieved. Be proud of what you have accomplished and of the graduate education you’ve received at Bridgewater,” he said. “No matter the path that lies ahead for you, recognize that you have acquired an added responsibility: you must, and you have, prepared yourself for a life of service to family, friends, neighbors, co-workers and thousands of people whom you do not yet know. I encourage you to advance the causes of humanity and social justice wherever you are and whatever you do. Make your mark.”

Dr. Maxine Rawlins, professor in the School of Education and Allied Studies and acting chair of the Department of Counselor Education, was the commencement speaker.

“It is my honor to welcome all of you to tonight’s inaugural commencement for graduate students,” said Dr. Rawlins. “This greeting and welcome is extended not only to our graduates, but also to the husbands, wives, children, brothers, sisters, parents, partners, significant others and friends who patiently and generously provided support, in many forms, to you our graduates, throughout your educational journeys,” she said.
When Lora Fredrickson crossed the stage at Bridgewater State College’s Inaugural Graduate Commencement in May, she did more than accept her graduate degree. She also helped the institution forge inroads into what had become the final frontier. South Dakota.

With Ms. Fredrickson’s graduation, BSC can claim to have graduates in every state of the nation. Before Ms. Fredrickson received her master’s degree in physical education (with a concentration in athletic training), the so-called Coyote State had been devoid of Bridgewater State College alumni. This meant that over the years, college officials making speeches about the ubiquity of BSC alumni across the nation had to always include the caveat, “in every state except South Dakota.”

Those days are over. Ms. Fredrickson said she was glad to be a trailblazer and a small part of BSC history. "I feel very honored to be the first person in the school’s history to be from South Dakota," she said. "I was quite shocked when I found out, but also very proud of my accomplishments and the fact that I could represent my home state the way that I have.”

Ms. Fredrickson was born and raised in Sioux Falls, the largest city in South Dakota, with a population of about 150,000. She graduated from Lincoln High School a year early in 1999 and attended the University of Sioux Falls, where she earned her bachelor’s degree in exercise science. She lives with her parents and a hoard of animals – four cats, two dogs and two birds.

It was an Internet search that led Ms. Fredrickson to BSC. She was looking for athletic training programs at the master’s level. “I decided to hit the open road and head out east. I had never been to Massachusetts before,” she said. “I have family in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Vermont, so I knew I wasn’t going to be completely alone. BSC was a good choice for me.”

Upon arriving at BSC, Ms. Frederickson said she was a bit nervous: It was her first time away from home. However, she soon had many friends, on campus and off. Now back home and looking for a job in athletic training, she reflects fondly on her time at the college, from $1 pizza night at a local restaurant, to attending her first NFL game at Gillette Stadium. Of course, she laughs at our “hearty” New Englander's response to what was dubbed the big snow storm of 2005.

“That’s a typical snowfall for South Dakota,” she said.

Yet her first New England fall is something that will always stay with her. “I will never forget the colors,” she said.
he opportunity to monitor, analyze and assess elections in “the last region in the world where democracy has not come” was too powerful for Dr. Shaheen Mozaffar to ignore.

That’s what led the Bridgewater State College professor of political science, who has extensive experience and expertise in how elections are organized and conducted, to accept the invitation from the International Mission for Iraqi Elections (IMIE) to join a team of international experts to work on the three historic national elections in Iraq in 2005.

In March, he shared his observations with the campus community and the public in a talk titled, “Elections, Violence and Democracy in Iraq.”

While this was Professor Mozaffar’s first professional engagement in the Middle East, he has more than 15 years of experience in researching, writing and consulting with the United States Agency for International Development and the United Nations on democratic transitions, democratic institution building, elections and electoral systems, and democracy promotion strategies in Africa and Latin America.

The first phase of his work for IMIE involved assessment of the transitional national assembly elections held Jan. 30. For these elections, IMIE established a small field office in Amman, Jordan, and a liaison office in Baghdad to collect polling information, which was transmitted to Professor Mozaffar for his assessment.

Based on this information, Professor Mozaffar wrote an assessment report evaluating the preparations and the legal framework for polling; the administrative structure and organization of the polling process; how the polling was conducted, whether it was free and credible according to accepted international standards; and how the votes were counted. In his report, Professor Mozaffar noted that a more realistic assessment would require on-the-ground observation and monitoring of the elections and expressed his willingness to travel to Iraq.

Professor Mozaffar missed his opportunity to go to Iraq for the Oct. 15 constitutional referendum because he arrived in Amman from attending a conference in South Africa a day after the Iraqi government had closed the borders for security reasons. Instead, he monitored the elections from Le Meridien Hotel in Amman, where IMIE had set up operations with e-mail, faxes and wireless and cell phones, receiving real-time information from IMIE representatives in Iraq, analyzing the data and writing his assessment reports.

Professor Mozaffar was subsequently given the opportunity to travel to Baghdad for the Council of Representatives (Iraq’s national parliament) elections on Dec. 15, which he readily accepted. He arrived in Jordan Dec. 3 and spent the next three days collecting background information on the Iraqi elections and interviewing United Nations officials responsible for providing financial and administrative support for the elections and Jordanian civil society organizations responsible for training Iraqi election monitors and observers.

After being suited with 18-pound body armor and a helmet by the Canadian Embassy (IMIE was created by Elections Canada and includes on its steering committee heads of election commissions of Albania, Australia, Bangladesh, Mexico, Panama, Romania, Yemen, Ghana and Indonesia, United Kingdom, and the Association of Central and Eastern Election Officials), Professor Mozaffar took off on a Royal Jordanian Airlines flight to Baghdad.

The plane, flown by “bush pilots from South Africa” with a South African cabin crew, flew a defensive zigzag route into Iraq that increased the length of the 60-minute flight by half an hour. The defensive maneuvers extended to the landing, when the pilot executed a “corkscrew” pattern to avoid potential anti-aircraft fire from the ground, he said.

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the air, he noticed that the streets were jammed with traffic and realized that he was arriving at around 4:30 in the afternoon on the day before the weekend.

“That’s the problem with what we see (in the news),” Professor Mozaffar said. “It’s always a very narrow report. We don’t see or hear about people getting up in the morning to go work or sending children off to school. We miss the larger context because of the news media’s hot-zone coverage. Life goes on amidst the violence.”

On Election Day on Dec. 15, Professor Mozaffar and two colleagues, who comprised the IMIE team in Baghdad, monitored 14 precincts in the International Zone, since travel to the “Red Zone” was prohibited for security reasons. He was the only American among the 350 international observers from 15 countries who were accredited by the Independent Election Commission of Iraq to monitor 32,000 polling stations across the country.

Within his first two minutes of monitoring a polling station located in a primary school half a mile from the old Republican Palace, which houses the U.S. Embassy, Professor Mozaffar heard a rocket blast that, he later learned, hit a corner of the U.S. Embassy compound, causing minor injuries to a U.S. soldier and two U.S. civilian contractors. This was the largest explosion he heard during his stay, which was periodically riddled with the sounds of small arms, machine guns and mortars outside the International Zone.

At the sound of the rocket blast, “everyone jumped … but the Iraqi poll workers, most of whom were school teachers and females wearing traditional scarf (hijab) over their heads, went back to work,” he said. “One woman calmly walked to the large glass window facing the street and closed the curtains to prevent shattered glass from flying into the room.”

The two security guards assigned to the IMIE team hustled Professor Mozaffar and his colleagues to the middle of the hall away from the windows, but the team members quickly returned to their monitoring duties after the security guards received the all-clear signal from their headquarters. “The whole atmosphere was quite unreal,” Professor Mozaffar said.

While monitoring another polling station, he witnessed two Iraqis being denied the opportunity to vote because they failed to produce valid government IDs.

Voter turnout, as well as the level of security, increased, while the level of violence decreased, with each election.

Seventy percent of Iraq’s 15 million registered voters went to the polls on Dec. 15; 65 percent participated in the October referendum; and 55 percent in the January election.

Special provisions were made for eligible Iraqis in hospitals and prisons to vote on Dec. 13. And on Dec. 15, entire families went to the polls with their children to share the experience. “That human dimension gets lost in of much of the media coverage,” Professor Mozaffar said.

