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Seniors take a moment to relax and enjoy the warmer temps before heading into finals week, and their last few days as students on the Hilltop.  
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A wood-base sculpture with resin layers was created by artist Lynda Michaud Cutrell as part of her 99 Faces Exhibit to show the many layers of mental illness, as well as the science behind the symptoms.  
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## COLLEGE EVENTS



Congratulations to *Portraits* Magazine for winning **First Place** for Alumni Magazine of the Year for the second year in a row.

# Letters!

To the Editor, *Portraits*: The article on the 20th anniversary of the New Hampshire Institute of



Politics in the Fall/Winter 2022 issue of *Portraits* was most interesting. Your readers might like to know more. On page 32, the top photo (shown left) can be fully identified. John F. Kennedy stopped by the Hilltop during the New Hampshire Presidential Primary in 1960. Sponsored by the Saint Anselm Chapter of Young Democrats, he spoke to the student body at the old Abbey Theater located behind the Main

Building. In the photo with Kennedy are Anselmians (from left) **Richard Dwyer '61**, **John Evans '62**, William Burns and **John Coakley '61**. Interestingly, Kennedy is holding a copy of the October 30, 1958, *Anselmian*, the campus magazine. On the cover was the new campus under construction at that time, the one we know today. It was an exciting time!

—**Sal DeFazio '61**, co-editor of the 1961 *Anselmia* yearbook



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Dear Friends,

This is an exciting time on the Hilltop!

Since the last issue of *Portraits*, we launched several new majors and minors, announced an innovative student leadership program, unveiled an outstanding study-abroad opportunity in Italy, and we are breaking ground on the Gregory J. Grappone '04 Humanities Institute.

The college was awarded a \$2 million grant to create a state-of-the-art nursing simulation lab in partnership with Catholic Medical Center, the first of several exciting developments with our nursing program this year. And we just concluded a most successful first year of our strategic plan, Vision 2025, with an equally ambitious second year now underway.

While we are very pleased with how the college navigated through the pandemic, it is wonderful to put our full attention toward the many programs, initiatives and experiences that make Saint Anselm so transformative. We are taking intentional steps to strengthen our Catholic, Benedictine liberal arts mission and identity while developing innovative market-driven strategies to ensure the perpetuity of the college for generations to come. In an extremely competitive climate for higher education, I'm pleased to say we are on the move.

The 2022 Spring/Summer edition of *Portraits* offers a glimpse of the many activities and individuals at the heart of our community. Professor Gary Bouchard reflects on the enduring influence of the humanities and *Portraits* editor Kate Grip Denon shares the meaningful programs in place to meet the mental health challenges of today's young adults. Inspirational alumni **E. Elon Joffre '01, Charlene Bonner '91, Susan Connelly '92**, and faculty member Professor **Kaitlyn Clarke '09** are featured, and new Vice President of Academic Affairs Sheila Adamus Liotta is introduced.

Of course, many of you were able to experience the campus in person last month, with 28 classes returning for reunion. I enjoyed meeting all of you and hope you left the campus rejuvenated by the warm memories of your time here.

I wish each of you health and happiness in the months ahead and look forward to sharing more Anselmian updates in the near future.

Sincerely,



Joseph A. Favazza, Ph.D.  
President

## 540 GRADUATE FROM SAINT ANSELM COLLEGE

**On a beautiful** morning in front of historic Alumni Hall, 540 members of the Saint Anselm College Class of 2022 were celebrated for academic achievement and for overcoming the challenges brought on by the pandemic during the 129th Commencement Exercises on Saturday, May 21.

The college's first graduate school class also received diplomas that day, with 22 students completing the Criminal Justice Accelerated 4 + 1 Master's Program.

College President, Joseph A. Favazza, Ph.D., reflected on the recent campus visit by filmmaker Ken Burns, who shared that having doubt leads us to a more reflective life.

"We can never abandon our commitment to make citizens who are wise enough to know that doubt is a good thing and humble enough to seek new knowledge as a response to doubt. In a moment when it seems so many know so much about so little, we are in desperate need of such citizens," President Favazza said.

Following the invocation, **Lillian Strang '22** sang the National Anthem and **Kathleen McCarthy '22** presented the student address.

McCarthy reflected on the gift that she and her fellow students received during their time on the Hilltop: "A Saint Anselm education is an extraordinary treasure, arming us to help bring peace to a divided and troubled world."

**Abbot Mark Cooper, O.S.B. '71**, the chancellor of Saint Anselm College, was joined by Dean of Academic Excellence Christine Gustafson, Ph.D. in presenting **Ariana LoFaro '22** with the Chancellor's Award for the highest grade-point average of 3.977.

Professor Tauna Sisco, Ph.D., was honored with the American

Photos by Leah LaRicca



Association of University Professors Award for her dedication to her students, her field of sociology, and the college community.

### HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

Fr. Columba Stewart, O.S.B., received an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters in recognition of his work preserving tens of thousands of centuries-old Christian and Islamic writings from around the world. Fr. Columba is the executive director of the Hill Museum & Manuscript Library at Saint John's University in Collegeville, Minn.

