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Pleasant Point, located in Branford, Connecticut, is the ideal spot for undergraduate fieldwork exploring salt marsh ecology along the coast of Long Island Sound as part of the University of New Haven's Environmental Science program.

To learn more about the Environmental Science program, visit newhaven.edu/BSEnvironmental

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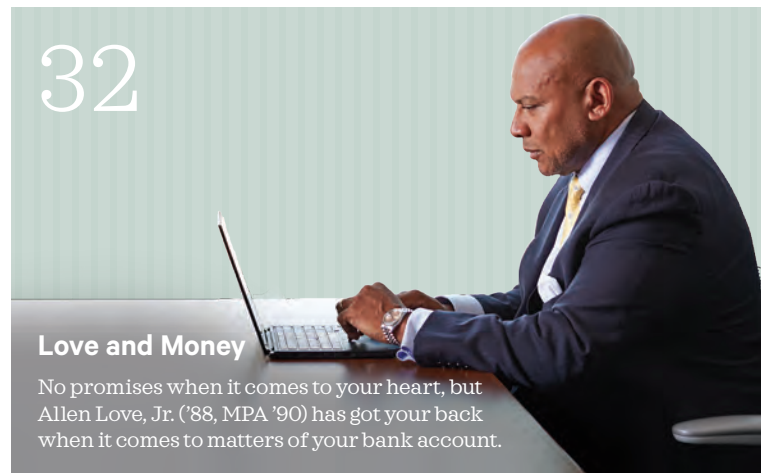
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Building for Success

So often in higher education we ask ourselves, what should a university look like? How can we best prepare students to be successful in the world of work and as good citizens in their communities? As we discuss and design the university of the future, it would be presumptuous for institutional leaders to engage in the process without first talking not only to current students, but also to those much younger than them who are developing learning styles and facing future global challenges that are dramatically different than probably anything we have seen in the past.

Today, more students than ever before are graduating on time from high school; and the majority of these students are continuing their education in pursuit of a college degree. However, in terms of career and job readiness, the trend of new, emerging technologies to outpace individuals with more traditional backgrounds — thereby threatening job security — needs to be at the forefront of our thinking about higher education. Are we teaching students to be good at one thing, a specific role? Or, has our approach evolved, fostering within these young adults the ability to be nimble in the undeniably changeable face of today's economy, leveraging this new generation's strengths?

This new generation of students will tell you that they can communicate across a diverse set of mediums; that they are technologically sophisticated;



STEVEN H. KAPLAN

and, above all else, that they are motivated to be active learners. As such, we need to create a program of offerings that is fundamentally different — one that reflects the strengths of these future graduates.

Our focus must be on discovery and adaptation; and this kind of learning necessitates getting outside of the classroom. It involves internships and study abroad programs; career development and networking opportunities; community engagement and the student experience. This is how our students will go on to find true satisfaction in what they do.

Some of the most influential leaders of our time have indicated that success is not necessarily about being rich or powerful. They talk about relationships, health and well-being, and societal impact; about happiness, satisfaction, and enjoying your work; about constant growth, the grind, and how to retain your own unique qualities. When I consider the kind

of student we want to continue to attract to the University of New Haven, I see an institution where it is possible for students to pursue their passion and purpose, without silos or boundaries that hem in their creativity. Their impact, sense of purpose, community engagement, adventure, and calling should start here; and they should carry what they learn here with them long after they graduate. We should aspire to be a place that changes the lives of those who want to change the world.

With best wishes,

Steven H. Kaplan, Ph.D.
President

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From Our Readers

As Issue 02 goes to press, we are grateful to our readers who took the time to share their feedback on the new and completely redesigned University of New Haven Alumni Magazine. Don't be shy! Email us at letters@newhaven.edu. We welcome you to these pages and look forward to hearing from you.

HEATHER ENG '17

It was pretty cool to see all the different statistics in the spring issue.

Thanks. We thought so, too! **See page 5** for the story behind a new set of numbers and read more about a student takeover of the University of New Haven's Instagram account. #ToBeACharger

AUSTIN THOMAS '15

I would like to know more about what current students and faculty are up to in terms of research, innovative projects, and unique internships.

Check, check, and check. For Issue 02, we've added an additional 12 pages of coverage and beefed up On Campus and Faculty Spotlight to better showcase student and faculty success stories. Flip to Research Roundup (**page 10**) for a 1-2-3 punch.

STEPHEN SHEPHERD '16

I loved all the pictures in Issue 01. It would be great if you included even more pictures in future issues!

You got it. For the fall issue, we've added two more pages to our cover feature on the University's marching band for the sole purpose of including some of our best photography to date. Enjoy!

SPENCER POULIN '14

I was impressed by the comprehensive storytelling in Issue 01 and the diversity of alumni and department spotlights.

We love to brag on behalf of our alumni! In this issue, Sports Desk includes a unique spotlight on a former student-athlete who took the determination she learned on the court and built a career around giving back. **See page 38.**

KATE COTTO '03

It would be nice to see a schedule for athletics.

We're game. Although we weren't able to print a schedule this time around, we're on the case for Issue 03! In the meantime, check out all team schedules at newhavenchargers.com/schedule.

THERESA ST. PETER '86

It would be great to see a more comprehensive list of upcoming events.

It's always a pleasure to have our alumni back to campus. For the most up-to-date schedule of events, visit newhaven.edu/alumni/events. For this issue, **page 44** includes a sampling of the many diverse ways in which our alumni return to campus to engage with students and our University community.

EBONY LANGSTON '12

The layout of the magazine could be a little better, especially when you use a phone to view it!

We know that our readers are a busy bunch and constantly on the go. Achieving mobile compatibility is absolutely a priority for us this year. Stay tuned!

Congratulations to Austin Thomas '15!

Austin took charge in our Letter to the Editor (LTE) challenge and was the proud recipient of a Charger prize pack. We want to hear from even more of you for spring 2019! Be the first to send us your thoughts on Issue 02 and win a \$50 Amazon gift card. Submit an LTE at any time and be entered to win a prize pack. Email us at letters@newhaven.edu.

On Campus



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Students from across the University of New Haven were given the keys to the @unewhaven Instagram account to reveal an inside look at the Charger experience.

#ToBeACharger



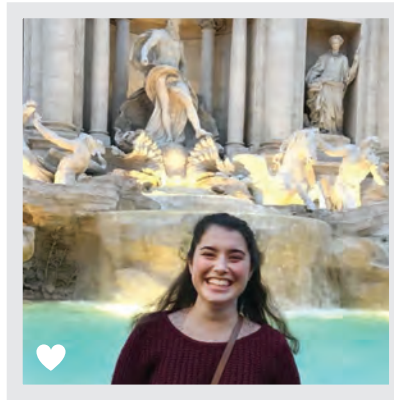
"I just had a meeting with our very own President Kaplan, where we discussed the positives as well as areas for improvement for us as Wellness, Diversity, and Alcohol Peer Educators."

Matt Chai '19
Criminal Justice and Psychology double major



"Welcome to our morning, which started at 5:55 a.m. for physical training at @chargerrec with the 100+ ROTC cadets at the University of New Haven. Stay tuned to see the rest of my day."

Alex Bloch '19
Criminal Justice major and ROTC member



"Greetings from across the Atlantic Ocean for an inside look at what it is like to live and learn at @unewhavenprato."

Brianna Hill '18
Forensic Science major



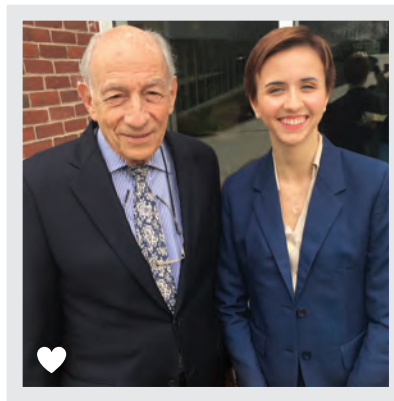
"We have a suspect description and multiple casualties. EMS has triaged and transported victims. We are standing by to collect evidence, run analyses, and prepare warrants. It's a busy day at UNewHaven!"

Ian Maloney '20
Criminal Justice and Legal Studies double major



"I love dancing and have done it my whole life, so I am so happy that this class offers me the ability to start the day off by doing something I'm passionate about!"

Christina Genovese '20
Communications and English double major



"Today has been a very exciting day so far! This morning I had the pleasure of interviewing advertising giant Allen Rosenshine in our television studio on campus, and then listened to his wonderful lecture."

Melinda Nanassy '20
Marketing and Communications double major

THE RESPONSE

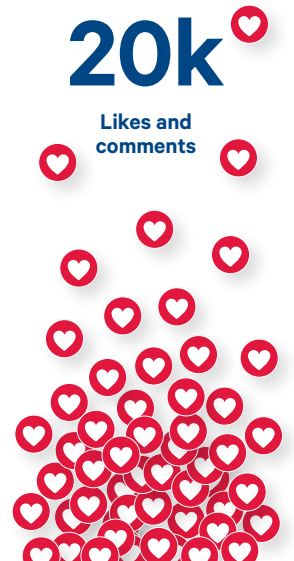
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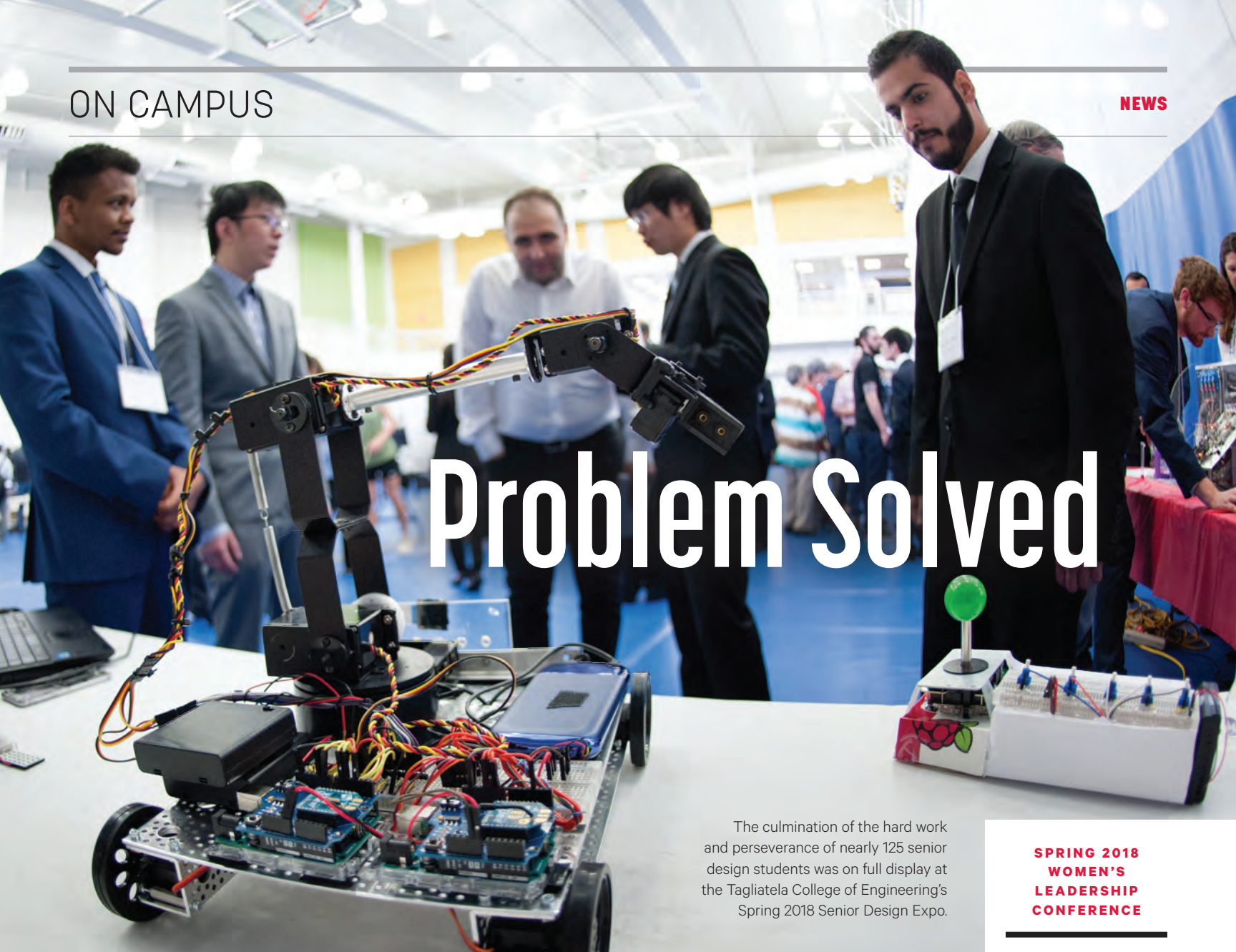
20
Students

100
Posts

500
New followers

20k
Likes and comments





Problem Solved

The culmination of the hard work and perseverance of nearly 125 senior design students was on full display at the Tagliatela College of Engineering's Spring 2018 Senior Design Expo.