Another indicator of this human dimension is that almost 70 percent of Iraqis expressed a preference for democracy in several public opinion polls conducted in 2005. “Iraqis generally feel that democracy is a positive development, that they are not only voting for democracy, but they are also voting for hope,” said Professor Mozaffar.

Life in Iraq “is not clear-cut on the ground,” he said – from its waves of violence to the role of women in its society, politics and government. “The problem is not the Middle East, but it’s our perspective. It’s not a black-and-white situation.”

For example, while a third of the Iraqi legislature consists of women, some of these women represent conservative Islamic values and oppose the separation of religion and state, and others subscribe to secular values and support the separation of religion and state.

Reducing violence will be the key to the success of the new national government, said Professor Mozaffar, noting that ordinary Iraqis are “sick and tired of the violence.” The immediate challenge confronting the incoming Shiite-led government is to stop the Sunni-led insurgency and violence, control the Shiite militias and isolate, expel or kill the al-Qaeda terrorists who are outsiders and responsible for most of the suicide bombings and the brutal violence reported by media, he said.

“It is also important to recognize and understand,” said Professor Mozaffar, “that the democratic transition in Iraq has less to do with its culture than the political legacy of three decades of tyranny; while the success of democracy will also depend less on Iraqi culture than on the capacity of the new democratic institutions to manage social conflicts peacefully.

“Fostering a successful democracy in Iraq poses a dilemma for the United States, for our foreign policy and for us a nation,” Professor Mozaffar continued. “Iraqis are genuinely concerned that we are going to pack up and leave. Having invaded their country, how are we going to respond to their very legitimate concern? We, as a nation, have to ask this of ourselves. Democracy doesn’t happen overnight. It requires nurturing.”

Professor Mozaffar’s assessment reports are incorporated in IMIE’s interim and final reports on the elections, which can be found on www.imie.ca. ■
Students and Administrators Find Reward in Alternative Spring Break

By John Winters

Spring Break. The mere mention of those words conjures up many different visions, some good, some not so good.

Recently, two groups of Bridgewater State College students put a positive spin on the idea of the traditional spring break by traveling to places that couldn’t be more different from Palm Beach or Aruba. One group of student volunteers went to Belize to work at a small, impoverished school, while another group traveled to Camden, NJ, to build homes for people in need with Habitat for Humanity.

The students and administrators who went on the trips recently got together in the Moakley Center Auditorium to celebrate what they’d accomplished and share their stories, photos and videos.

“We all learned a lot about poverty … And we learned a lot about ourselves,” Diane Bell, BSC’s director of community service, told those in attendance.

She and John Paganelli, associate director of internships, accompanied a group of students to Camden. They witnessed not only poverty, but, also a seemingly intransigent racial divide, Ms. Bell said.

Yet the students did their part to make things better, living by a credo best described by junior Michele Prunier: “We knew we weren’t just building houses, we were building communities.”

Alternative Spring Break was sponsored by BSC’s Community Service Center as part of the Take a Break and Make a Difference program, which is an opportunity for students to spend their spring break and various weekends during the academic year doing community service in different locales.

The BSC Habitat volunteers slept in sleeping bags and spent their days working on different projects. They also had the opportunity to see what kinds of things are possible through the act of giving. They got to see a family that had recently moved into their new Habitat home, an especially touching moment for those who made the trip.

“To see these people who struggle so much, and then to see how this helps them get on their feet was incredible,” Ms. Prunier said, her words choked with emotion.

The trip to Belize found BSC students volunteering at St. John’s Anglican School, alternately working in the classroom, where they tutored the youngsters in literacy, and outside, constructing a 150-foot-
long raised sidewalk so the 480 students could go from building to building during flood season.

The students and advisers worked hard in the 85-degree heat, mixing cement and building the walkways. During their downtime, the students played with the youngsters in the schoolyard. They also got to have some fun, taking a trip to see ancient Mayan ruins. Everywhere they went, whether in town or traveling the roadway to their living quarters, where one night they stopped to sing songs with a group of local girls around a campfire, the BSC contingent was made to feel at home, said senior Rosa Aleman.

“These people were so welcoming and so happy to have us there,” she said.

Dr. David Ostroth, BSC’s vice president for student affairs, arranged the trip to Belize. A few years ago, he’d taken a group of volunteers from another institution, developing a relationship with the school. He said it was good to be back and lending a hand once more.

“These students really put their hearts and their backs into this work,” he said. “It made a huge difference to the school, and the Belize students enjoyed having us there, and vice versa.”

When all was said and done, and this unique spring break drew to a close, the BSC volunteers reluctantly packed for home. They left knowing they’d made a positive impact on the lives of those they’d helped, Dr. Ostroth said.

“We were only there a few days, but it was hard to tear ourselves away,” he said. “We made some good friends, and our students came away feeling they’d really made a difference.”

Senior Jenna Tanguay, who went to Belize, agreed.

“We all wished we could have stayed longer,” she said.

It was clear from the looks on the faces of the student volunteers and in their voices as they related their stories about their Alternative Spring Break experience, that they’d enjoyed spending their time off in the service of others. Perhaps Ms. Prunier best summed up the thoughts of many of the students in the room when she said, “I’d absolutely do it again.”

More volunteer trips are planned. For more information, log on to www.bridgew.edu/CommunityService.

Students and administrators who took part in this year’s Alternative Spring Break were:

- Habitat for Humanity (Camden, NJ): Katie Burton; Elizabeth Culverhouse; William Dietzel; Stephen Leong; Dipali Patel; Michele Prunier; Kate Rudewicz; Joanna Si; Diane Bell, director of the community service center; and John Paganelli, associate director of career services.

- Belize: Rosa Aleman; Zena Curry; Ry-ann Frates; Kristin Kasianowicz; Amy Lynn Kuphal; Juliana Margarida; Blake Ruehrwein; Laura Searles; Kathleen Szymczuk; Jenna Tanguay; Dr. David Ostroth, vice president of student affairs; and Mary Lou Frias, executive director of health services and counseling.

BSC students gave their time to work for Habitat for Humanity in New Jersey. Joining the students were, second from right, Diane Bell, director of the Community Service Center, and, far right, John Paganelli, associate director of career services.

BSC students in Belize take a break from their construction project.
Alumni and Friends Include the College in Their Estate Plans
By Clare Leschin-Hoar

Are we at the dawn of a golden age for philanthropy? Researchers at Boston College’s Center for Wealth and Philanthropy report that we are. They’ve projected that the largest transfer of individual wealth will occur during the next 50 years — moving approximately $41 trillion. An estimated $6 trillion of that is expected to flow to charities as a result of philanthropic-minded estate planning.

Thanks to the generosity of many Bridgewater State College alumni, the college is beginning to see the benefits of that transfer in the form of gifts to the annual fund and endowment, and in deferred gifts, like bequests.

Annmaria Greco-Bono Tierno, ’92, has done what many alumni are considering. While Ms. Tierno donates to the college through the annual fund, she and her husband took the additional step of including BSC in their estate planning.

“To me it just seems like a no-brainer. I believe in public education. I had a great undergraduate experience at BSC that I wouldn’t have had at larger institutions,” said Ms. Tierno.

“We named BSC in our will because it was an opportunity to help the institution after we’re gone. If my husband, children and I passed, there’s no one to give the money to. We felt BSC would be a good choice because education is extremely, extremely important to us.”

In fact, the number of alumni and friends including the college in their estate plans is on the uptick. Many donors see bequests as a way to leave a gift beyond what might have been possible during their lifetimes, and those that notify the college of their bequest intentions are recognized with membership in the 1840 Society.

Since 1989, BSC has received 37 bequest gifts totaling more than $2 million. More recently, the college has been notified that more than 50 alumni and friends have put estate plans in place to make BSC a recipient of their generosity.

A strong financial supporter of BSC, incoming Alumni Association president and Foundation trustee, Carolyn Van Buskirk Turchon, ’62, is a member of the 1840 Society, and contributes to the annual fund, the Fiore Fund, and is working with her classmates to raise $62,000 as a reunion gift to BSC.