Professor Ahida Pilarski, Ph.D., chair of the theology department, introduced Fr. Columba, who then delivered the commencement address, focusing on the themes of courage, providence, friendship and gratitude.

He shared the story of his journey

from an undergraduate at Harvard University who thought his path would lead him to graduate school but instead led him to a monastic life in Minnesota and a vocation "partnering with communities around the world to preserve their handwritten heritage, their manuscripts."

"I never saw it coming. But I was ready. How did that happen? I'll say it was providence. And I'll say it was a fine liberal arts education like yours. Sometimes a new door suddenly appears before us. I encourage you at least to open it and peek inside, and seriously consider walking through it. It may just be part of the plan."

In addition to Fr. Columba, Saint Anselm alumna **E. Carol Polifroni '71** received an Honorary Doctorate of Science for her distinguished nursing and education career. She was presented by Professor Maureen O'Reilly, Ph.D., the executive director of



the nursing department. And longtime Head of School at Woodside Priory Tim Molak received an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters. He was presented by Professor Laura Wasielewski, Ph.D.

## CONVOCATION AND BACCALAUREATE

A day earlier, the Saint Anselm community celebrated the Class of 2022 with the Senior Academic Honor Convocation and Baccalaureate Mass, which were held on the college quad.

Thirty-three academic awards were bestowed on the graduands during convocation, in addition to recognition of those who were inducted into the chapters of 17 honor societies and the 15 students who earned summa cum laude distinction.

Following convocation, 15 members of the monastic community celebrated the Baccalaureate Mass, with Abbot Mark serving as the celebrant. They

were joined by the college choir, who led the singing of liturgical music, and members of the Class of 2022, who led the readings.

Four students were commissioned in the military: **Matthew Korzec '22**, **Jacob Labounty '22**, **Caitlin Morgan '22**, and **Connor Smith '22** were sworn in as Army

officers, while **Jack Schoonmaker '22** was commissioned an officer in the Marine Corps.

As they depart the Hilltop, many graduates will begin their careers with employers such as Fidelity Investments, The Walt Disney Company, BAE Systems, and Catholic Medical Center. ♥





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## COLLEGE AWARDED \$500,000 GRANT BY THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES

**The National Endowment** for the Humanities has awarded \$500,000 to Saint Anselm College in support of the Gregory J. Grappone '04 Humanities Institute.

The federal grant will advance the college's effort to create a physical home for the humanities, a deeply-rooted part of a Saint Anselm education.

"This grant from the NEH will not only provide significant assistance in helping us to create a permanent home for the Grappone Humanities Institute, it will inspire many Saint Anselm alums and others to join in support of this project," said Dr. Gary Bouchard, the executive director of the Humanities Institute. "When Saint Anselm alumni hear the word 'humanities' they reflexively recall their experience in a core liberal arts program that was created with generous support from the National Endowment for the Humanities decades ago."

As part of a shared experience, all Saint Anselm students study a selection

of classical, philosophical, theological and contemporary works that are designed to evoke thought and conversation. The program encourages students to examine life's big questions and to consider the elements of a shared humanity.

"The humanities are essential to leading a life of purpose and reflection," said Dr. Joseph A. Favazza, president of Saint Anselm College. "We are committed to providing a signature education that prepares students to be specialists in a particular field. But at the core of the curriculum are engagement with the humanities which doesn't just teach students how to think critically but to consider what really is worth thinking about."

New Hampshire Sens. Maggie Hassan and Jeanne Shaheen have been advocates of the Grappone Humanities Institute and supported the college's bid for the NEH grant.

"I'm thrilled to see \$500,000 in federal infrastructure investments heading to Saint A's to support

its humanities program," said Sen. Shaheen. "A strong liberal arts education is core to shaping the next generation of leaders, and it is fitting that this project pays tribute to Greg Grappone and his passion for the exploration of cultural, social and political issues. This funding will help connect more students with thoughtful and dynamic humanities programs. I look forward to welcoming additional infrastructure dollars to the state and will continue working in the Senate to expand access to quality higher education for young Granite Staters."

Sen. Hassan said, "Saint Anselm's students consistently make New Hampshire proud, and this grant to Saint Anselm College will help forward the college's efforts to create a physical home for the humanities on campus. I'm thrilled to see this funding come to New Hampshire, which will help provide even more resources to those wishing to gather, reflect and deepen their work in the humanities."

Robert and Beverly Grappone H.D. '21 have led the effort to create the Gregory J. Grappone '04 Humanities Institute as a lasting legacy to their son Gregory, who died in 2015 after a lifelong battle with cancer. Greg was a Great Books major at Saint Anselm and a passionate supporter of the humanities. PBS Filmmaker

Ken Burns is the honorary chair of the campaign.

With fundraising under way, plans are in the works to break ground in 2022. The Grappones have issued a \$250,000 challenge grant, and fellow co-chair Susan Connelly '92 has made a \$100,000 challenge in honor of Professor Bouchard.