**SPRING 2018
WOMEN'S
LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE**

There are assumptions about women that I think harm us. You're given such a small window of what you can do. Yet if you don't go after something passionately, there's no way you're going to get it.

JULIA LANDAUER
TWO-TIME CHAMPIONSHIP-WINNING
NASCAR RACER AND
KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Holocaust Remembrance

Ninety-six-year-old New Haven resident and Holocaust survivor Isidor "Izzy" Juda delivered the keynote address at the University's 15th Annual Holocaust Remembrance ceremony to a crowd of over 150. Born in Vienna in 1921, Juda fled German-occupied Austria in 1938, arriving in New York in 1940 where he was greeted by his parents who had arrived six months earlier. Juda was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1942 to fight in the Pacific during World War II, receiving his discharge — and a Bronze Star and Purple Heart — in 1945.

Photo by Catherine Avalone/Hearst Connecticut Media



AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Galla Named President of Alumni Association's Board of Directors



David Galla '99 began his two-year term as president of the Alumni Board of Directors on July 1. A vice president of business banking and relationship manager at People's United Bank, he earned

his bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of New Haven and is also a member of the University's Athletics Hall of Fame.

A Well-Deserved Recognition

Philip H. Bartels HON '11, former chair of the University's Board of Governors and current campaign co-chair, has been awarded the University's inaugural Distinguished Philanthropist Award by the newly-created Student Philanthropy Council. Bartels was also recognized at the 35th Annual Alumni Scholarship Ball, receiving the President's Award, one of the University's most prestigious honors.

Lost in Space

Four Tagliatela College of Engineering students were awarded highly competitive NASA CT Space Grant Consortium (CTSGC) fellowships to conduct space and aerospace related research. **Jordan Rippe M.S. '22** received the Student Project Award, **Alexandra Goriounova '20** received an award for research and fellowship, and **Leah Lansdowne '20** and **Jonathan Stanford '21** received scholarships.



And the Emmy goes to...

Students in the Communication, Film, and Media Studies program were awarded seven Emmys at the 41st Boston/New England Emmy Awards Ceremony on June 2. The top winner for the University was a film called *Men's Room* — written and produced as part of a film class — which received five Emmys, including Long Form-Fiction, Best Director, Best Cinematography, Best Editor, and Best Audio. The film was also shown at the 71st Cannes Film Festival in France in May as part of the Short Film Corner.

A Greek Tragedy On Campus

A scene from last semester's student theater production of Euripides' *The Trojan Women*.

Photo courtesy of Robert Rattner, Lecturer, Art & Design



Chauncey Stillman Gallery Exhibition

Installation by Antoinette Oyola '18



April 2018 Exhibition "Drawing in Space" at Seton Gallery

A Beautiful Mind
Nails, yarn, and hand-made paper flowers
Rachel Dempsey '18





Students Organize Mayoral Forum

Marcin Stankevitch '19, a political science major, served as moderator for the first town hall forum hosted by new West Haven Mayor Nancy Rossi in partnership with the University's Mayor's Advisory Commission. Stankevitch chairs the commission and works part-time as a member of the mayor's staff.

Pitch Perfect

Pitch Perfect is a live studio production similar to ABC's *Shark Tank* filmed at the University's on-campus television studio in conjunction with the College of Business' Entrepreneurship and Innovation Program. University and college students from across Connecticut compete for an all-expense paid trip to a nationally recognized entrepreneurship conference. See episodes from the most recent season at newhaven.edu/EIP.

SIKORSKY AIRCRAFT DONATES OVER \$30K TO SUPPORT UNIVERSITY MAKERSPACE

When students take advantage of the Makerspace, they challenge themselves and are positioned to be very competitive as they enter the workforce. At Sikorsky and Lockheed Martin, we look for students who embrace this spirit of innovation and commitment to excellence.

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VICE PRESIDENT,
COMMUNICATIONS AT
SIKORSKY AIRCRAFT,
STRATFORD, CONN.

To learn more about some of the great work coming out of the Makerspace, turn to page 10.

It's Winning Time

The University of New Haven's master's degree program in sport management has been ranked No. 16 in North America and No. 22 globally by *SportBusiness International*. The program was also recognized in the magazine's "Graduates' Choice" and "Most Valuable in Furthering Career" top 10 lists, coming in at No. 8 and No. 9, respectively.



Master's Program Quadruples in Size

What began in 2017 as a new program with six students has grown into a bustling biomedical engineering master's program with 27 students from around the world. Students from China, Nigeria, India, Turkey, Iran, and Myanmar, from California, Connecticut, and New Jersey, joined Kagya Amoako, Ph.D., assistant professor and program coordinator for biomedical engineering, on groundbreaking research that, for a small lab, has already had striking results.



Breaking New Ground

This fall, the University broke ground on the Bergami Center for Science, Technology, and Innovation. This 44,000-square-foot, three-story facility is the centerpiece of The Charger Challenge, the University's inaugural \$100 million campaign. It is named in honor of longtime University benefactors Samuel S. Bergami Jr. EMBA '85, HON '02, and his wife, Lois.

(Featured left to right): Matthew Consigli, Consigli Construction; Nancy Rossi, Mayor of West Haven; Philip H. Bartels, Board of Governors; Anemone Schweizer-Kaplan; Steven H. Kaplan, Ph.D., President; Samuel S. Bergami Jr., Board of Governors; Lois E. Bergami; William L. Bucknall Jr., Board of Governors Chair; Jillian Jacques '19, student speaker; Jay Brotman, Svigals + Partners.

University Announces New Board of Governors Chair, Vice Chair

William L. Bucknall Jr. '63, '65, HON '08 began his term as chair of the Board of Governors on July 1, 2018.

Bucknall joined the Board in 1992, serving as chair from 1998 to 2000. He rejoined the Board in 2006 and was named vice chair in 2012. Bucknall has received many recognitions by the University, including a Distinguished Alumni Award in 1999, an Honorary Doctorate of Business Administration in 2008, and the President's Award in 2013.

A prominent human resources professional who has been a leader in his field nationally, Bucknall served as senior vice president of United Technologies Corp. for 16 years before retiring in January 2008.

He earned his bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of New Haven and was a Sloan Fellow at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he earned his master's degree.

A tireless advocate of the arts and literature and an inveterate world traveler, Bucknall has two daughters and four grandchildren. He resides in North Palm Beach, Florida.



William L. Bucknall Jr. '63, '65, HON '08



Charles E. Pompea '71, EMBA '90, HON '06

Charles E. Pompea '71, EMBA '90, HON '06 began his term as vice chair of the Board of Governors on July 1, 2018. Pompea has served on the Board for over two decades. This marks his second term as vice chair after an interim period as an emeritus Board member.

Pompea is the former chair, president, and CEO of Primary Steel Inc., working there for more than 40 years. Under his leadership, Primary Steel grew into one of the top five processors of steel plating in the country, with revenues of \$600 million. Pompea earned a B.S. in Management and an Executive MBA from the University of New Haven. In 2006, the University awarded him an Honorary Doctorate of Business Administration.

A dedicated supporter of local civic and philanthropic agencies, Pompea has five children and resides with his wife Tamera (Tammy) in Hobe Sound, Florida.

JOINING

Board of Governors

Raphael G. Crawford, M.S. '00
President, Catalysts Division,
Albemarle Corporation

Shelley Stewart Jr. '90
Vice President, Sourcing &
Logistics, Chief Procurement
Officer, DuPont USA



Research Roundup

On the Front Lines of Disco

By Claire Curry

No Butts About It

According to a report released earlier this year by the Ocean Conservancy — an organization founded in 1972 whose mission is to seek solutions for a healthy ocean and the wildlife communities that depend on it — more than 2.4 million cigarette butts were collected in 2017 during ocean cleanup efforts around the globe. The report reveals that cigarettes are the leading type of litter picked up during these cleanup efforts. Cigarette filters can take 25 years to decompose, and fish and birds, mistaking them for food, often ingest them. The residual toxins, in a majority of cases, prove fatal to these animals. **Matthew**

Paulus '20, a digital design major, is working with Assistant Professor of Art and Design **Guy-Serge Emmanuel**,

M.F.A., in the College of Arts and Sciences on a research project titled “The Butt of a Joke.” The project, which involves a series of animations that use humor and irony to capture viewers’ attention, provides a creative and effective way to educate smokers and encourages them to discard cigarettes responsibly.



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Cigarette butts were collected in 2017 during ocean cleanup efforts



An Animal Activist

Virginia M. Maxwell, D.Phil., conducts research on preventing fatal disease in cows on dairy farms and investigating crimes related to animal cruelty. Dr. Maxwell is assistant dean and associate professor of forensic science in the Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences, and her work pairs analytical chemistry and forensic sciences. She and her students are developing a test strip, similar to what diabetics use to monitor their daily sugar levels, that will gauge calcium levels in dairy cows. These calcium levels can quickly deplete during pregnancy and birth and cause a sometimes fatal condition called milk fever. Local farms will soon serve as test sites for this practical innovation, an inexpensive and efficient means to identify cows at risk and prevent the disease from threatening livestock. Dr. Maxwell and her students are working on a similar strip to test dogs for ketamine, a powerful sedative often used in dog-fighting rings. The ability to quickly test dogs for the presence of ketamine could expedite investigations against animal abusers. Dr. Maxwell also volunteers as a forensic consultant to assist in the prosecution of animal cruelty cases.

Hung Jury

Perception is a recurring theme across multiple research studies conducted by **Kento Yasuhara, Ph.D.**, assistant professor of psychology and criminal justice in the College of Arts and Sciences and the Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences, respectively. Dr. Yasuhara’s work focuses on misconceptions surrounding mental illness and forms the foundation for a training program to prepare his students, many of whom go on to pursue careers in law enforcement, for crisis intervention. Dr. Yasuhara also collaborates with **Ibrahim (Abe) Baggili, Ph.D.**, Elder Family Chair and associate professor of computer science in the Tagliatela College of Engineering, to study the public’s perception of hackers. Results have shown that people who commit a particularly egregious crime — murder, for example — are universally viewed as “bad.” But the jury is still out on those who hack an organization’s computer network. In fact, findings reveal that even when cybercriminals have an overwhelmingly altruistic purpose, there remains no public consensus on morality. The results become even more meaningful in an era when cybercrime is on the rise.



very

Under the Sea

Kristine Horvat, Ph.D.,

an assistant professor of chemical engineering in the Tagliatela College of Engineering, is interested in finding alternative, cleaner energy sources. Dr. Horvat focuses much of her research on gas hydrates, a crystalline form of water that contains gas molecules. Gas hydrates look and act much like ice, with one exception: they contain a large amount of methane, the primary component of the natural gas that we burn for energy. Burning methane is more CO₂ efficient than any other fossil fuel — it's twice as efficient as burning coal, for example. This more environmentally friendly energy potential is what drives Dr. Horvat's research. There is, however, a catch. Hydrate deposits



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Burning methane is twice as efficient as burning coal

generally occur in marine and permafrost environments far below the sea's surface where they play a critical role in maintaining seafloor stability. Because of this, they are a challenge to extract and study. A new and promising approach for recovering methane

is the exchange of these deposits in stable gas hydrates with carbon dioxide. Dr. Horvat and **Stacie Meruelo '19**, a chemical engineering major, are studying CO₂ hydrate formation in various water solutions, including salt water, and in the presence and absence of sand, to reveal the best conditions for its formation. Their goal is to understand the thermodynamics and kinetics of this exchange process.

Story Time

Mary Isbell, Ph.D., may study 19th-century literature and culture, but the methodology she uses in her research is anything but Victorian. Isbell works within the realm of digital humanities, a field that applies computational tools and methods to disciplines such as literature, history, and philosophy. Her focus is on digital scholarly editing. Drawing from a digital archive of manuscripts, microfilm, and rare book materials, Dr. Isbell pieces together stories from the past. Her personal research uncovered the little-known history of shipboard theatricals aboard 19th-century naval vessels, determining how these performances established cultural hierarchies among navy officers and sailors.

In her role as professor, Dr. Isbell is mentoring **Anna Kroon '19**, an English major who received a summer undergraduate research fellowship (SURF) to study children's literature, the theme of her senior honors thesis. Kroon is examining and photographing rare editions of the story *Valentine and Orson*, which was first published in 1505 for a general audience but later classified as children's literature. By transcribing and encoding different versions of the text for online publication, Kroon allows for a more thorough analysis of how and why this story changed over the past five centuries.