“When doing estate planning, remembering BSC is absolutely one of the things people should consider,” said Ms. Turchon. “The college has afforded me so many opportunities — both educationally and socially. A lot of people think that because it’s a state college, [all] the funding comes from the state, but that’s simply not so,” she said.

Todd Audyatis, major gifts officer for BSC said bequest gifts made to the college are often unrestricted, allowing the principal to be invested in the endowment, while accrued interest is used to meet immediate needs of the school.

Sometimes, however, patrons have an affinity for a particular interest or project, and direct their giving toward that.

Longtime donor, Richard Durnin, DEd, ’43, said it was his love of books and libraries that prompted him to make a revision in his will to leave a generous bequest gift of $20,000 to the Clement C. Maxwell Library at BSC. In the meantime, he continues to make a yearly contribution to the annual fund.

“I owe my beginnings there,” said Dr. Durnin. “I love the town and the school, and there’s every reason to donate.”

In other cases, donors have worked with the college in advance to establish named endowed funds that support faculty research projects, undergraduate research or student scholarships.

For example, in addition to including the college in her own estate plans, BSC President Emerita Adrian Tinsley financially contributes to the scholarship that was established in her name.

“But I also take care to donate to some unrestricted purposes, because it’s extremely important that people realize the Foundation needs unrestricted money to address emerging challenges and to use the money in places where it is most needed,” said Dr. Tinsley.

Ms. Turchon agrees with the importance of unrestricted gifting.

“It’s unbelievable for those of us from 40 years ago to see what we had, and what we have [at BSC] now. There are many needs of the college that will evolve soon, and it will be a real call for the alumni,” said Ms. Turchon.

Clare Leschin-Hoar of Mansfield writes for magazines and newspapers covering such topics as environmental issues, social enterprise, food, agriculture, health and business.
You Can Leave a Legacy of Learning by Including BSC in Your Will

Estate planning is an emotional process. No one in their right mind enjoys contemplating his or her own mortality, so it is not surprising that many people put off writing a will until it is too late. Believe it or not, creating a will can actually be a life-affirming exercise. A will is much more than just a legal document. A will that provides for the financial security of family and friends and that includes philanthropy can ensure that the beliefs and values you have espoused during your lifetime remain as your legacy.

Family comes first, of course. Friends are important, too. But, hopefully, philanthropy also plays a part in your estate plans. For many BSC alumni, education has been an important part of their lives: whether it is because they are first-generation college graduates, or college was an especially happy time of transition, or they have since dedicated themselves to educating others. If you are among the alumni who hold your BSC education in high esteem, you can leave a legacy of learning by including the college in your will.

Bequest intentions from wills are the most popular form of planned giving. One reason is that wills are the most common estate-planning tool. They are also revocable. In other words, you may modify or rescind the gift intention during your lifetime. So you can still access your assets, should you need them. There are a number of ways you can give to BSC through a will:

- Bequest of specific property or amount
- Bequest of percentage of estate
- Bequest to spouse, then eventually to BSC
- Bequest of residue of estate
- Bequest to BSC if all other heirs do not survive
- Bequests of life insurance policy, IRA or other retirement assets.

The educational impact of a bequest intention is limited only by your imagination. The purpose of your gift can be unrestricted, designated to a specific program, or used to establish a named, endowed fund – like a scholarship. If you have already included BSC in your will or you would like more information, contact me at taudyatis@bridgew.edu or call 508.531.2286.

By Todd Audyatis

CHAIRMEN’S DINNER

This year’s Chairmen’s Dinner had a twofold purpose. As it traditionally is, the event was a chance to honor those whose support is crucial to Bridgewater State College. But it was also a night of celebration, to commemorate the college’s endowment reaching $15 million and an ever-increasing amount of annual donations.

In his remarks, Dr. Dana Mohler-Faria told those gathered the importance of their gifts.

“A few visionary leaders have built this advancement program and made gifts each year that have a tremendous impact on the breadth and quality of education at BSC,” the president said. “What are their gifts accomplishing? They are ensuring that a Bridgewater education is accessible to today’s and future students, and that the quality and relevance of a Bridgewater education are second to none. They are increasing the prestige and reputation of an institution that we know has always had that extra something,” he said.

Pictured clockwise from top left: Entertainment was provided by the Alumni Chamber Choir; Franklin Olleviere of the college’s board of trustees and John Hackett, ’55, G’60; Leadership Donors at the President’s Circle and Horace Mann levels were recognized for their philanthropic support of Bridgewater State College during 2005-2006.
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Afro-American Alumni Association News

Alumni Association Celebrates 15th Anniversary

A dinner-dance celebrating the 15th anniversary of the Afro-American Alumni Association was held at The Lantana in Randolph. Students joined alumni to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the student organization, the Afro-American Society.

Aenis Harris, '94, the guest of honor, was recognized for his service as president of the organization. John “Lenny” McLean’s band, Onkee, played jazz music during the reception and dinner. Peter Pena, '83, provided the dance music for the rest of the evening.

Francoise Errie received the 2006 Jerrol Toledo Award. This award was established by the Afro-American Alumni Association in honor of Jerrol Toledo, who died while he was attending BSC. Nominations for the award are taken from faculty, staff and students based on leadership, good academic standing and college community involvement.

Kente Cloth Breakfast Held in May

Members of the Afro-American Alumni Association gathered in the Campus Center ballroom for the annual Kente Cloth Breakfast hosted by the Center for Multicultural and International Affairs. The Afro-American Alumni Association is a co-sponsor for this annual event which provides an opportunity for members of the Afro-American Alumni Board to congratulate the soon-to-be graduates on their academic accomplishments. Each student is presented with an Afro-American Alumni Association pin as a sign of transition from student to graduate.

Alumni Association Major Holds Awards Ceremony

Alumni, family and friends of BSC met on April 8 for the annual major awards ceremony to celebrate the outstanding accomplishments of the following alumni:

Dr. George A. Weygand Award for Outstanding Service to the BSC Alumni Association
F. Scott Longo, '89

While he was an undergraduate, Scott Longo was involved in numerous campus activities. He was a four-year member of the BSC tennis team, spent one semester as sports editor of The Comment, and held various student government offices, including two years as the student member of the college’s board of trustees. During his term on the board, he participated in hiring Dr. Adrian Tinsley.

Mr. Longo received a bachelor's degree in history in 1989 and has been involved with the alumni association since his graduation. For the past 10 years he has served on the board of directors. He spent two years as the association's president, and he represented the alumni association during President Mohler-Faria’s inauguration. Mr. Longo is a trustee of the Bridgewater State College Foundation and chairman of the Annual Fund Committee.

Dr. Catherine E. Comeau Award for Outstanding Leadership in the Fields of Physical Education, Athletics and Administration
Susan B. Crosby-Tangen, '83

Sue Crosby-Tangen graduated from Bridgewater State College in 1983 and began her athletics career at Massachusetts Maritime Academy as the head sailing instructor and the assistant volleyball coach. In 1987, Ms. Crosby-Tangen returned to Bridgewater State College as the intramural and recreation coordinator. From 1988 through 1995, she was the head field hockey coach. She was also the head lacrosse coach for the 1997 season and the assistant lacrosse coach for five years thereafter.
Ms. Crosby-Tangen became assistant athletics director for compliance and academic support and senior woman administrator in 1995. For the past 12 years, Ms. Crosby-Tangen and Athletics Director John Harper have been the co-meet directors and co-coordinators of the Special Olympics South Sectional Aquatics meet held in the Kelly Gymnasium and Moriarty Pool. Ms. Crosby-Tangen and Mr. Harper have been honored several times by Special Olympics as Outstanding Games Director of the Year, recipients of the Hanlon Award, and as inductees into the Special Olympics Hall of Fame.

**Martha D. Jones Award for Exceptional Dedication to Students**

**Catherine Holbrook, G’81**

Catherine Holbrook came to Bridgewater State College in 1979 as a graduate student after earning a bachelor’s degree in business administration from Villanova University. She spent two years earning her master’s degree in counseling while serving as a graduate assistant in the Student Union. During this time, Ms. Holbrook had the good fortune of working with the first two recipients of this award: its namesake, Dean Emerita Martha Drinkwater Jones, and Rick Veno, both of whom played significant roles in helping Ms. Holbrook prepare for a career in student affairs.

After graduating from BSC, Ms. Holbrook worked in the field of student activities and campus center management, spending two years at Trinity University in San Antonio and nine years at Boston University, where she served in several different positions before returning to BSC in 1992. Hired as the director of the campus center and conferences, Ms. Holbrook felt like she was returning home. During her first few years on campus, she established the college’s first conference service office, was instrumental in the gradual refurbishing of the campus center and provided leadership for developing the Student Activities Office. She has held several positions, including assistant dean and associate dean of students and interim vice president of student affairs. Ms. Holbrook has been associate vice president for student affairs since 2004. In her role at BSC, she works with five student affairs offices, providing support and assistance to Athletics, the Campus Center, the Conference and Event Services Office, Multicultural and International Affairs, and the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership.

**Dr. Adrian Tinsley Award for Achievement in the Arts**

**Theresa B. Carmichael, ’82**

In 1982, Theresa Byington Carmichael graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Art degree. She went on to receive a diploma in the conservation of easel paintings from the Courtauld Institute, University of London. She has also received diplomas from L’Universita Internazionale dell’Arte in Florence, Italy, and the Center for Conservation and Technical Studies at the Fogg Art Museum, Harvard University.

Ms. Carmichael is a successful restoration artist for fine art. Restoration has evolved into a far more sophisticated interdisciplinary profession known as conservation. Conservation blends an understanding of artistic techniques, art history, chemistry and technical skills. When performed properly, with skill and sensitivity, conservation preserves and extends the life of an artwork for future generations.

During her career, Ms. Carmichael has worked for Fuller Museum of Art and the Friends of French Arts in Sciez, France. In addition, she has lent her services to The Fogg Art Museum and a private conservation laboratory in New Hampshire. Ms. Carmichael is a member of the American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works, the International Institute of Conservation and the New England Conservation Association.

At the closing of her remarks, Ms. Carmichael generously offered her company’s services over the next five years in the restoration of five portraits of former BSC presidents, starting with the college founder and first president, Nicholas P. Tillinghast.
A new credit card program is available that provides many types of rewards. Bridgewater State College students benefit directly from every purchase made under this VISA card program. A percentage of the purchase is returned to the alumni association to assist students with scholarships and other academic opportunities that might otherwise be unavailable to them.

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Dr. Adrian Rondileau Award for Professional Achievement and Community Service
David L. Flynn, ’58


Educated in the Bridgewater public school system, Rep. Flynn graduated from Bridgewater State College with a Bachelor of Science in Education degree. Elected to the Massachusetts State Legislature in 1964 at the age of 30, he served for four terms. During this time, he concurrently served as selectman and assessor, overseer of public welfare and town moderator, all

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in Bridgewater. In 1975, he became the deputy commissioner/assistant secretary for administration and finance and commissioner of state central services under Gov. Michael Dukakis. Rep. Flynn served under Gov. Edward King as assistant secretary and acting secretary for administration and finance from 1980 to 1982, and as director of the board of trustees of state colleges from 1979 to 1980. He was the Massachusetts chairman for the Carter/Mondale Presidential Committee in 1980.

Rep. Flynn was chairman of the Board of Selectmen in Bridgewater during the mid-1980s. He returned to the Statehouse in 1998 as the dean of the house and was re-elected in 2000, 2002 and 2004. In 2002, he was town moderator in Bridgewater. “The Dean,” as he is honorably named, is a member of the Bridgewater Veterans Inc., the National Pilots Association, the Massachusetts Legislator’s Association and the Bridgewater Democratic Town Committee. He is the chairman of the Joint Committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets, and was Ranking Member on Ways and Means for the last three sessions. He represents the towns of Bridgewater, Raynham and Precinct 6 in the Town of Easton, comprising the 8th Plymouth District. Rep. Flynn’s legislative priorities include education, the environment and health care. Among Rep. Flynn’s numerous awards throughout his career are the Comeback Player of the Year Award from the Environmental League of Massachusetts, the Distinguished Service Award from Bridgewater State College and the Legislator of the Year Award from the Massachusetts Legislator’s Association.

Master of Education in School Administration degree in 1974.

Mr. DeLutis was a teacher in the Bridgewater school system from 1963 to 1974, teaching second, third and fifth grades. He began an interscholastic athletic program at the Bridgewater Education Association. From 1974 to 1994 he was principal of the McElwain/Parish Center Schools in Bridgewater where he launched the “You and Me” program, an age-appropriate drug education program. He also initiated a new grading system throughout grades K-8.

Alongside his teaching career, Mr. DeLutis has been involved in numerous community activities. He served for 10 years as the director of Camp Clark, a summer camp for boys. He also conducted a marriage preparation program at St. Basil Catholic Center at Bridgewater State College for 30 years. Bridgewater Little League continues to be influenced by his leadership as president.

Mr. DeLutis is chairman of the Bridgewater-Raynham School Committee. With gratitude for the time and effort Mr. DeLutis has spent improving the Bridgewater-Raynham school system, the library of the Williams Elementary School will be dedicated as the “Evelyn and Donald DeLutis Learning Center.”

Mr. DeLutis’ outstanding leadership and dedication to public education exemplifies the Bridgewater State College motto, “Not to be ministered unto, but to minister.”

Alumni Florida Receptions
Dr. Anna Bradfield, dean of the School of Education and Allied Studies, accompanied Candace Maguire, director of alumni relations and development programs, to the Sarasota and Naples receptions this spring. She updated the groups on what

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was happening within the School of Education and Allied Studies and spoke about the many issues that face teachers in today's society.

Dr. Howard London, dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, was the speaker at the alumni luncheon in West Palm Beach. He spoke to the group about the exciting plans for the new state-of-the-art science building that will be built in the near future, as well as many other initiatives in the School of Arts and Sciences.

Attendance at these receptions increases each year. If you are in Florida during March and have not received an invitation to these events, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations with your Florida address. We want to be sure we reach as many alumni as possible when we visit Florida.

Football Alumni Golf Tournament and Reunion Dinner
The 26th Annual Football Alumni Golf Tournament and Reunion Dinner was held at Easton Country Club and The Charlie Horse in April. Mr. James Argir, '61, co-captain of the Bear's first football team, was honored for all of the work that he has done over the years for the football program at BSC.

Adam Howe, '06, received the 2006 Tom Cook Award. This award is presented to a BSC senior football player who has demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship, fellowship, athletic ability and perseverance. The award is named in honor of Tom Cook who died tragically while he was a student.

Dr. Mary Jo Moriarity Lecture Series
Physical education alumni and current and former faculty met in Hyannis for the 2006 Dr. Mary Jo Moriarity Lecture. This year’s speaker was Harvard’s women’s basketball coach, Kathy Delaney-Smith, ’71. Coach Delaney-Smith has led the Harvard team to many victories, and she coached the 2005 Women’s National Team to a gold medal at the World University Games held in Turkey.

Shea Scholar Selected
Ms. Bethany Masten, ’06, was selected as the Bridgewater Alumni Association’s 2006 Shea Scholar recipient. Ms. Masten’s research project is titled, “Surge of Green: A Sustainable Approach to Conductive Plastics.” Dr. Edward Brush of the Department of Chemical Sciences will be Ms. Masten’s mentor for the project. The Shea Scholar Program’s mission is to provide BSC undergraduate students an opportunity to work in consort with a member of the faculty on a scholarly thesis/project that will enhance their educational experience.

Upcoming Alumni Events
Orientation Leader Reunion
Oct. 14
If you were an orientation leader at BSC, let us know where you are today. E-mail Candace Maguire at cmaguire@bridgew.edu and put orientation leader reunion in the subject line. We want to hear from you to keep you posted as this event is planned.

Russell Booth, ’04, the first recipient of the Peter Mazzaferrro Scholarship, joins BAA Board Director and Football Alumni Council Member Richard Florence, ’74.