Opening spread from *Valentine and Orson*
Rare Books and Special Collections at McGill University



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Picture This

The arts, environmental science, and marine biology converge in a cross-disciplinary research project on the ecosystem of Long Island Sound. The research team includes **Robert Rattner**, a lecturer in the Department of Art and Design, and Environmental Science Professor **Roman Zajac, Ph.D.** (both from the College of Arts and Sciences), in collaboration with **Kyle DeGennaro '19**, a marine biology major and a photography minor. By photographing PVC plates installed at multiple test sites in the Sound, Rattner and DeGennaro are recording changes in the structure and biodiversity of marine fouling communities — groups of organisms found on artificial surfaces like the sides of docks, marinas, harbors, and boats, including both native and invasive species. The researchers use advanced digital photographic equipment to record the plates over time. Exploring optimal angles and lighting configurations, the team can quickly collect data, which is then shared with outside experts and collaborators. Rattner and DeGennaro want to archive their data on underwater communities in an electronic database that can be accessed and enhanced by researchers globally. The ability to study native and invasive species dynamics over time will serve as an important historical reference for scientists decades from now, possibly informing future research.

Faculty Spotlight

RECOGNITION

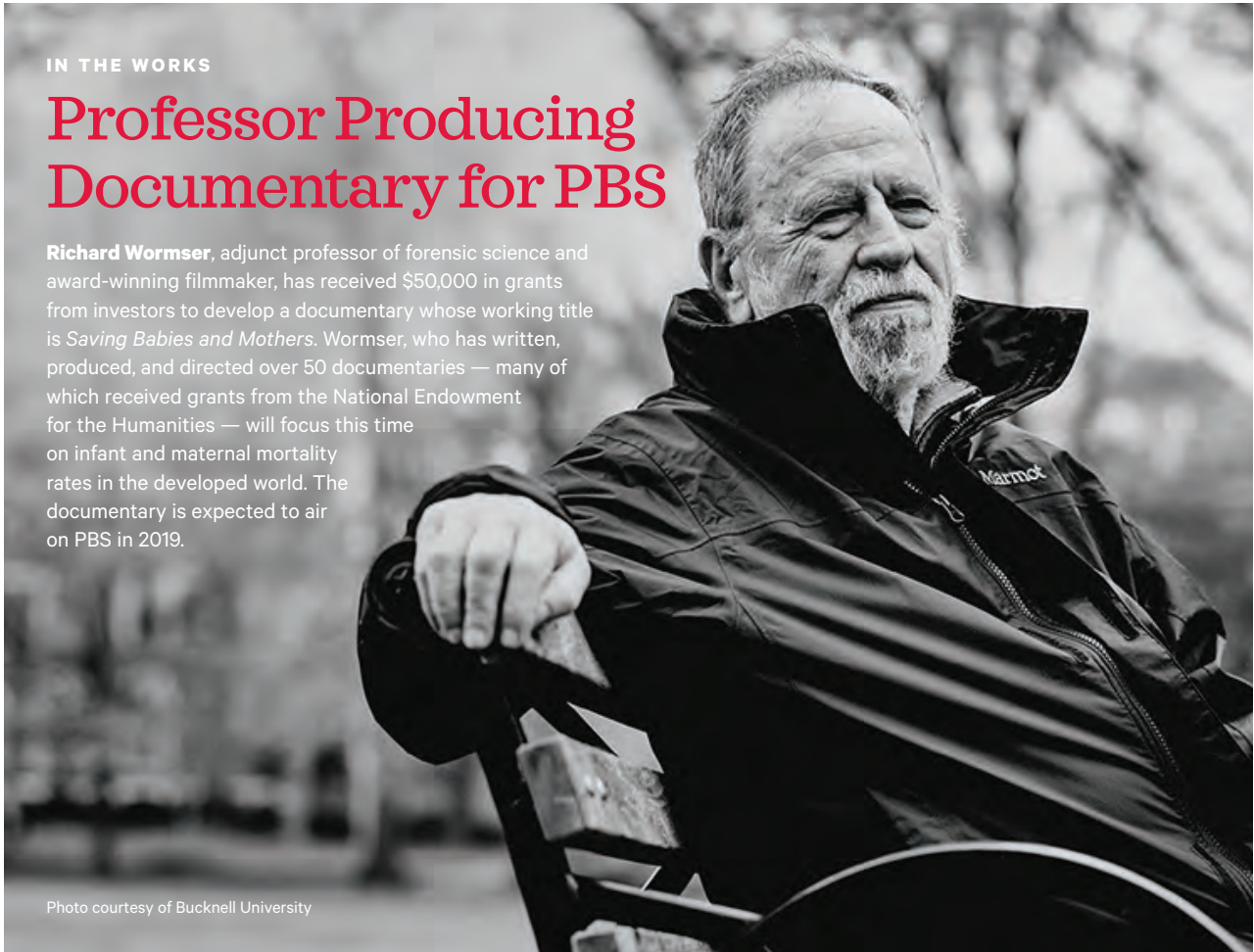
Professor Recognized at Foundation Gala

Eva Sapi, Ph.D., director of the Lyme Disease Program and chair of biology and environmental science at the University of New Haven, was a featured speaker at the 2018 LiveLyme Foundation Gala, where she was recognized for her research on Lyme Disease. Dr. Sapi also serves on the Advisory Board for the foundation.

PRESENTATION

Last Lecture

Virginia M. Maxwell, D. Phil., assistant dean and associate professor of forensic science, was selected by President Steven H. Kaplan to deliver the Spring 2018 Last Lecture. This annual presentation poses an intriguing hypothetical question to the presenter — If this moment is your last opportunity to impart a message about what you are most passionate about to the world, what would you say? Dr. Maxwell gave a moving lecture advocating for the humane treatment of farm animals.



IN THE WORKS

Professor Producing Documentary for PBS

Richard Wormser, adjunct professor of forensic science and award-winning filmmaker, has received \$50,000 in grants from investors to develop a documentary whose working title is *Saving Babies and Mothers*. Wormser, who has written, produced, and directed over 50 documentaries — many of which received grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities — will focus this time on infant and maternal mortality rates in the developed world. The documentary is expected to air on PBS in 2019.

Photo courtesy of Bucknell University

2017-18 FACULTY EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Research and Creativity



Melissa L. Whitson, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Psychology

Leadership and Service



Glenn McGee, Ph.D.
Professor of Health Administration and Policy Development

Experiential Education



Rachel Torello, Psy.D.
Lecturer in Psychology

Teaching — Full-Time Faculty



Michael Collura, Ph.D.
Chair of Engineering and Applied Science Education and Professor of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering

Teaching — Practitioner in Residence



Thomas Reynolds, M.A.
Practitioner in Residence in Political Science

NEWLY PUBLISHED

The Irish and the Origins of American Popular Culture

A new book by **Christopher Dowd, Ph.D.**, professor of English, focuses on the intersection between the assimilation of the Irish into American life and the emergence of an American popular culture, which took place at the same historical moment in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Dr. Dowd investigates the primary segments of early American popular culture — circuses, stage shows, professional sports, pulp fiction, celebrity culture, and comic strips — and uncovers the entanglements these segments had with the development of Irish-American identity.



INDUSTRY EXPERT
International Sports Corruption and Gambling

Declan Hill, D. Phil., one of the world's leading experts on match fixing and sports integrity, has joined the Financial Investigations program in national security at the Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences. An award-winning journalist, Dr. Hill is the author of two books on sports corruption, *The Insider's Guide to Match Fixing in Football* and *The Fix: Soccer and Organized Crime*. His books have been the catalyst for more than 30 major European police investigations.



FUNDING

Engineering Professor Receives \$1.2 Million Grant

Ravi Gorthala, Ph.D., associate professor of mechanical engineering, was awarded a \$1.2 million grant by the Department of Energy (DOE) to spearhead a project that aims to make commercial businesses' heating, cooling, ventilation, and refrigeration systems operate more efficiently. Dr. Gorthala, an expert in renewable energy with more than 20 years of industry experience, has received past funding from the DOE, the Department of Defense, and NASA, among other organizations. For this most recent assignment, Dr. Gorthala is mentoring a team of five undergraduate and graduate students at the University, who will continue to work with him throughout the duration of this three-year initiative.

SPRING 2018 — DGAD 4451

Digital Fabrication

SECTION 101

Wall installations,
paper polyhedra, and
re-contextualized vinyl.
Just another day at
the Makerspace.

By Elizabeth Rodgers

Aspiring artists sit next to students majoring in cellular and molecular biology and computer science. You are just as likely to be surrounded by scrap metal and sawdust as you are to be taking notes. And the final exam is far from standardized.

This fall, the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of New Haven launched a new B.F.A. program in Digital Art and Design. Digital Fabrication, one of the first courses to be offered as part of this new B.F.A., had its inaugural run last spring.

Digital Fabrication was the brainchild of Guy-Serge Emmanuel, M.F.A., assistant professor, and Joe Smolinski, senior lecturer, both in the Department of Art and Design. Emmanuel and Smolinski both saw the need for students across all disciplines to look more closely at the intersection of technology and fabrication — the action or process of manufacturing or inventing something. So they collaborated to design a course which drew students from a range of programs, including Art, Graphic Design, Engineering, Interior Design, and Molecular Biology.

Smolinski, who taught the first course, explains it this way: “Technology is a tool — not a means to an



Joseph Smolinski is a Senior Lecturer of Art at the University of New Haven specializing in drawing, sculpture, and digital media. He received his B.F.A. from the University of Wisconsin and his M.F.A. from the University of Connecticut, Storrs. His work has been shown in group exhibition venues across the country and discussed by such noteworthy publications as *Art in America*, *The Boston Globe*, *The New York Times*, and *Art Papers*.

end creatively — so you need to think critically about how it is best utilized.”

It's a hands-on, lecture-based course. Some days might be spent sketching concepts, others designing projects on computers with 2D vector-based programs, digital photography software, and 3D modeling programs. Students were encouraged to fail early and often, prototyping by using a variety of methods in cutting, forming, printing, and shaping. They critiqued and, with Smolinski's guidance, often went back to the technological drawing board. “They needed to learn the basic technical language, convert this idea and digitize it, and then bring it to life,” Smolinski says.

The students found a home in the University of New Haven's Makerspace to do just that. Located in the Tagliatela College of Engineering on the University's main campus in West Haven, the space includes a variety of high-tech equipment, such as 3D printers and milling and edging machines, in addition to old-school tools such as hammers, screwdrivers, and pliers. In this setting, students are freed from the constraints of a more traditional lecture hall and can, as one student says, “get messy.”

Maria-Isabel Carnasciali, Ph.D., an associate professor of Mechanical Engineering, charged with designing and equipping the Makerspace, worked closely with Smolinski to make sure the students could take full advantage of what it had to offer. Ultimately, the space will be housed in the University's cornerstone building project, the new Bergami Center for Science, Technology, and Innovation, which broke ground this fall.

Smolinski also wanted his students to connect with the larger West Haven community, so he reached out to J.R. Logan, the “Chief Maker” at MakeHaven on Chapel Street in New Haven. MakeHaven is a 4,000-square-foot, not-for-profit gathering place and workshop for, according to its website, “makers, creators, tinkerers, and dreamers.” Projects in this space include mechanics, electronics, crafts, digital art, biology, and woodworking. As such, it was the perfect complement to the students' on-campus experience at the University Makerspace.

“This course wasn't only about fabrication,” Smolinski says. “It was about connecting with other people and finding mentors to help brainstorm and

troubleshoot. Across the country and across the nation, startups and shared

tech spaces are on the rise. It's important to expose students to these groups and environments as a complement to the Makerspace. They need to know how to find and connect with these communities.”

Students in the class displayed their final projects at an event at MakeHaven near the end of the spring semester. Among the projects: a laser-cut modernist lamp, an eight-color vinyl portrait, and a 3D printed cell model.

Moving forward, Digital Fabrication will continue to be a major requirement for the B.F.A. in Digital Art and Design. “Other institutions offer digital art degrees,” Smolinski says, “but what we are doing is unique in that we offer everything from a focus that is completely digital, to fabrication, to virtual reality. There are so many different ways to take steps into the world of digitization. And these kids make that happen.”

BACK-TO-SCHOOL SHOPPING LIST

- 3D printer
- Laser cutter
- Power tools
- Wood
- Plastic
- Vinyl
- Plexiglass
- Metal
- Paper
- Found materials

Events



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Scholarship Ball

The University of New Haven's 35th Annual Alumni Scholarship Ball — themed "Making an Impact" — did just that, raising \$1.8 million in support of student scholarships. The gala marked the fifth consecutive year that the University has raised more than \$1 million. Three distinguished alumni were honored: Michael H. Ambrose '84, Carolyn L. Brehm MBA '96, and Vivian J. Kaplan '80.