Physical education program alumni join former and current faculty at this year’s Moriarty Lecture.

Herb Lynch, ’70, stands with Adam Howe, ’06, the 2005 Tom Cook Award recipient.

James Argir, ’61, co-captain of BSC’s first football team, was recognized for his contributions to the football program and is pictured here with former teammate Walter Nagle, ’61.
Homecoming

Oct. 14
Bridgewater State College vs. Coast Guard Academy

If you graduated in 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996 or 2001 and would like to plan a reunion to take place during Homecoming Weekend, contact Sally Murray, assistant director of alumni relations, at 508.521.2388, and she will assist you in putting together a reunion committee. To make a reunion work, a committee needs to get involved with the planning, and then the Office of Alumni Relations will take that plan and make it happen.

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Meet the Pros: Alumni and Students Mix It Up for a Night of Networking

By Maura King Scully

There’s chitchat and nervous laughter in the Campus Center Ballroom. More than 30 alumni and students gathered on April 11 for the “Meet the Pros” event (think speed dating meets professional networking), co-sponsored by the Office of Alumni Relations and the Office of Career Services. Reminiscent of a junior high dance, alumni are gathered at one group of tables, while the students, all seniors, hang near the back wall.

This is the third year Career Services and Alumni Relations have teamed up to offer the event in a quest to help students develop those all-important networking skills, essential in tapping the “hidden” job market – the estimated 90 percent of position openings that never make it to the help wanted section. Assistant Director Colleen Oliva was pleased with the turnout, 15 students and 19 alumni, a new high. “We started out two years ago with seven students and seven alumni, and look how it’s grown,” she said. “Networking is such a critical skill in any job search, and most students aren’t sure how to do it. This evening gives them a chance to actually practice networking skills.”

The students who showed up to practice run the gamut. There’s a Russian history major who is minoring in dance; handfuls of communication and management majors; as well as a smattering of criminal justice, English and biochemistry. Some are dressed for success – complete with suits and BSC leather portfolios – while others’ attire is considerably more casual.

No matter. When the buzzer sounds, students are off and running, sitting opposite their appointed graduates, telling them about their job aspirations and asking questions about alumni career paths.

“I was a bond trader for six years, and I hated every minute of it,” Donna Waugh, ’89, told one student. “But there was a recession, and I couldn’t find a bridge to another career. IT [Information Technology] ended up being that bridge.”

“Another Bridgewater State College graduate gave me an internship the summer after I graduated,” recounted Stephen LaBella, ’91, to another student. “That got my foot in the door. I developed my skills and proved myself from there.”

Chandler Ruehrwein, ’06, hoping for a job in human resources, tells Ralph Martignetti, ’88, that he joined a couple of professional societies, but hadn’t taken part in the on-campus interviewing program. “None of them were exactly what I wanted,” he said. “Go on as many interviews as you can,” Mr. Martignetti advised him, telling him the practice is invaluable.

These were just a few of the stories shared before the buzzer went off again and students moved on to the next station – with a new graduate to meet and greet.

Response from participants was overwhelmingly positive. “It’s nice to feel that you can give something back to your college,” says Diane Biggieri, ’73, principal of Halifax Elementary School.

“I remember being a student and meeting ‘real’ graduates at career events,” added Ms. Waugh. “Wow! I remember thinking, ‘They have real jobs!’” Today, Ms. Waugh is the one with the “real job” – sales manager for Mary Kay Corporation – who shares her winding career path and the lessons she’s learned with the students who pass through her station.

Students are enthusiastic as well. “I got some good pointers,” said Tavis Comee, ’06. “One graduate told me that what I was looking for – management training – was kind of vague, that I needed more direction. I hadn’t thought of that before.”

“I feel like it’s going well,” said Caitlin Lally, ’06, who says she’s looking for “anything in advertising, marketing or public relations. I’ve made a couple of good contacts and got some business cards. It was very conversational. I was nervous, but it’s easier to talk to alumni rather than just random strangers.”

After five seven-minute sessions, formal networking comes to an end and participants move on to a buffet dinner. “Sit with alumni you didn’t get a chance to talk to and network over dinner,” Ms. Oliva advised students. Alumni and students talk in line and settle down to eat. And as Ms. Oliva had hoped, networking continues over the meal.

“You want to go into banking, right?” Nathan St. Gelais, ’04, queried a student. “Give me a call,” he said, handing him his business card. “I definitely know someone you should talk to.”

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1936
Barbara Albret
87 North Pond Drive
Brewster, MA 02631-1929

1937
Ruth Metcalf
50 Green Street, Apt. 308
Brookline, MA 02446-3399

1940
Barbara Howes Juliano has been teaching the “Y’s Way to Fitness” at the Old Colony YMCA central branch every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9 AM. As a volunteer and teacher at the Y since the 1960s, Barbara has contributed in various capacities, from fund raising for scholarships and campserships to teaching fitness.

1941
Winnifred Taylor Hodges
2219 New Bedford Drive
Sun City Center, FL 33573-5805

Winnifred Hodges lives in an independent senior residence a mile from her former residence and keeps in touch with old friends. She plays golf three times a week and is in two leagues. She also plays duplicate bridge. She keeps in touch with her roommate from Woodward Hall, Louise Strange Bell, as well as Nancy Hatch Sampson. She would love to hear from fellow 1941 alumni.

1942
Loretta Kennedy Dexter
15 Buckwood Drive
South Yarmouth, MA 02664-1805

Loretta Dupre Ring is the chairperson of the Council of Aging in Bridgewater. She is grateful to President Dana Mohler-Faria for his support of seniors in the form of grant-writing assistance, catered luncheons and transportation. BSC students majoring in social work often work as interns assisting the seniors’ outreach workers.

1943
Patricia Dahill DuBois is an instructor at the Sippican Real Estate School. She briefly worked as a math instructor after graduating before beginning a lengthy career in sales. After retiring as a national sales manager for a Pennsylvania clothing manager, Patricia briefly tried her hand at retirement, “Three months of retirement told me I was not ready to stop working.” For the past decade she has been educating and graduating real estate agents.

1944
Jeannette Mulvey Mahoney, “Jay,” was awarded the Trail Blazer award by her fellow social workers from the Virgin Islands in March 2005.

1945
Constance Kennefick
9 Highland Street
Gloucester, MA 01930-3804

1949
Bernice Seavey Reed still substitute teaches at the local high school and loves it, especially library and special education. She is active in AAUW, movie groups and book clubs, and volunteers one day a week at the hospital and hospice. But her top priority is her grandchildren, “I am there whenever needed.” She will be celebrating her 54th wedding anniversary this year.

1954
Hazel Luke Varella
121 Center Street
North Easton, MA 02356-1801

A planning session for the 55th class reunion was held during alumni weekend. Any ideas would be appreciated by Joe Pauley and Hazel Varella. … Congratulations to Ann Burgess Morris for receiving the 2005 Catherine E. Comeau Award.

1955
Francena Warren Smith
32 Mellen Street
Needham, MA 02494

Mary Ellen O’Grady Phelps and her husband, Bill, spent three enriching weeks traveling throughout China. They visited Beijing, Hong Kong, Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City, the Summer Palace, the Temple of Heaven and the grounds of the Ming Tombs, the burial site of 13 emperors.

1956
Carlene Dodd Brown
35 Tam O’Shanter Way
South Yarmouth, MA 02664-2049

Eleanor Lydon Olson
R117 Shellback Way
Mashpee, MA 02649

1957
Beverly Tunstall Shavinsky
81 Francis Street
Fairhaven, MA 02719-3211

1958
John B. Lonergan
21 Westminster Road
East Weymouth, MA 02189-1939

Dr. John Fletcher was elected to the New Bedford School Committee last November. John has been a teacher and administrator with the Dartmouth school system since 1959.

1960
Virginia Jewett Hogg
194 James Otis Road
Centerville, MA 02632

Bill Quinlan, G’60, completed his book, History of August Fourball, 1931-2005. Six years after starting his project, Mr. Quinlan has read and copied miles of microfilm from The Standard Times sports pages. His 128-page book is complete and is a hit at the New Bedford Country Club, which he states is the most prestigious country club in New England.

1962
Barbara Aguiar Lombardo
53 Oakland Street
Brockton, MA 02302
1963
Jane Goodwin, ’63, G’72, retired in June from Plymouth South after 36 years in education. She is now enjoying golf, travel and going to lunch.

1964
James Nidositko
25 Coleridge Drive
Falmouth, MA 02540
Helen Craven Tripp retired after 30 years at the Woods Hole Public Library. After graduation, Helen taught mathematics in North Kingston, RI. After two years of teaching, she and her husband joined the Peace Corps and moved to Brazil where they taught children about practical aspects of agriculture, including gardening and rabbit raising. In 1969, they moved back to Falmouth, and she embarked on her career at the library.

1967
Paul Means has been named to the Middlesex Community College Board of Trustees. Paul is a former selectman and representative from Stoneham and is a treasury manager of Mass. Housing Finance Agency. Prior to joining state government, Paul was a partner in Tonrey and Means, an insurance and investment brokerage firm. He served on the Bridgewater State College Board of Trustees. … James Hunt is the principal of Mountain View Middle School in Goffstown, NH.

1968
Donna Daley Brown
Box 366
779 Center Street
Bryantville, MA 02327-0366

1969
Carol Ethier Pappas
44 Tall Timbers Drive
Berwick, ME 03901-2536
Ken Brooks retired after teaching math for 36 years at Easton Junior High School. He plans to spend more time in the Chicago area visiting with his year-old twin grandchildren, Anders and Annika. … Doug Lay is the new headmaster at St. Mel, an independent day school in Gloucester. He retired as principal of Rupert A. Nock Middle School in Newburyport in June 2004 and said he was lured back into education by St. Mel’s, a private parochial school transitioning to new leadership and ownership. … K. Gerald Smith retired after 40 years of being a teacher and administrator in the Massachusetts school system, with 24 years as principal at the L.G. Nourse Elementary School in Norton. … Donna Higgins Wyatt retired after many years as an assistant principal of Los Angeles school system. She spends most of her time golfing in Palm Springs. …

1970
Joseph P. Hackett
48 Ledgeview Drive
Norwood, MA 02062-5806
Diane Sepavich Bercovitz and a partner started a new business, Victory Sports Tours, Inc. They send sports teams all over the world to compete in friendly games, as well as tour each country they visit. … Linda Kevorkian Molleo retired from the New Bedford public schools after teaching for 35 years at the elementary school level. … Joseph Martin, assistant superintendent for finance and technology for the Taunton school system, has retired after 36 years. Joe continues to teach math and computer science at Bridgewater State College. … Peter J. Homen was honored

The faculty and senior class of Bridgewater State Normal School in 1868. Note the photo of the building at the bottom of the page – this was the college’s first permanent home, erected in August 1846 – 160 years ago. Just above the building is a photograph of Albert G. Boyden, principal, graduate of the Class of 1849, and directly above Mr. Boyden’s right shoulder is a photograph of Eliza Bond Woodward, Class of 1857, teacher at the school for 30 years. Woodward Hall is named for her.
by the Freetown High School and local VFW for coordinating the high school’s Voice of Democracy contest for the past 20 years. … James J. Voke will retire as superintendent of Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical School.

1971
Kathy Delaney-Smith, head coach of the Harvard women’s basketball team for 23 years, was the coach of the 2005 Women’s National Team in the World University Games. She led the team to gold during the summer games in Turkey. … Ellen Shea, ’71, G’78, retired from the Fall River school system. … Joseph Wisniewski was elected trustee of the Westport Free Public Library.

1972
Phil Conroy
Janice Indorato Conroy
85 Bridle Road
Bridgewater, MA 02324-1001

Mary Arruda Bernard is principal at Kahn, Litwin, Renza and Co., Ltd. in Providence. … Susan Geary Lessoff is retiring after 34 years of teaching, nine years in New Bedford and 24 years in Vernon, CT.

1973
Lucille Dumas Parkinson is in her second year as Teacher-in-Residence for Music in the Beginning Educator Support and Training (BEST) program at Connecticut State Department of Education. In this position, she works with first- and second-year music teachers who are completing portfolio requirements for teacher certification in music. She makes presentations and conducts outreach activities throughout the state. Lucille believes the most important aspect of her job is to support new teachers—a role she enjoys and feels has a positive impact on the future of music education in Connecticut.

1974
Veronica Galanek Wainwright
4358 Bonfield Court
Oxford, MD 21654-0460

Sheila Mousette retired in 1991 from Brockton public schools then worked as a substitute teacher for 10 years in Bourne where she has lived since 1994. She is busy serving as a Shine councilor, volunteering, watching her grandchildren and traveling. … Daniel Feeney, G’74, former assistant superintendent of Walpole public schools, will be honored by having the preschool wing of the Elm Street School named after him. He died two years ago from complications from leukemia. … Paul D. O’Connor passed away on Jan. 28 after a long illness. He met his wife, Joanne Smith O’Connor, at Bridgewater State College in 1970. They later moved to Sandwich, NH, where he worked for many years as a lumber salesman in the Lakes Region. His wife was a language arts teacher in Ashland, NH. He also leaves behind his daughter and granddaughter. The couple had fond memories of BSC and has placed a paver in the courtyard to remember their wonderful years on campus.

1975
Rev. Michael L. Phillippino was appointed pastor of St. Joseph Parish, North Grosvenordale, CT, and Mission Church of Sacred Heart in West Thompson, CT. After earning his bachelor’s degree, he taught elementary school in Fall River. He began his studies at Holy Apostles College and Seminary in Cromwell, CT, in 1986. In 1989, he received his master’s degree in theology and in 1990, his master of divinity degree. … The annual Tennis for Tony tournament was held in honor of Tony Garafalo, a standout tennis player from Bridgewater State College. The proceeds are used to support grassroots tennis programs for the young people of Middleboro, Lakeville and other surrounding towns. Tennis for Tony is an annual event helping teach local youth the “Sport of a Lifetime.” … Kathleen Burt was honored for her 25 years as principal at Saints Peter and Paul School in Fall River. Faculty, friends, associates and parents presented her with more than 100 books by her favorite author, Tomie de Paola, and a check for $500 to be used towards additional research material for the library.

1976
Jacqueline Sylvia Wheaton
716 Atlantic Road
Swans Island, ME 04685

Barbara Stevens earned her 700th coaching win at Bentley College, where she has been coaching women’s basketball since 1986. She holds this milestone record with only five other women’s basketball coaches. She was inducted to the Women’s Basketball Hall of Fame as the “winningest coach in NCAA Division II women’s basketball history.” She has been inducted into the BSC Hall of Fame, the New England Hall of Fame and the Bentley College Hall of Fame.

1977
Robert Mansur
12584 Autumn Gate Way
Carmel, IN 46033-8221

1978
Elizabeth Gallagher Duval
12 Hutchinson Lane
Quincy, MA 02171

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

Robert Cote was appointed an incorporator of North Attleborough Cable Television. He was elected president of NACT at the first meeting of incorporators. The nonprofit PEGG cable access corporation will be responsible for public,
education and government access programming over the cable system in North Attleborough. Mr. Cote has been a member of town’s cable advisory committee since 2000.

1981
Cynthia Booth Ricciardi
P.O. Box 228
Taunton, MA 02780

Mary Newcomb is an elementary guidance counselor in School Area District 17 in Maine. She worked as a classroom teacher in School Area District 44 for 26 years.

1982
John F. Sullivan
6 Phyllis Road
Foxboro, MA 02035

1983
Steven M. Walsh passed away after a courageous fight with cancer. Friends and family have established a $500 scholarship in his name to be given to two high school seniors, one from New Bedford and one from BMC Durfee High School, who best exemplify his commitment to public service and volunteer work, his dedication to self-betterment through education and participation in extracurricular activities and his love for competition and camaraderie through sports. … Nancy A. Silva is a fourth grade teacher at Indian Brook School. Last year, she created MCAS mathematics calendar companion, that is being used in more than 60 elementary schools throughout Massachusetts. This exciting tool helps fourth grade students prepare for the mathematics MCAS through daily activities that mirror problems that have appeared previously on MCAS. … Nina Roberts, who received the Moriarty and Comeau awards, has a PhD in recreation and leisure studies and a position at San Francisco State University. She has been awarded a Fulbright scholarship to conduct research for the Ministry of Forests and the Environment of India. As part of the Institute of International Education’s Indo-American Environmental Leadership Program, she will evaluate the effectiveness of a program in schools intended to spread environmental awareness and implement programs for the protection and improvement of the natural environment.