Michael H. Ambrose '84
Vice President of Engineering & Technology, Sikorsky Aircraft, a Lockheed Martin Company



Carolyn L. Brehm MBA '96
Founder & CEO, Brehm Global Ventures, LLC



Vivian J. Kaplan '80
Former Counselor, Connecticut Department of Corrections



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1 Elizabeth Chicos and Elise Bucknall, family and guests of Board of Governors chair William L. Bucknall Jr. '63, '65, HON '08, join in the celebration.

2 Philip H. Bartels HON '11, former Board of Governors chair, joined by his wife, Susan, receives the President's Award.

3 President Steven H. Kaplan, Ph.D., welcomes a crowd of nearly 350 alumni and friends in the David A. Beckerman Recreation Center.

4 Charles E. Pompea '71, EMBA '90, Vice Chair of the Board of Governors, raises his paddle in support of student scholarships.

5 Giovanni-Marie (Gio) Roper '19, a psychology major, thanks the University's most loyal supporters for investing in students' futures.

6 Richard Blumenthal, United States Senator from Connecticut, makes remarks.



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Spring 2018 Commencement

The University of New Haven celebrated the dedication and many achievements of its newest graduates at its 2018 Spring Commencement on Saturday, May 12, 2018. The ceremonies took place at the Toyota Presents Oakdale Theatre in Wallingford, Connecticut. This past spring's graduating class comprised nearly 1,400 students, making it the largest graduating class in the University's history.

Honorary Degree Recipients

Baron Carlo Amato
Business Executive

Patricia Melton
President, New Haven Promise

Allison Schieffelin
CEO and President, The Lighting Quotient

"Most often, it's the seemingly small acts of bravery that have great ripple effects. You are not just the future. You are the now. This is a movement moment you are living in, and you are it. What kind of world do you want?"

Frances Padilla HON '18
President, Universal Health Care Foundation of Connecticut

"If I've been successful in my career, it's likely because I've been smart enough to learn from my failures. Keep your eyes open — keep your minds open — to all possibilities, even possibilities you can hardly conceive of today. All the things in this world you aspire to are literally yours for the taking."

Paul Heth HON '18
CEO and Founder, Patton Ventures

Graduates of Arts and Sciences, Business, Engineering, and Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences take the leap and celebrate their next chapter.



100 Scholarships for 100 Years

At the University of New Haven, we recognize the promise that all of our students hold. We create unique opportunities that build a foundation for student success and illustrate our commitment to educating the whole student, breeding confidence in our community members, and cultivating service-minded individuals.

Many of these opportunities are made possible through scholarship support. As we approach the University's centennial in 2020, our goal is to create 100 new scholarships to coincide with this milestone anniversary and the culmination of The Charger Challenge.

At right, you will read about how scholarship support changed the lives of **Shelby Miller '20** and **Leann Kleintop '19**.

To learn more about endowed scholarships at the University of New Haven, contact Lisa Honan, associate vice president for Advancement Operations, at lhonan@newhaven.edu.



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increasingly competitive market and in preserving access for many other deserving students.

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Shelby Miller '20

Shelby Miller '20, a marine biology major minoring in marine affairs, grew up in Leicester, Massachusetts, but she spent summers at her family's house in Wells, Maine. Some of her favorite childhood memories recall outdoor adventures with her parents and siblings, in particular those spent fishing and hunting with her father. Because of this, Miller developed not only a lifelong love for the sea, but also a respect and appreciation for the wildlife she encountered.

One summer, Miller applied to a local teaching zoo near her family's summer home. She was hired on the spot. This was an exciting moment, as most zoos won't hire zookeepers unless they meet certain requirements for hours spent in the field. But Miller was able to train on the job. She immediately began working with animals that, until then, she had only glimpsed through protective enclosures as a visitor. This go-getter attitude reflects what Miller recognizes as a central theme to a University of New Haven education.

Miller, a recipient of the Bucknall Family STEM Endowed Scholarship, has displayed this enterprising mindset throughout her life. "I've worked hard to achieve my goals," she says. "I know that things aren't handed

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SHELBY MILLER '20

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The Bucknall Family STEM Endowed Scholarship Fund, generously supported by University of New Haven alumnus William L. Bucknall Jr. '63, '65, HON '08 — Board of Governors chair and campaign co-chair — and his daughters, Elise Bucknall and Kristin Loranger, is awarded to a full-time female undergraduate student pursuing a career in one of the

STEM fields — science, technology, engineering, or mathematics.

"You begin to think about how your life would be entirely different had you not had this education," Bucknall says. "And when you achieve some form of success, there is an inclination to want to share that with the institution that started it all for you."

Her scholarship afforded Miller the opportunity to study abroad in Australia to continue her studies in marine biology outside of the United States. She is currently applying to several universities and, once accepted, will spend five months abroad. Miller views this opportunity as a game changer when considering her next steps — classes, future internships, post-graduate placements, and ultimately a career as either a marine fisheries officer or a fish and game warden. Miller no longer asks, *What's possible?* Instead, she considers, *What isn't possible?*

"The University has given me a place where I can find myself," Miller says. "I'm figuring out who I am now, and who I want to be after I graduate. It will be a part of me for the rest of my life."

Leann Kleintop '19

When **Leann Kleintop '19** was 15 years old, she took a forensic science summer course at American University in Washington, D.C. There, she learned about fingerprint analysis, DNA analysis, and crime scene investigation. When she enrolled at the University of New Haven, Kleintop declared her major in criminal justice, with a concentration in forensic science (she also has a dual minor in psychology and sociology). "Criminal justice is a major that, no matter the application, will allow me to help others and impact my community," she says.

Kleintop is a recipient of the Henry Edwin Bartels Endowed Scholarship, established in June 2015 by one of Henry's sons, Kenneth (Ken) Bartels, and his wife, Jane Condon. Henry Bartels, who died in 2015, served on the University's Board of Governors, and in 2012 he received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from the University. The Bartels family has had a longstanding relationship with the University dating back more than four decades.

Henry's eldest son, Philip (Phi) H. Bartels HON '11 — Board of Governors member and campaign co-chair — and his wife, Susan Bartels, carry on this legacy and

enjoy meeting the scholarship recipients annually. "Giving back, both in regard to volunteer service and with regard to philanthropy to charitable institutions, has been our family's guiding principle," Phil says. "This has been our North Star."

Phil and Susan fund a number of initiatives, including the Innovation Building Fund, Bartels Education Fund, Model UN Program, President's Public Service Fellowship Program, Christopher S. Bartels and Minsung Choi Bartels Endowed Scholarship, John D. Hatfield Scholars Program, and the Bartels Service Awards.

This generosity inspires University of New Haven students and alumni, including Kleintop. "I am so happy I chose to become a Charger," she says. "I want to really push myself every day to excel academically, and, one day, I hope to give back to the University community in the same way the Bartels have assisted me."

By alleviating Kleintop's growing concern about affordability, the scholarship freed her to focus on what was most important: her goal of graduating early. This spring, Kleintop, who maintains a 4.0 GPA,

will be granted a degree just three years after she first set foot on campus. She plans to enter a master's program and then work as a forensic psychologist in either the court system or the FBI.

"The University has changed my life by helping to change my perspective on who I am as a person," she says. "I am an individual who has potential. I know that, with hard work and dedication, I can realize that potential."

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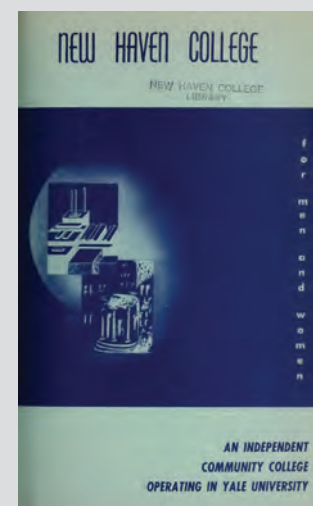
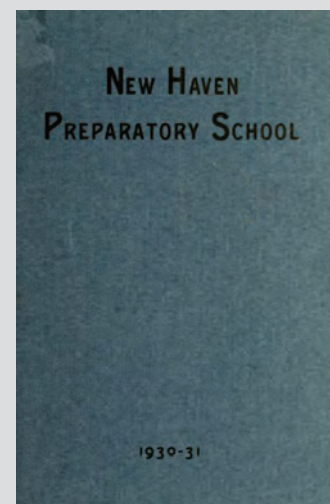
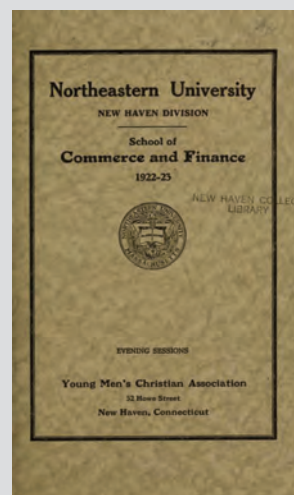
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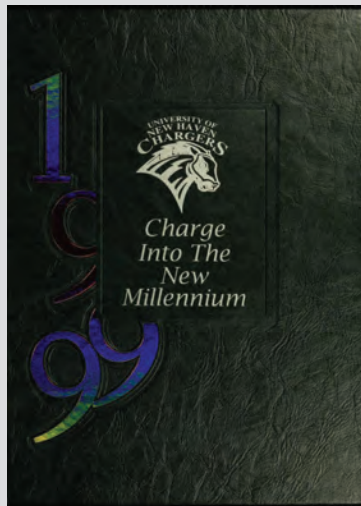
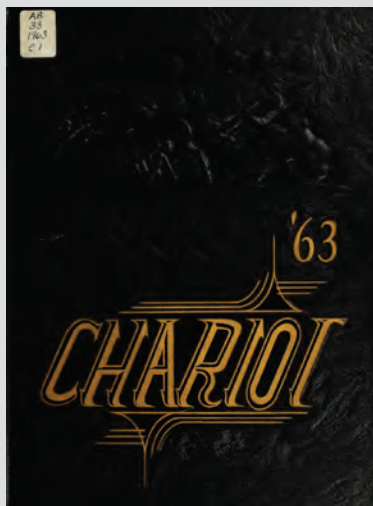
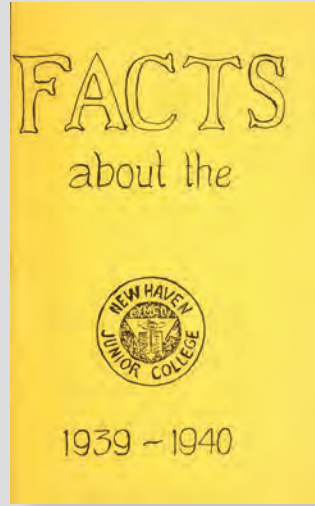
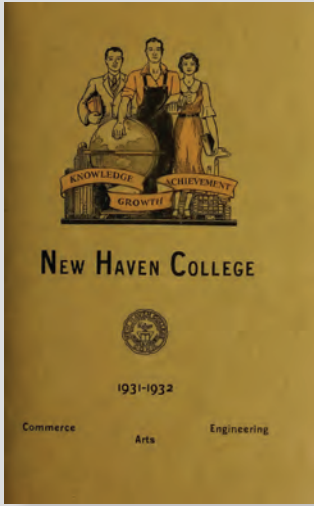
A Century of Stories

The New Haven Division of Northeastern University. New Haven Preparatory School. New Haven YMCA Junior College. New Haven College. The University of New Haven.

The evolution of this institution's identity, from 1920 through present day, is as layered as the publications which archive nearly a century's worth of our stories. What began as a collection of course catalogues and bulletins grew to independent reviews and newsletters, student-produced content, contemporary alumni magazines, and yearbooks with attitude.

The sample of publications at right reveals the "faces" behind this journey as we envision the next 100 years at the University of New Haven — the challenges faced, new ideas generated, dreams delivered, and lives changed.





WE ARE FAMILY

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While the Chargers marching band has grown dramatically over the past decade, its devoted musicians – now 270 strong – have formed a powerful bond.



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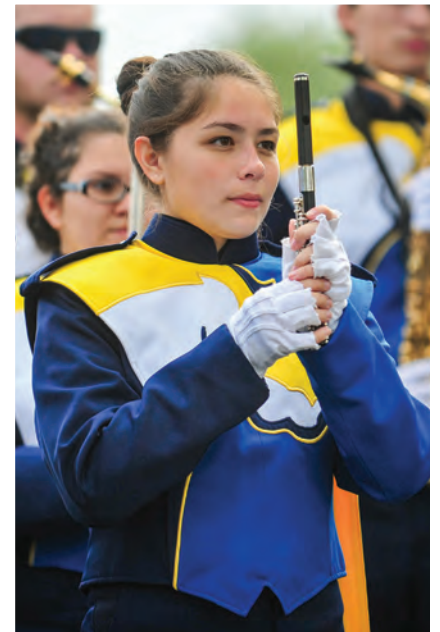
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ELYSE STANZIALE '22
BARITONE HORN

IT didn't take long for Elyse Stanziale '22 to feel the love. It swept over her during marching band camp last summer. Over long days beneath a merciless August sun, she and the other members of the University's vaunted band played and marched (and marched some more) as they learned the new music and drills for the coming season. Stanziale was learning to play a new instrument, the baritone horn. It was sweaty work, but she saw how every member of the band inspired every other member. She saw the love everywhere she looked, and she couldn't get enough.