1985
June Roy Martin was elected chair of the Berkshire Chamber of Commerce. She serves as communications, human resources and business development manager at Quality Printing in Pittsfield. … Andrew Maylor is the town administrator in Swansea. … Domingo Amado, ’85, G’88, is a guidance counselor at Whitman-Hanson Regional High School and coaches girls’ basketball and baseball.

1986
Paula Vogel Quill
20 Goldsmith Drive
Newburyport, MA 01950-3417

Thomas Armand started his own CPA firm, Armand and Company, P.C., in Brockton.

1987
Kevin Kindregan
38 Tilden Commons
Quincy, MA 02170-1840

Jeanne Madden writes, “The Air Force has brought us back to Hanscom Air Force Base.” She is working as a special education paraprofessional in Chelmsford. She hopes to hear from fellow Class of 1987 friends at jmadden65@yahoo.com.

1988
Dan Darcy
42 Gas Light Drive, Apt. 1
Weymouth, MA 02190

Former State trooper Harold Birkenhead has become a minister. Father Harry, as he prefers to be called, will lead the Church of Holy Nativity in Weymouth. He has spent the last several years leading St. Peter’s parish in Portland, ME.

1989
James M. Dunphy is president and CEO of Vantage Bank, a new bank being formed in New Hampshire. … Jennifer Bond

Class Notes

Reed published her 10th children’s book, *The Falling Flowers*. Her book on AIDS and other epidemics won the 2006 award for the national social studies trade books for young readers. … Peter E. Berthiaume was elected assessor in the city of New Bedford. Mr. Berthiaume is deputy superintendent at the Bristol County Sheriff’s Office in North Dartmouth. … Elaine Remillard opened Maple Hill Early Learning Center in Lincoln, RI.

1990
Jorge Neves
16 Labrie Lane
Holyoke, MA 01040

Ann Marie Dargon, ’90, G’96, has been named the new principal of Hobomock Elementary School.

1991
Eric Kinsherf accepted a position with Thenevin, Lynch and Bienvenue, LLP, Certified Public Accountants.

1992
After seven years with State Street Corporation in Boston, Lee Ann Krikorian has relocated and accepted a position with Bank of New York Corporation in Los Angeles as a vice president and relationship manager.

1993
Debra Gately-Cacciatore
439 Lexington Street
Waltham, MA 02542

David Carella was appointed director of finance and accounting for Intercontinental Real Estate Corp., a national real estate investment, development and management firm. … Jon Frattasio has a band, The Jon Frattasio Band, and plays all over the east coast. Check him out at www.jonfrattasio.com.

1994
Matthew Maderos
12 Wickford Lane
Quincy, MA 02169-6252

Summer 2006
Bill Coffey is the director of sports medicine at Nichols College. He was the head trainer for Boston Red Sox minor league teams from 1998 to 2004. … Kevin Dillon was promoted to vice president of operations of Construction Recruiters, an executive search and consulting firm specializing in top talent in the construction industry. … Michael Mullaney is married with three children and is the music director at MIX 98.5.

1995
Jennifer Steele was appointed behaviorist for the Cohasset school district.

1996
Jason Howe is an air traffic controller at Boston Consolidated TRACON, a radar facility in Merrimack, NH. He lives in Mount Vernon, NH, with his wife and son.

1997
Katie Banis Berry
38 Dartmouth Terrace
Brockton, MA 02301

Roger Limoges
2714 Quarry Road NW, Apt. 101
Washington, DC 20009-5946

Sharon Powell is Chatham's youth services coordinator. … Jeff Leafer joined Damon, Topham & Company, LLC, an accounting and business advisory firm in Marshfield, as a senior accountant. … Jaime McGonigal produced the 3rd Annual World AIDS Day Concert, The Secret Garden, to critical acclaim. The event was named the top theatre event of 2005 by Playbill.com and TheaterMania.com. The 3rd annual Miracle Concert for God’s Love We Deliver and the 3rd annual Embrace Concert for The Matthew Shepard Foundation quickly followed. He was inducted into the board of directors for the Joey DiPaolo AIDS Foundation (www.jdaf.org). Jaime is the associate producer of the upcoming feature film GIO (to be released in 2007). As a performer, he can be heard as the leading role, Johnny Garland in the newly released Playstation 2 Game, Shadow Hearts: From The New World and the upcoming original cartoon from Fox/4Kids, Vrëm Pinata.

1998
Carol Sacchetti
P.O. Box 259
Bristol, RI 02809

Kimberly DeSimone was awarded the Certified Financial Marketing Professional (CFMP). She works for Bridgewater Savings Bank. … Michael Kelly was promoted to assistant vice president/branch officer at the Braintree branch of South Shore Savings Bank.

1999
Lee Charpentier
23 Upstone Drive
Nashua, NH 03063

Kerry Apgar was promoted from reserve to permanent officer in Foxboro.

2000
Andrea Driscoll joined the realty team of Margosells.com at its new location, Seaport Village Realty in Hyannis. … Amy Summers is the town clerk in Lynnfield. She has been assistant town clerk in Orleans since 2001. … Krissy Hanna successfully completed not one, but two marathons. She ran the Walt Disney Marathon in January and the Boston Marathon in April. … Joseph Perna is a member of the Ipswich Police Department. … Dan McLean retired from the U.S. Marine Corps after nearly 30 years of service. After a short break, he began a new job with Booz Allen Hamilton as an associate providing consulting services to the government and commercial sectors.

2001
Jennifer Repeta works at the Halifax Public Library. … Scott Thompson was appointed area director of New York State for Colorado-based Fitness Together.

2002
Sarah Hall, G’02, is a science teacher at Hamilton Wenham Regional High School. … Kelly Fitzpatrick was appointed a reserve officer in Foxboro.

2003
Richard J. Labrecque joined Mayflower Bank as assistant vice president and commercial loan officer. He is responsible for developing and maintaining commercial lending relationships with businesses in Southeastern Massachusetts. … Linda McSweeney, G’03, is the principal at Attleboro’s Palmer River Elementary School. … Amy Gamache was the choreographer for the Wachusett Regional High School production of Oliver. … Shelley Espinola Powers is a special education teacher at Acushnet Elementary School. … Ryan Desmarais is a physical education teacher at Acushnet’s Ford Middle School.

2004
Ryan Powers is teaching fourth grade at Acushnet Elementary School. … Nicholas Davidson is a police officer in Somerset. He has worked as a part-time dispatcher for the Somerset Police Department since 2003. … Sarah Stanley received her master’s degree in social work from Simmons College. … Morgan Rose is the children’s program coordinator at Block Island’s Free Library.