"It's a huge family there — a family in every sense of the word," says Stanziale, a music and sound recording major from New Jersey. "Everybody really loves and supports each other. There's no

way of avoiding the heat and being thirsty and holding up a really heavy instrument for a really long time. As much as I would complain about it, it's so much fun, and I wouldn't have it any other way."

That family atmosphere has become a hallmark of a musical ensemble that has grown dramatically, in both size and stature, over the past decade. But it was not always so. When Jason DeGroff was hired as marching band director in 2009, the band had only recently been revived, following the return of the Chargers' football program a year earlier. That first year, the band's 20 members wore uniforms — and, in some cases, played instruments borrowed from local high schools. It was, to put it gently, a modest start.

DeGroff was undeterred. He recruited student musicians on campus and high school students during campus events and off-campus performances in festivals and exhibitions. After two years, the band topped 100 members. Three years later, it topped 200. And, when the band took the field before the first home football game of 2018 against Southern Connecticut State University on September 15, it numbered some 270, with members from Alaska and Texas, from Florida and Washington State. One is from China, another from India. »



As a six-year member of the band, Erin Snyder '16, M.S. '18 has enjoyed a front-row seat to its evolution. "More people coming to the University know about the band and how fast we've grown and how good we are," she says. "It's amazing."

DeGroff chooses the music for each marching band season and writes all the drills — the choreography that directs each musician on when and where to march. For this year's program — "with all the craziness in the world," DeGroff says — he chose a selection of love songs, including Bob Marley's "One Love" and Whitney Houston's "I Wanna Dance With Somebody (Who Loves Me)."

"He's kind of like the father figure of the band," Snyder says of DeGroff. "He's the reason we are a family. He's helped foster those relationships between the band members, and I think it's awesome."

The band's annual summer camp is vital to its solidarity. Over 10 grueling days in August, band members begin thrice-daily rehearsals over the course of 13-hour days. Stanziale recalls staying up late each night during last year's band camp in conversation with her bandmates. "I didn't sleep all week," she says.



Second-year graduate student Will Ciccone '17, a percussionist and baritone horn player from New York, arrived at his first band camp with no prior marching band experience. "I saw how intense it was," Ciccone recalls. "I was like, 'Oh boy, I hope I can do this.' Everyone around me said, 'Don't worry, everything will all make sense.' And it ended up all making sense. They helped me adjust very quickly." This season, for the second time, Ciccone is serving as drum major.

Each fall, the band rehearses for three hours on Mondays and Fridays, then another two hours on Saturdays before home football games. During those Saturday rehearsals, as many as 100 parents of band members prepare breakfast for the



musicians — bacon, eggs, pancakes, home fries. DeGroff's brother and sister-in-law, David and Lisa DeGroff, started the tradition five years ago when their son Thomas '17 played baritone horn in the band.

DeGroff's devotion to the musicians inspires their reciprocal loyalty to him and to each other. "When you're out on the field," says Phil Passante '19, a trumpeter from Staten Island, New York, "and it's so hot, and we're all ready to pretty much drop dead, you still have that drop of motivation and positivity to finish up that phrase, to show Jason this band means as much to us as it does to him."

In September, for the third straight year, the group performed at the Collegiate Marching Band Festival in Allentown, Pennsylvania, a showcase of 20 college bands attended by more than 6,000 spectators. In 2020, to mark the University's centennial, DeGroff hopes to see the band march in the Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City.

In 2016, the band created a campus chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi, the national, coeducational fraternity for college bands. Leah Myers '18, a clarinetist from Connecticut (and a 2017 drum major), helped organize the chapter with tuba player Christopher Zygmunt '17, the chapter's founding president. Myers, a granddaughter of Samuel S. Bergami Jr. EMBA '85, HON '02, member of the University's Board of Governors, and his wife Lois, says that

the chapter, begun with 30 members, today has nearly 50. The members organize fundraisers for the band, recruit prospective band members, and perform service projects on campus. "When we became a chapter, we hit the ground running," Myers says.

Some students remain in the band even after graduating. Snyder was the first. A mellophone player from Pennsylvania, she was named one of three drum majors as a senior, then marched for two more years, including a second as drum major, while pursuing a master's in forensic technology. "It was a no-brainer," Snyder says of her decision to return. "I'm not ready to leave this program. I want to see where it's going the next two years." ■

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ERIN SNYDER '16, M.S. '18
MELLOPHONE





We Make It All Better

WELCOME TO THE SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES

New

These are the stories behind the University of New Haven's newest school — one that prepares students not only for the healthcare careers in demand today, but for the healthcare opportunities of the future.

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IF BECOMING A SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC INSTALLER — the fastest-growing profession from 2016 to 2026, as projected by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics — is not necessarily in your five-year plan, don't fret. You still have options.

Enter: Health Services.

Jobs in the Health Services field — medical assistant, nursing assistant, and home health aide, for example — are expected to grow 19% by 2024, faster than most other professions. By 2025, the U.S. healthcare system is expected to account for one fifth of the national economy.

In Connecticut, health-related careers are expected to be the third-largest occupational sector by 2024, with over 30,000 healthcare jobs expected to be added. Of those, 42.6% will be in south-central and southwest Connecticut.

Summer McGee, Ph.D., CPH foresaw greater opportunities in health services as far back as 2015, when she served as chair of the University of New Haven's Department of Health Sciences. "I'm a builder," Dr. McGee says. "I envision something incredible existing where before there was nothing. I'm constantly looking to shape or form or create something new that can stand the test of time."

So McGee spearheaded the creation of the University's newly established School of Health Sciences (SHS), which officially

SHS AT A GLANCE

12

Full-time faculty members

30+

Clinical faculty members

400+

Undergraduate and graduate students

opened for business this fall, with McGee as the founding dean. The University's newest school is the culmination of nearly three years of collaboration and planning by more than 25 faculty members across all schools and colleges at the University. Their strategizing took place in a University-wide "virtual" department, the Department of Health Sciences, which existed outside of any single school or college and served as the home for the creation of new health-related degrees, research collaboration, and student support, among other services.

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SHS comprises three University departments — Allied Health, Nutrition Sciences, and Health Administration and Policy — as well as the University's programs in Dental Hygiene, Healthcare Administration, Health Sciences, Nutrition and Dietetics, and Paramedicine. There will be 12 full-time faculty members, more than 30 clinical faculty members, and more than 400 undergraduate and graduate students, in addition to doctoral candidates.

A nationally recognized expert in health policy, management, and bioethics, McGee joined the University of New Haven in 2013. She has also been recognized as a "Woman of Innovation" by the CT Technology Council's 2017 Women of Innovation program. »

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**SUMMER
McGEE,
PH.D., CPH**

**NEW DEAN
SCHOOL OF
HEALTH
SCIENCES**



It was this creative will that helped her push through the more difficult phases of bringing the School of Health Sciences to life.

"The term *innovation* is more than a buzzword," McGee says. "It's a state of being. Challenges, whether social, organizational, or cultural, are opportunities for creation and growth. You need to flip the script and see solutions where, previously, others have only seen problems."

This mindset has resulted in some lofty goals. McGee and the SHS faculty aim to build a robust core curriculum across all health-related programs at the University committed to inter-professional

education; provide facilities and experiences that allow for real-world experiences; and grow health sciences program enrollments to 15% of the University's total enrollment in five years (the equivalent of nearly 1,000 students). McGee notes that she aims for 90% of program graduates to be employed in the sector or enrolled in graduate programs within a year of graduating, and to attain a 100% board passage rate for licensed health programs.

"Creating SHS has been a leap of faith on the part of our students, faculty, and staff," McGee says. "President Kaplan and the Board of Governors are counting on us to

put the University of New Haven on the map for health professions education. And now, we're here. And all we need to do is jump."

Despite the chaos and complexity of bringing this dream to life, McGee keeps it simple.

"I can boil the mission and vision of SHS down to two words: growth and excellence," she says. "The SHS faculty live and breathe this ideal. They don't think: *What do we currently have in front of us?* They think: *What are we missing?* They are passionate about their discipline and wholly dedicated to their students." ■



Renee Garcia-Prajer, R.D.H., M.S.

**ASSISTANT DEAN
SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES**

**ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
DEPARTMENT OF ALLIED HEALTH
DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM**

The Dental Hygiene program at the University of New Haven offers students two experiential internship opportunities — one working with the Navajo Nation in Arizona, and the other in Prato, Italy.

Garcia-Prajer, who developed both internships, says that these roughly two-week-long trips help students hone their skills while also deepening their appreciation of different cultures.

There's a significant need for dental services among the Navajos; students have full schedules throughout their stay providing preventive dental hygiene services, including the placement of pit and fissure sealants. In Prato, Tuscany's second-largest city, students work with a local ambulance company, mentor first-year dental hygiene students at the University of Siena in the fundamentals of instrumentation, and assist in community and private dental practice settings.

Graduates are becoming dental hygiene program directors, oral health consultants, dental therapists, and even entrepreneurs. "A dental hygienist," Garcia-Prajer says, "isn't just someone who works for a dentist and cleans teeth. There's so much more to it."

RECOGNITION

**BUCKNALL
EXCELLENCE IN
TEACHING**

FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

Here you will read just a few of a multitude of faculty stories that helped shape the vision for the future of health sciences at the University of New Haven.



Donald Stankus Jr., M.S., R.D.

LECTURER
NUTRITION & DIETETICS

Stankus' clinical work in the oncology department at St. Vincent's Medical Center in Bridgeport, Connecticut, speaks volumes about the growing importance of registered dietitians.

In this role, he handles everything from intravenous feeding tubes to bimonthly cooking classes. In a new initiative, he's helping to launch one of the country's first "prehab" programs for liver and pancreatic cancer patients, working as part of a team to prepare them nutritionally, physically, and psychologically for surgery and radiation treatment.

Having the Nutrition program in the School of Health Sciences, he says, will make it easier to train students for these varied roles. One of the projects he's working on at the University is setting up hospital-based nutrition assessment labs where students will work directly with patients, both from the University and the local community, on a regular basis.

"Students need to know how to make healthy meals that also taste good," says Stankus. As a former personal chef, he'll make sure of that.

INNOVATION
HELPING LAUNCH ONE OF THE COUNTRY'S FIRST "PREHAB" PROGRAMS FOR LIVER AND PANCREATIC CANCER PATIENTS



Mary P. Griskewicz, M.S. '95, FMISS

ADJUNCT
HEALTH ADMINISTRATION & POLICY

PRINCIPAL
SUMMER HILL ASSOCIATES, LLC

Digital health, which encompasses everything from the latest fitness apps to new blockchain technology dealing with storing and accessing patient health records, will be a critical area of focus in the School of Health Sciences' curriculum.

Griskewicz, who earned her master's in industrial relations, is a sought-after authority in the health sciences field, having held health information technology leadership roles with insurers Aetna, Cigna, General Electric, New Haven's Hospital of Saint Raphael, and the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society.

As a lobbyist for GE and HIMSS, Griskewicz helped secure billions of dollars in federal funding to promote the U.S. healthcare system's transition to portable electronic health records, an enormous logistical and policy challenge that's still very much a work in progress. "We're still not there yet," Griskewicz says, "but there's new innovations coming out every single day."

In June, Griskewicz launched Summer Hill Associates, a consulting firm based in Madison, Connecticut, focused on patient advocacy and patient-centered IT strategies.

EXPERIENCE
LOBBYIST FOR GE AND HIMSS



Peter J. Struble, M.P.A.

LECTURER, PARAMEDICINE COORDINATOR
DEPARTMENTS OF FIRE SCIENCE & PROFESSIONAL STUDIES AND ALLIED HEALTH

As Struble explains it, the looming "silver tsunami" of aging Baby Boomers is going to make it increasingly difficult to get a hospital bed. As a result, paramedics will need to be equipped to manage cases in the field, so patients who don't truly need to be seen in the emergency room can stay where they are or get care elsewhere.

It's a concept called "integrated mobile healthcare," and it will require major changes in the way paramedics are trained.

The Paramedicine program Struble helped spearhead six years ago at the University of New Haven is well positioned to meet this challenge. It's one of only a handful in the United States that offers a four-year baccalaureate degree. He believes that moving formally in 2019 to the School of Health Sciences will only make the program stronger.

In Struble's day, paramedics didn't need a college degree, but that's where the profession is headed.

"They're in the field by themselves and basically bringing the emergency room to the living room," Struble says. "There's so much for them to know."

EXPERIENCE
SPENT 13 YEARS AS FIRE CHIEF IN WALLINGFORD, CONN.



Rachael A. Petitti, Ph.D., LCSW

LECTURER
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ADMINISTRATION AND POLICY

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR AND FACULTY ADVISOR
HEALTH SCIENCES

It's a deeply troubling statistic: People with serious mental illnesses live 25 years less, on average, than the general population.

What's shortening their lives so dramatically? "They don't go to the doctor," Dr. Petitti says. The reasons for this, she explains, include poverty, health insurance issues, the debilitating effects of mental illnesses such as schizophrenia and depression, and a shortage of primary care physicians.

A former director of mental health treatment services for the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, who also has extensive experience as a consultant and top executive in the private nonprofit sector, Petitti is a leading authority on integrative programs that aim to address this public health crisis by combining primary medical care with behavioral treatment.

There's a global dimension to her research: In addition to assessing the impact of recent federal funding cuts on integrative programs in the United States, she's also looking at how other countries handle these same types of behavioral health challenges in terms of service delivery models for this specialized group.

EXPERIENCE
FORMER DIRECTOR OF MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT SERVICES IN NEW YORK CITY



LOONEY + MONEY

WRITTEN BY JOHN T. WARD
PHOTOGRAPHY BY WILL FIGG

ALLEN LOVE JR.'S ('88, MPA '90) FIRST JOB OUT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAVEN WAS BEHIND BARS.

Just 22 years old and with a bachelor's degree in Economics, Love was put in charge of a \$12 million commissary budget at the Bridgeport Correctional Facility in Bridgeport, Connecticut, responsible for ordering inventory and authorizing payments. It was here that he discovered he had a felonious bent. The scant oversight he experienced in his role got him thinking how easy it might be to defraud the state of Connecticut by creating a fictitious vendor.

"I'm not saying that I'm a criminal. I did realize, however, that I had the propensity to think like a criminal," he says now, with a laugh.

Love can joke because thinking like a criminal has served him well over the course of a 30-year career that has included undercover criminal investigations for the Criminal Investigation Division of the Internal Revenue Service, anti-money laundering (AML) work for PayPal, and his current job as Executive Vice President in charge of AML for TD Bank and Co-Head of Global AML for TD Bank Group.

A former captain of the Chargers football squad, Love earned a master's degree in Public Administration in 1990. Today he serves on the University's Board of Governors. He spoke recently about his work. »

\$2 TRILLION

GLOBAL MONEY LAUNDERING ESTIMATE PER YEAR

Give us a quick course on money laundering. Is it like the TV show *Breaking Bad*, where a husband-and-wife criminal team finds themselves with a storage locker piled high with cash they can't spend?

Absolutely. One of my first IRS cases concerned an individual who was selling drugs up and down the East Coast. And you know what he did? He created a record label. He had one store, and that was his front. When we finally arrested him, we went to eight banks and pulled, collectively, one million dollars from all of the safe deposit boxes.

Money laundering is the end state of a crime that you committed for financial gain. So whether it's fraud, or a Ponzi scheme, or tax evasion, you have to commit a crime, and then you have to take the proceeds of that crime and make them seem clean.

There are thousands of ways that people try to make their money seem clean. Some of these methods are very simple, and some are very complicated. The more complicated and convoluted, the more I love it.

A recent report estimated that, globally, \$1 trillion to \$2 trillion is laundered every year. Is it really at that scale?

Easily. And that figure has been around for about the past 10 years, so it's probably gone up a little bit. But yes, it's in the trillions.

What's your role in AML efforts?

My primary responsibility is protecting the bank and its shareholders from being the victim of somebody

laundering money or some type of terrorist financing occurring through our organization.

The secondary piece of it for me and a lot of people who get into this field is the civic duty to catch bad people. Under the USA Patriot Act, you've been deputized, whether you want to be or not, in the fight against money laundering and terrorist financing.

Do you actually undertake investigations or is it just a matter of noting suspicious activity and then handing it off to the government?

Our job is to provide that information to law enforcement so they can do the investigation. But the reviews that we and other institutions do are quite detailed. When you file a suspicious activity report with law enforcement, you want to give them as much information as you can so they can pick up that narrative and run with it.

Depending on the day of the week, we are either the fifth or the seventh largest bank in the U.S., and I would say we have 300 employees who just do AML. Globally, where I co-head the program, we have over 600 people.

Does your background in economics play a strong role in what you do now?

Yes. Economics gave me the discipline that's needed to understand the complete picture, to take a macro or micro view of what's going on in the world.

You mean you need to be able to see the totality of it before you can get into the granular aspects of it?

Yes, because when I'm addressing issues, I've got to think strategically. I've got to think three, five, seven, 10 years down the road about the policies that I'm going to impact and how they affect the organization.

So, for example, a big thing now is the legalization of marijuana. TD's a Canadian bank, and our parent organization is in Canada, but we have a large U.S. presence. In Canada, they're going to legalize

marijuana. But what's the impact to the organization here in the U.S., where marijuana sales are against federal law and most state laws?

Then there are sanctions against countries like Iran, North Korea, and Cuba. TD in Canada can do transactions with Cuba, but TD in the U.S. can't. You have to have very strong controls in place so that customers aren't routing money through the U.S., because once somebody in the U.S. touches it, you've violated sanctions law.

Has cryptocurrency become a factor in your work?

It has. The concern now is the anonymity. Because who's on the other end of that transaction? From a money laundering and a fraud perspective, that's the biggest concern. It's just anonymous. There's no central gatekeeper, so to speak.

KEY TERMS

MONEY LAUNDERING the act of concealing the transformation of profits from illegal activities and corruption into ostensibly "legitimate" assets.



USA PATRIOT ACT an Act of Congress signed into law by U.S. President George W. Bush. The Act allows federal officials greater authority in tracking and intercepting communications, both for purposes of law enforcement and foreign intelligence gathering.

CRYPTOCURRENCY a digital currency in which encryption techniques are used to regulate the generation of units of currency and verify the transfer of funds, operating independently of a central bank.

MACHINE LEARNING a field of computer science that uses statistical techniques to give computer systems the ability to "learn" with data, without being explicitly programmed.

Given the technology you have on hand or that's in development — including machine learning and artificial intelligence — is it reasonable to expect that money laundering can be wiped out?

I want to be optimistic and say yes, but I don't think it can. I believe that as long as there is human nature — greed, people wanting to take shortcuts, individuals looking to take advantage of others — we won't be able to wipe it out completely. Can we do better? Absolutely. We do not do a good job of sharing information between the private sector and the public sector, and this is globally.

It seems that the challenge gets your blood going.

[Laughs] It does. The challenge is, "Okay, how do they do that? What are they thinking about?"

You've been on the University's Board of Governors since 2012. What perspective do you try to bring to this role?

My perspective is, "What's the discipline we need to make sure that we're doing everything to educate the next generation?" We've got to educate the next generation so that when they graduate they have the experience to become productive citizens in society, not only from a working perspective, but also from a personal social perspective.

I think the experiences that I've had in my work life and in my personal life allow me to do that. Being an

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African-American male also allows me to question what we're doing from a diversity perspective, not only for our students, but also representation among the staff and professionals at the University. I also bring the perspective of having kids. I have a 20-year-old, an 18-year-old, a 16-year-old, and a 13-year-old.

You are a very generous person with your involvement with various not-for-profits. What is your philosophy on giving back?

At TD, I chair our Diversity Leadership Team, where we're asking, "Who are we admitting? What are we taking into account?" If you're inclusive, you will be diverse.

I'm on the board of a foundation called Leave the Light On, which was started by childhood friends of mine. It's a nonprofit that's really looking out for caregivers and providing services to them so that they can make sure that they take care of themselves.

I also serve on the board of the Urban League of Philadelphia. I believe in their mission of economic empowerment, community support, financial literacy, and education.

What compels me to volunteer is a sense of duty. My life and the things that I have accomplished have been a blessing. So, when I give back — whether it's participating in events, giving my time, or writing a check — I am fulfilling that sense of duty that I have inside of me as so many have done before me. ■



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Brandon LaManna, Baseball
Riley Knebes, Women's Track and Field
Mackenzie Reh, Women's Lacrosse

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22

Perfect 4.0 GPAs

30

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School Records Broken



MAJOR NE-10 WINNERS



Robin Salters
Coach of the Year
Volleyball



Stephanie Gonzalez
Rookie of the Year
Tennis



Kristine Rios
Setter of the Year
Volleyball



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Rookie of the Year
Volleyball



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Midfielder of the Year
Women's Lacrosse



David Palmer
Co-Pitcher of the Year
Baseball

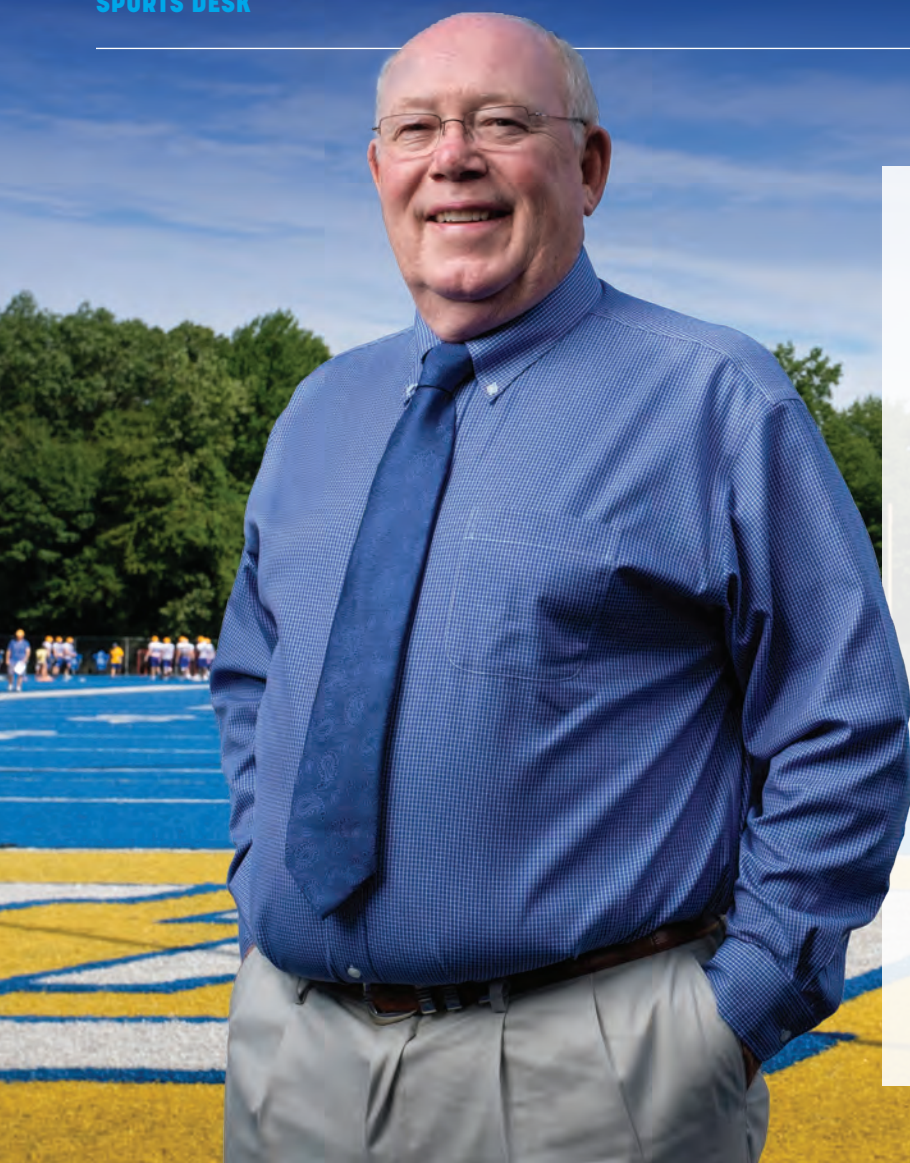


Riley Knebes
Athlete of the Year
Women's Track and Field

Women's Volleyball

Northeast-10
Champions
NCAA East Region
Champions





A Champion Mindset

We first met **Chris Palmer** in 1986 when he came on board as head coach for the University's football program, leading the Chargers to an impressive 16-4 record over a two-season span. Now, more than 30 years later — during which time Palmer garnered extensive coaching and administrative experience at both the National Football League and collegiate level — he has returned to Charger Nation as the newly appointed director of athletics.