2005
Erika Smith is returning to BSC as the head women’s lacrosse coach. … Janice Beale’s intaglio prints were displayed at Plympton Public Library. Her work featured wild animals, such as the blue herons and screech owls as well as Plympton landmarks, including the Round House and Congregational Church. … Jason Harrington graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson in Columbia, SC. … Megan Foley is a middle school math teacher in Framingham. … Darren Fleurent is a special education teacher at Schwartz Center for Children in New Bedford. … Sara-Beth Stapleton is a second grade teacher at Acushnet Elementary School. She is a third generation teacher, following in the footsteps of her mother and grandmother.
**NOTA BENE**

**Births**
To Luanne Neves and Jorge Neves, '90, a daughter, Emilia Grace, on Dec. 2, 2005
To Debbie Flaherty and John Flaherty, '93, a daughter, Savana Devan, on April 8, 2005
To Laura Gollnick Anderson, '93, and Brian Anderson, a son, Scott Phillip, on July 7, 2005
To Cheri Revell Boegemann, '94, and Frank Boegemann Jr., a daughter, Ava Lynn, on Feb. 22, 2006
To Erin Moynihan Deehan, '94, and Christopher Deehan, a son, Liam Thomas, on July 24, 2005
To Debra Paul Leahy, '95, and Dennis Leahy, '88, a son, Colin, on Aug. 20, 2005
To Paula Machado Raposa, '95, and Laine Raposa, a son, Anthony Joseph, on March 5, 2006
To Kristen Dorsey Santangelo, '96, and Scott Santangelo, a son, Alexander Michael Erik, on March 23, 2005
To Korin Manuel Adamites, '97, and James Adamites, a daughter, Leighton Jane, on July 15, 2005
To Holly Davis, '99, and Marc Fleury, a son, Mason Alan, on Dec. 20, 2004
To Laurie Hudak Popeck, '01, and Steven Popeck, a son, Trevor Steven, on Dec. 12, 2005

**Deaths**
Eva H. Hilton Allen, '26, on Feb. 15, 2006
Ethel Anna Peterson Bete, '26, on Dec. 24, 2005
Mary (Mazie) F. Howland McDermott, '28, on Jan. 9, 2006
Julia P. Bettencourt, '30, on March 12, 2006
Margaret I. Hickey Lomax, '30, on Jan. 12, 2006
Marion O'Connell, '34, in August 2005
Katherine Louise Johnson Blackwell, '36, on April 2, 2005
Constance E. Nash Hartwell, '36, on Nov. 11, 2005
Gordon F. Parsons, '37, G'46, on Dec. 1, 2005
Dorothy E. Sheehan, '37, on Jan. 14, 2006
Dora R. Gardella Hansbury, '39, on Nov. 30, 2005
Camella R. Maiowski, '41, on Dec. 2, 2005
Gertrude Mitchell, '41, on Dec. 27, 2005
Mary A. Keane Jerome, '43, on Feb. 26, 2006
Elenore L. Kimm, '46, on Nov. 12, 2005
H. Barbara Kane Walsh, '46, on Nov. 15, 2005
Catherine “Cay” McGrath Van Vaerenewyck, '48, on Nov. 24, 2005
Marjorie E. Fiske Hegarty, '50, on March 20, 2006
Marie T. Corcoran, '51, on Jan. 27, 2006
Carol A. Chaplain Mitchell, '51, on Dec. 8, 2005
Lorraine A. Bachand Lundegren, '52
Honorable Wilfred C. Driscoll, G'53, on Jan. 13, 2006
Edward W. Pietnik, '54, on Feb. 27, 2006
Jerome Joseph Callaghan, '55, on Feb. 7, 2006
Wilma Baker Schultz, '56, on Jan. 23, 2006
Joan Long Matheson Sullivan, '58, on March 28, 2006
Joan M. Robinson, '59, G'64, on Nov. 10, 2005
Alfred J. Murray, '60, on Nov. 28, 2005
Martha “Marty” Finnell Patrick, G'63, on Nov. 27, 2005
John Joseph Silva, G'63, on Nov. 20, 2005
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Albert Gardner Boyden, class of 1849, principal of Bridgewater State Normal School for 46 years, retired from that position 100 years ago this summer (August 1906). Mr. Boyden remained principal emeritus until his death in 1915.
Marriages

Joseph LaChimia, ’81, to Richard Arsenault on Sept. 24, 2005
Diana Mitchell, ’89, to Christopher Fox
Lynn Monique Forget to Jeffrey Dale Lundgren, ’92, on Jan. 28, 2006
Julie O’Boyle, ’92, to James Preble on Sept. 17, 2005
Caroline Howlett to Denis Prindeville, ’93, on June 18, 2005
Jennifer Marie Shipley to Marc Adam Abramson, ’93, on Sept. 3, 2005
Michael Daniel Regan, ’96, to Amanda Lorraine Bell on April 23, 2005
Amy-Joy Mackie, ’97, to Steven Raccagni on Oct. 15, 2005
Sarah K. Foley to Sean T. Lawlor, ’98
Melissa Lemaire to John Cabral, ’98, on June 11, 2005
Kristin McQueston to Brandon Lopes, ’98, on July 8, 2005
Amanda Carvalho to William Jeserski, ’99, G’04, on Aug. 6, 2005
Rhonda Ilene Trust, ’99, to Jason Schwartz on July 3, 2005
Julie A. Albernaz, ’00, to Derek W. Heim on July 23, 2005
Tanya M. Branco, ’00, to Glenn Scott on Sept. 30, 2005
Colleen Marie Cloke to Christopher Francis Sauve, ’00, on Aug. 20, 2005
Lindsay C. Gagne to Shaun P. Miller, ’00
Karen McGillivray, ’00, to David Duffy on Sept. 17, 2005
Brenda Santos to David Schuller, ’00, on Aug. 20, 2005
Amy E. Albino, ’01, to Joseph H. Beaulieu III on Oct. 7, 2005
Michele Barker to David O’Neil, ’01, on June 11, 2005
Christine Ann Hickey, ’01, to Robert Stephen Veneziano on Oct. 22, 2005
Alison Rose White, ’01, to Brent James Winters on June 17, 2005
Emma Jane Wrigley to Gregory John Cosgro, ’01
Kathleen Vickery, ’01, to Craig Carley on July 23, 2005
Crystal Ann Villa, ’01, to Jeffrey David Penders
Shannon M. Wiley, ’01, to Michael J. Harrington on Dec. 31, 2004
Tanya Imbriglio, ’02, to Ryan Costa on Oct. 15, 2005
Courtney Walsh, ’02, to Michael MacDonald, ’01, on Sept. 16, 2005
Vanessa Rae Zauner, ’02, to Paul Joseph Miller on Oct. 15, 2005
Jennifer Bachand, ’03, to Adam S. Norige on June 26, 2005
Rachel A. Dorsey to Michael Dunham, ’03, on Sept. 30, 2005
Kaitlin Desnoyers, ’05, to Kevin Trahan on Oct. 8, 2005
Stacey Lyn Perry, ’05, to Jeffrey Pereira on July 3, 2005
Elaine Marie Trahan, ’05, to Jeffrey Louis Campbell on June 5, 2005

A MOMENT IN HISTORY...

Remembering Lester Lane: in the spring of 1912, Mr. Lane (in photo, seated second from right) as a young man of 24 who would go on to lead a life of an exemplary community service.

Born in Hingham in 1887, the son of Edgar and Leah Malcolm Lane, he graduated from Hingham High School in 1906.

At Bridgewater State Normal School, he was on the advisory board of the Normal Athletic Association from 1909-1910, captain of the baseball team in 1910-1911, class president in 1910-1911, auditor of the Normal Club in 1910-1911 and chairman of the school’s social committee in 1910-1911.

After graduating from Bridgewater in 1912, he was a public school teacher in Newton, Hull and his hometown of Hingham before starting a long career in education in the Town of Bridgewater.

A veteran of World War I, he commanded a company of the National Guard during the Boston Police Strike of 1919. He was executive officer of the 25th Regiment, Massachusetts State Guard, and served as a member of the Guard during World War II.

He studied at the New England Conservatory of Music and played the organ in Weymouth, Hingham and at the Central Square Congregational Church in Bridgewater.

He was also the town moderator for Bridgewater and was named "Man of the Year" in 1968 by the Jaycees.

Mr. Lane was married to Dorothy Ayer and they were the parents of a son, George W. Lane, who went on to become a professor at Lasell Junior College.

In February, 1972, he was inducted into the Hall of Fame of the Massachusetts High School Football Coaches Association.
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Nearly 800 undergraduate degrees were awarded at the college’s 165th spring commencement on May 20.

Robert Nunes (seated from left), mayor of Taunton, and John Sears, honorary degree recipient; standing (from left), Franklin Ollivierre, chairman, BSC Board of Trustees; Molly Jarvi, ’06, student speaker; and Dr. Dana Mohler-Faria, president of the college.

Franklin Ollivierre congratulates a member of the Class of 2006.

A member of the Class of 2006 poses with friends for a picture.