Photo by Don Hamerman

Riley Knebes '18, a former student-athlete, recently sat down with Palmer to talk more about what makes him tick and his vision for athletics at the University of New Haven.

Why the University of New Haven?

I wanted to give back. As a coach, you might impact 100 players. But when you're an athletic director, hopefully you have an impact on three times that.

What qualities do you have that will help make you successful?

Patience is not one of my virtues, which in this case is a strength. I get things done. It's the coach in me. For 44 years of coaching I've had 25 seconds to get a play

in, get a call, and make sure it's executed right.

What do you think it means to be a student-athlete at the University?

I see a tremendous value in athletics. Companies are looking to hire

student-athletes because of their drive, hustle, and teamwork. I want them to be disciplined and trustworthy, and to grow as men and women during their time here.

What are some lessons you have learned across your career?

Do the best possible job wherever you are, assume that you'll be there forever, and work as hard as you can to be successful.

Who is Chris Palmer outside of athletics?

A family man. My wife and I have two grown children and three grandchildren. I try to spend as much time with them as I can. We enjoy Cape Cod very much as a family.

Do you have any words to live by?

I'm going to be looking ahead, not behind or down. And I don't want to forget where I came from.

ABOUT RILEY KNEBES

Riley Knebes graduated from the University of New Haven in spring 2018 with a bachelor's degree in communications and English. She holds four school records on the women's track and field team, two conference and New England championships, and was named an NCAA DII All-American. During her time at the University, she served as a representative on the Student Athlete Advisory Committee. Riley is now attending Tufts University School of Medicine to pursue a master's degree in public health.

Highlights

Impact Player

Written by Christopher Hann

As a two-time Conference Player of the Year and a 2014 inductee into the University's Athletics Hall of Fame, **Ashley Hilton '08** came to the Chargers' rescue on a routine basis. Ten years after graduating, not much has changed.

Hilton has devoted much of her professional career to post-disaster relief, working first for the Red Cross and today for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). As a Red Cross caseworker in New York City, where she lives, she helped countless people after Superstorm Sandy crashed ashore in October 2012.

Three years later, Hilton moved to FEMA, the arm of the United States government responsible for responding to all manner of natural disasters — from tornadoes in Oklahoma to flooding in Colorado, from landslides in California to hurricanes in the Caribbean.

As at the Red Cross, her work initially focused on Sandy survivors from all five boroughs. In a city largely defined by water — the Long Island Sound; the Hudson, Harlem, and East rivers; the Atlantic Ocean — it was grim work. "You heard a lot of really sad stories," Hilton says. "It was very intense to go into the homes. I saw a lot of tears. I gave a lot of hugs."

In October 2017, Hilton received a new assignment: Puerto Rico. Hurricanes Irma and Maria had just unleashed a collective wrath that left nearly the entire island without electricity. Hilton had visited Puerto Rico five months earlier, staying in Ponce, on the southern coast. But what she encountered upon her return looked nothing like what she remembered of an island known for vast stretches of tropical vegetation. "I knew obviously it was badly damaged," she said, "but even the grass was not green."

Photo by Jorg Meyer

You always want your leaders to be extensions of the coaching staff, and she was exactly that. She was the ultimate example of what a captain should be and a leader should be.

DAYNIA LA-FORCE
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL,
FORMER HEAD COACH



At first, Hilton worked seven days a week, up to 15 hours a day, collaborating with local authorities from an office in San Juan. On her rare days off, she'd venture across the island. "I haven't seen the worst of the worst," she says. "I know a lot of my colleagues have. They would come back from the field and look exhausted."

Working under a FEMA program that finances projects designed to reduce the impact of future disasters, Hilton supervised four teams of FEMA workers, most of them local residents. It is not a stretch to suggest that her leadership under duress harkened to her basketball days at the University of New Haven, when she led the Chargers to two consecutive conference titles and a four-year record of 87–33 while amassing 1,637 career points. During her junior year, when New Haven qualified for the NCAA post-season tournament en route to a 27–7 season, Hilton's role as captain smoothed the way

for new head coach Daynia La-Force, now the coach at the University of Rhode Island. "You always want your leaders to be extensions of the coaching staff, and she was exactly that," La-Force recalls. "She was the ultimate example of what a captain should be and a leader should be."

When Hilton returned home from Puerto Rico in June, she brought with her a profound esteem for the island's people. "Even at the beginning," she says, "no one complained when they didn't have a hot shower for months. Everyone comes to work with a smile on their face."

Yet Hilton concedes the work took its toll. "Given the circumstances, I've been challenged, I've been pushed — mentally, emotionally," she says. "I fell in love with the people so much, I had a strong desire to help in any way I could. I knew I had an opportunity to make an impact, and I wanted to make sure I did my part."

Top: A road washout in the municipality of Utuado, Puerto Rico.
Bottom: Delivering food and water to a public housing facility, a collaborative effort with the mayor of Adjuntas, Puerto Rico.



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ASHLEY HILTON '08

From the Alumni Association

Looking Toward the Future

To my Fellow Alumni and Friends,

As the newly elected president of the University of New Haven Alumni Association's Board of Directors, I intend to continue the good work of my predecessor, Nyle Davey, on behalf of the alumni of this great university. I hope to increase the Board's visibility and engagement during my term as your president.

Alumni will play a vital role in the University's Centennial celebration in 2020. I encourage all of you to get involved, to share your stories, and to return to the campus to see the University's progress for yourselves. Each and every one of you can take part in lauding this institution's past, encouraging the efforts of the present, and looking eagerly toward the future.

I am excited to work with our Alumni Board of Directors, current faculty members, students, and the entire alumni community over the next several years during one of the greatest times of growth and excitement for the University.

With the ongoing support of our network of more than 57,000 alumni, I am confident that this will be some of the greatest work that the Alumni Board will accomplish.

Sincerely,

Dave Galla '99
President, University of New Haven Alumni Association

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:
DAWN GRATALO M.S. '02

Creating Opportunities

By Claire Curry

This past spring, 15 health sciences students from the University of New Haven toured the University of Connecticut's Technology Incubation Program (TIP) incubator facility located in Farmington, Connecticut. TIP provides local technology startups in the biomedical field access to lab and research space, facilitates networking opportunities with industry experts, and connects founders with investors and venture capital groups.

Dawn Gratalo M.S. '02, who graduated from the University of New Haven with a master's degree in cellular and molecular biology, is head of research and development at Shoreline Biome, one of 30 startups based at TIP. She is also a member of the University of New Haven's Alumni Board of Directors. Gratalo planned and facilitated the student tour, working closely with

Rosemary Whelan, Ph.D., lecturer in biology and coordinator for the biology program, and the University's Career Development Center.

"My goal is to provide mentorship and connect industry with my alma mater," Gratalo said. "I want University of New Haven students to be exposed to new technologies and see that there are great career opportunities in biotech right here in Connecticut."

I learned that biotechnology is more than just what's currently out there. The field thrives on new perspectives. If you have a good idea, figure out how to make it happen.

SARAH EATON '18

Dr. Whelan further emphasized how this trip might instill confidence in students. "This type of event is valuable because it ties theoretical knowledge and techniques learned in the lab to real-world applications," said Dr. Whelan. "The students are excited to see that companies use the same equipment and techniques they have learned to use in class."

The tour included an overview of what some of the most successful companies at TIP are working on. Four organizations presented, including Bioarray Genetics (breast cancer molecular testing), Thetis Pharmaceuticals (drug treatment for liver disease), Torigen Pharmaceuticals (veterinary cancer solutions for pets), and LamdaVision (retinal implants as a solution for blindness). They also talked about key career development skill sets, including how to best prepare for an interview, the importance of networking, and making the most of internship and work placement experiences.

The value in this experience was not lost on the students who toured TIP. **Sarah Eaton '18** described a newfound sense of creativity and determination. "I learned that biotechnology is more than just what's currently out there," said Eaton. "The field thrives on new perspectives. If you have a good idea, figure out how to make it happen."

In thinking back on the event, Gratalo is excited to replicate this experience for other cohorts of students. "I can imagine how experiences like this would also be helpful to business and engineering students," Gratalo said. "This is a model that can absolutely be transposed to other schools and colleges at the University."

GET IN TOUCH

Greetings from the Office of Alumni Relations. You are a part of Charger Nation — an alumni community of 57,000 strong. We hope to see you soon on campus or at an upcoming event!



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Homecoming 2018

#TheBlueOut

Nearly 4,000 fans cheered the Chargers football team on to a 38-27 win over Northeast-10 rival Bentley University on Saturday, September 29, at Ralph F. DellaCamera Stadium.

This year's Homecoming Weekend marked the 10th anniversary of varsity status for the Chargers — who have been named Elm City Champions for eight consecutive seasons. With so many reasons to celebrate — both on and off the field — here are just a few ways in which your fellow alumni, family, and friends spent Homecoming Weekend.



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1 Ringing the alumni bell, one of our newest Charger traditions.

2 A breakfast for some of our most loyal donors at the Alumni House.

3 All smiles as the Chargers take the field.

4 The Alumni Tailgate Party, the most exclusive party in town.

5 Alumni and friends enjoying the celebration!

6 The Chargers Dance Team breaks it down.

7 Making memories.

8 You can't ask for much more Charger pride than that!

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Back to Campus

Our alumni are kind of a big deal

Michael Qiu '12

Qiu Skyped with international students as part of a Career Development Center (CDC) workshop. He spoke anecdotally about taking advantage of CDC resources — including opportunities to network with alumni and access to web postings for internship and job placements — and advised students to conduct due diligence on possible employers in regard to staff diversity. Currently a master's student at Duke University, Qiu has worked at Apicella, Testa & Co., and Deloitte.

Read more about grads who give back by sharing their insight, advice, and expertise with our students and campus community.

Robert Russell M.S. '79

Russell spoke to the University's student chapter of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. An accomplished engineer, Russell described notable projects that he has worked on, including life support systems used by astronauts outside of space capsules, jet fuel control systems for turbine engines used in the Tomahawk missile, fighter planes and the Abrams tank, and a cleaning kit to maintain M-16 rifles in a jungle warfare environment.

Elizabeth "Betsey" Doane M.S. '88

Doane, who was born clinically blind, presented as part of the Alvine Engineering Professional Effectiveness and Enrichment Program on a new technology called Aira, video-equipped smart glasses with smartphone app and one-button access to a network of trained professional agents who provide immediate assistance in circumstances where, previously, you would have needed to wait for sighted assistance to arrive. Learn more at aira.io.

Carolyn Brehm MBA '96

Brehm, a 2018 Bartels Fellow, participated in a political science speaker series along with her husband, former ambassador and State Department spokesperson, Richard Boucher on the economic and diplomatic relationship between China, North Korea, and the United States. Brehm and Boucher have become an integral part of the University's Model United Nations Program (MUN), having recently provided funds to kick-start an ItalyMUN conference for spring 2019.

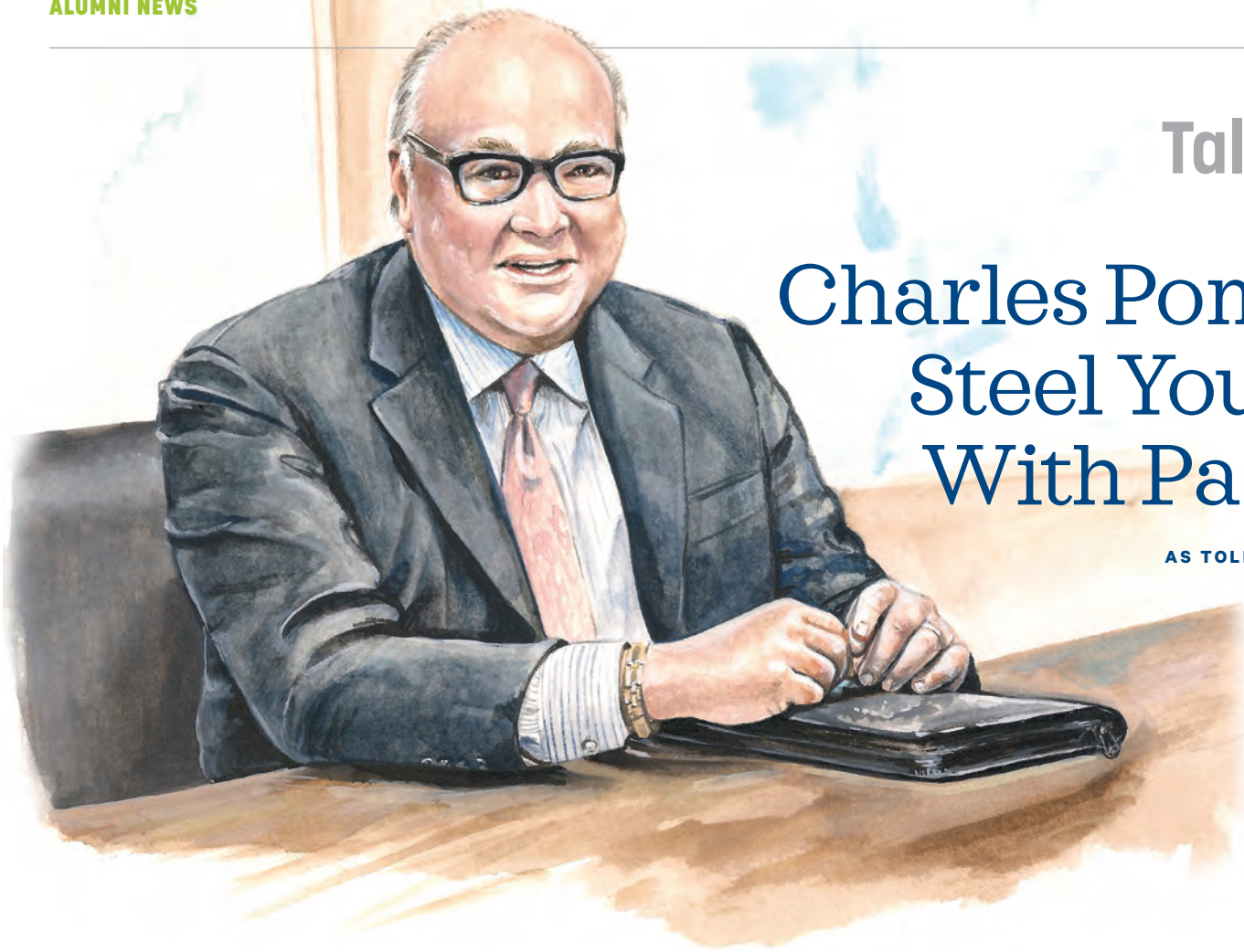
Brian Phelps '72

Phelps spoke with WNHU 88.7 FM about his career at Toad's Place, a well-known music venue in New Haven. He began as a manager in 1976 and became owner in 1995. Phelps described performances by The Rolling Stones, Bob Dylan, Billy Joel, and U2. He prioritizes giving back to the University, having recently supported a crowdfunding project to allow students access to Sonalysts' state-of-the-art recording studio in Waterford.

THANK YOU!

A special thank you to those alumni who have come back to campus to participate in a University career fair! If you or your company is interested in attending a fair at the University of New Haven, please contact us at careerdevelopmentcenter@newhaven.edu.

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Talking to Charles Pompea: Steel Yourself With Passion

AS TOLD TO JOHN T. WARD

Charles E. Pompea '71, MBA '90, HON '06 has served on the University of New Haven's Board of Governors for over two decades. He is now in his second term as vice chair after an interim period as an emeritus Board member.

The now-retired CEO and former owner of Primary Steel Inc., Pompea was awarded an honorary Doctor of Business Administration by the University of New Haven. Here, he reflects on some life lessons learned along the way.

My father was a really hardworking individual. He taught me that no matter what you do in life, as long as you are passionate about it, and really enjoy doing it, you will be successful.

When I was growing up in Waterford, Connecticut — I was maybe 6 or 7 years old — I had a wagon that I'd take down to the beach. I'd spend hours finding clams and then go sell them to, as I called them, "the wealthy New Yorkers" — people who had cottages on the water. I'd get 10 cents a clam. If they bought a dozen, I'd throw in a couple of extra clams. I've always found a way to make a dollar.

In my senior year of college at the University of New Haven, a number of different companies came to recruit on campus. One of my fraternity brothers

from Tau Kappa Epsilon came back from a session and recommended that I go talk to "this steel guy." He said it sounded like a great opportunity. I borrowed his necktie for my interview, and I really enjoyed learning more about the industry and opportunity. I told two other members of our fraternity about my conversation with the steel manufacturer, and each said, "Well, let me borrow that tie, and I'll go, too." So, the four of us used that same tie for each of our interviews ... and the only guy who didn't get offered a job was the one who actually owned the tie.

After a couple of years in the industry, I joined Primary Steel working in sales. It was a fairly large company at the time, owned by a conglomerate out of New York City. I found out much later on that they weren't paying the bills; they were actually taking

our cash flow and putting it toward other business ventures. The way I saw it, my reputation was at stake. But I didn't know a lot about finance. So, 17 years after I graduated, I applied to the Executive MBA program at the University of New Haven.

It was an amazing experience. M.L. McLaughlin was the dean of the Business School at that time. She was fantastic, and her teaching and advice helped me dramatically. I wound up managing a heavily leveraged buyout of Primary Steel, becoming the sole owner of a company with six plants around the country. And, most importantly, I made all of our creditors whole.

This experience is one of the many reasons that I give back to my alma mater. When I graduated in 1971, I didn't think I'd ever be in a position to support this institution in the way that I have. But the EMBA program and the people that I met throughout my time at the University are very close to my heart.

If I have any advice to young students who want to build their own business, it's this: Never stop learning. Make sure that each and every day, you're working to learn as much as you possibly can, to always improve, to master what you're doing. You have to be driven. And what my father told me, even all those years ago, still holds true. Above all else, you have to have passion.

Illustration by Brianna Ashby

Class Notes

In the following pages, we are excited to share news and updates from your fellow alumni. But we aren't done yet. At 57,000 strong, we know that University of New Haven graduates have many more stories to tell. Exercise your bragging rights and give us the latest. Submit your class notes at newhaven.edu/classnotes or via email at classnotes@newhaven.edu. For fall 2018, submissions that were made after August 1 will be included in the next issue.

2010–2018

Alex Brokos '17 and **Mallory Clayton '17** graduated together from the Maine Criminal Justice Academy as two of Maine's newest officers. Alex is joining the Windham Police Department and Mallory is joining the Houlton Police Department.

Patricia Gonzalez MBA '16 was promoted from marketing coordinator to marketing manager at Wyndham Orlando Resort International Drive in Orlando, Florida.

Jessica Martins '15 is Plainville High School's first school resource officer as of September 2018, following three years as an officer in the Plainville Police Department.

Jaquelyn Perez '15 is engaged to be married to **Brent MacLeod '14**.

Megan Fimbel-Baskin '12, MBA '14 married Dr. Ernest Baskin on July 22, 2017, in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. The couple now resides in Philadelphia. Megan works for the Philadelphia Police Department as a forensic document examiner, and Ernest works for Saint Joseph's University as an assistant professor of food marketing. The bridal party included **Amy Fimbel '15** and **Rose Marie Colon '11, M.S. '14**.

Christopher Whalen '12, MBA '14 has been named vice president of marketing for the Credit Union League of Connecticut, a statewide trade association serving Connecticut's credit unions.

Chris started his career in credit unions through an internship he had while a University of New Haven undergrad. He has earned a number of national credit union marketing awards and leads statewide credit union awareness efforts and business partnerships.

Shannon (Gagne) Arena '10, M.S. '11 will be inducted into the Northeast-10 Conference Hall of Fame, Class of 2018, for her time on the Chargers track and field team.

Chelsea Fowler '10 and **Jesse Frei '08** got married on June 9, 2018. Chelsea is a project manager at AffinityX, an ad creative and marketing services company. Jesse graduated with a B.A. in music and sound recording. He is an accessories buyer for Musical Fulfillment Services in New Jersey.

2000–2010

Benjamin Brandt '09 was recently promoted to deputy director of correctional health services for Miami-Dade Corrections and Rehabilitation. He is responsible for the health services provided in the Miami-Dade jail system, which is the seventh largest in the country.

Kristen Drury M.S. '03 was recently the center of a feature story in the *Spokesman Review*, where she spoke about the realities of crime scene investigation versus the way television shows present it. She is the forensics lab supervisor for the Yakima, Washington Police Department,

where she collects evidence, analyzes it, and then testifies in court. She has been with the police department for 15 years.

After debuting her new single, "Winner," off of her sophomore gospel album (to be released in 2019), **Krystal Livingston '02, M.S. '07** decided to take a "leap of faith" and move to Atlanta, Georgia. Originally from Bronx, New York, she went to the University of New Haven in 1997 and stayed in Connecticut after graduation ... and after 21 years in Connecticut, she went on a southern tour promoting her music, doing TV and radio appearances, singing at different venues, and meeting many influential people in the industry. She decided that she wants to build on her brand and on what Connecticut has allowed her to birth.

Richelle Clini '01, M.A. '07 and **Mark Crino '99** were married in November 2017 and are expecting their first child.

1990–2000

Craig Fenn '98, M.S. '00 has received a promotion to professor of biology and microbiology at Reading Area Community College in Reading, Pennsylvania.

Denise Legato '93 was awarded CTSM (Certified Trade Show Marketer) designation in a February 2018 ceremony at ExhibitorLive, Las Vegas, Nevada. Graduates had to take a curriculum of 28 sessions, equaling 42 hours of classroom study, on trade show and event management. CTSM is the most comprehensive training program available anywhere and is dedicated to teaching best practices. Denise works as an event manager for Honeywell Industrial Safety and manages their trade show and event program.

1980–1990

Dave Bushy M.S. '86 just published the book *The World Looked Away — Vietnam After the War: Quoc Pham's Story*. The book strives to tell the story of a Vietnamese man who survived in a re-education camp during the Vietnam War.

Michael Donahue '83 was appointed warden of the Eloy Detention Center in Eloy, Arizona, where he works with Homeland Security Immigration in the oversight of a 1,500-bed immigration detention center. He has previously served as warden of a federal facility and state facility in Memphis, Tennessee. Warden Donahue is retired from the Connecticut Department of Correction and is currently in his 33rd year in correctional administration.

1970-1980

Brian Vanderheyden '78 was the guest speaker at this year's New Canaan, Connecticut, Memorial Day ceremony. He is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps, enlisting in 1967 and serving during the Vietnam War. He is the recipient of awards such as the Marine Corps Combat Action Award; Presidential Unit Commendation, awarded twice; Vietnam Service Medal with four Bronze Stars; Meritorious Unit Commendation Award; Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Commendation Award; Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation — Gallantry Cross with Palm; and Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

Gary F. Borla '73 recently retired after a 35-year career at Eversource Energy/Northeast Utilities. During his tenure at Eversource, Gary held positions of increasing authority and responsibility in engineering, account management, conservation and load management, customer communications, and asset management. He was twice chosen as Eversource's Volunteer of the Year for his service with High Hopes Therapeutic Riding, the Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation, the American Lung Association, the American Heart Association, and the Tanglewood Music Center, and as a guide for visually impaired runners in the New York City Marathon. Since his retirement Gary has returned to his roots and joined his family's energy business. He has also spent his time since retirement visiting his paternal family's roots in Italy. Gary has plans to visit his maternal roots in Ireland this coming summer. A member of the LEAD Society, Gary enjoys returning to campus for the alumni weekend and football game (great game last year!), and he is looking forward to the upcoming reunion to connect with University of New Haven friends.

IN MEMORIAM

Remembering Former University of New Haven President Dr. Lawrence J. DeNardis



Former University President Dr. DeNardis meets with students in Bartels Hall on the West Haven campus.

It is with sadness that we honor the passing of former University of New Haven President Dr. Lawrence J.

DeNardis, aged 80, who led the University from 1991-2004. Dr. DeNardis died peacefully on August 24, 2018 at Yale New Haven Hospital surrounded by his family.

Dr. DeNardis' legacy is embedded in the University of New Haven. It can be seen in the remarkable work of our students, faculty, and staff, as well as our alumni. He embodied the spirit and history of this



Dr. DeNardis and his wife, Mary Lou, celebrate at the 2003 Alumni Scholarship Ball.

great institution, and we are endlessly grateful for his many contributions and dedication to the University.

We should also remember Dr. DeNardis' remarkable service as a tireless advocate for the State of Connecticut, as

well as his congressional service. His family speaks of his commitment to public service and devotion to his country, his community, and his beloved state. Indeed, over the course of his life, Dr. DeNardis had a transformational impact on the lives of countless individuals. He will be deeply missed by all of us.

President Steven H. Kaplan, Ph.D.

Mystery Photo Contest

Photo by Don Hamerman



Do you recognize this set of spirals?

Give us your best guess at magazine@newhaven.edu and tell us about one of your favorite little-known spots at any one of the University's many campuses. We look forward to revealing the mystery photo location and sharing some of our readers' stories in the spring issue.

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This staircase is located somewhere on the University of New Haven's main campus in West Haven, Connecticut.

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Wilkinson (Will) Germain '04 is a three-time recipient of the John E. and Beryl Echlin Scholarship (2001–2003). Upon graduating, Will established the Wilkinson Germain Endowed Scholarship.

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