"To have our vision and the vision of the Grappone family affirmed in such a substantial way by the National Endowment for the Humanities is deeply gratifying," Dr. Bouchard said. "It is yet one more testament to the life and legacy that Greg Grappone has left us." ■

## DR. SHEILA ADAMUS LIOTTA NAMED VICE PRESIDENT OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS



### **Dr. Sheila Adamus Liotta**

has been named Saint Anselm College's Vice President of Academic Affairs (VPAA). The position was previously held by Br. Isaac Murphy O.S.B., who is now executive vice president.

Liotta brings impressive experience in the classroom and the administrative offices at Providence College, where she has worked for 29 years. Appointed the founding dean of the

School of Arts & Sciences in January 2009, Liotta fostered a culture of academic excellence in the humanities, fine arts, social sciences and natural sciences. She helped build new interdisciplinary programs and oversaw the implementation of Providence College's revised core liberal arts curriculum.

Liotta led Providence College's successful application for a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the premier arts and sciences honor society, which will be installed this spring. She also prioritized issues of diversity, equity and inclusion throughout her time as dean, creating an associate dean position to ensure that the School of Arts & Sciences consistently works towards achieving strategic DEI goals.

Prior to serving as dean, Liotta was chair of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry for eight years. She has been a faculty member since 1993. An organic chemist and a strong proponent of undergraduate research, Liotta has supervised 35 student researchers in her Providence College laboratory. Since becoming dean in 2009, she has continued to teach a course for non-science majors on contemporary

issues in chemistry. She obtained her bachelor's degree in chemistry from Rutgers University and her M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Cornell University.

"The importance of the role of the chief academic officer cannot be overstated" said Dr. Joseph A. Favazza, president of Saint Anselm. "We were pleased that three strong finalists emerged from a pool of more than 50 applicants. Dr. Liotta rose as the top candidate after the extensive review and interview process. She will be a very welcome addition to our exceptional academic community as well as the senior leadership team."

The VPAA is responsible for all academic-related matters and leadership. In this role, Liotta will work on developing and implementing the college's academic plans and promoting academic excellence through collaboration and cooperation across the college. She also will be a member of the college's Senior Administrative Leadership team.

Liotta brings extensive knowledge of student-centered Catholic higher education to the VPAA position. At PC, she focused on establishing and developing the School of Arts & Sciences' structure, creating faculty development and support opportunities, and forging partnerships with others on campus in areas such as inclusive excellence and fundraising. She credits PC's supportive community with the school's success and is looking forward to bringing her knowledge to a college with similar attributes like Saint Anselm.

"I am truly grateful for this opportunity," Liotta said. "Saint Anselm's firm commitment to a holistic liberal arts education rooted in the Catholic and Benedictine traditions resonates fully with my own educational philosophy. I hope to use my experiences to help Saint Anselm College thrive in the years to come while it stays firmly rooted in its identity and principles. I look forward to partnering with President Favazza along with the faculty, staff, administration, students, board of trustees and Benedictine community." ■

## SAINT ANSELM AND CATHOLIC MEDICAL CENTER RECEIVE \$2M TO CONSTRUCT A MEDICAL SIMULATION & INNOVATION FACILITY

**Saint Anselm College** and Catholic Medical Center (CMC) have received \$2 million in funding secured by U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen to build a new innovative health care facility on Manchester's West Side. This state-of-the-art facility will support health care staff as well as nursing and health care students through on-the-job training and medical simulations of health care events and testing. The newest facility will be in addition to Saint Anselm College's current campus simulation facilities.

"We are delighted to have an opportunity to extend our wonderful relationship with Catholic Medical Center. This simulation lab will provide our nursing students a new opportunity for a meaningful, hands-on learning experience. The college is very grateful to Sen. Shaheen for the support and advocacy of this partnership," said Saint Anselm College President Joseph A. Favazza, Ph.D.

Simulation labs are a critical component of health care education and training. Saint Anselm College nursing students participate in simulations prior to beginning their clinical rotations as well as throughout their courses. The labs ensure that students are confident in clinical situations, learn from mistakes in a safe and supportive environment and gain experience with conditions that may not arise during clinical rotations.

"We are excited by the prospect of a state-of-the-art simulation center which will allow faculty and students to strengthen our inter-professional relationships with staff at CMC," said Dr. Maureen O'Reilly, director of nursing at Saint Anselm College. "Working with hospital staff will add another dimension to the simulation experiences students participate in on campus. These experiences

Photo by Jason Kolnos



will enhance communication and collaboration within the health care team which is essential for excellent patient outcomes. Working together in a combined facility will be beneficial for students and staff alike as we prepare to meet the challenges of the modern health care environment."

"I'm thrilled to welcome \$2 million, which I worked to secure in the government funding legislation recently signed into law, to build a facility that will propel innovation in health care and deliver quality care to patients in New Hampshire. This facility will be home to hands-on training and simulation centers that ensure our nursing students are equipped with the best education possible. By connecting students with top health care professionals and technology,

this partnership between Saint A's and CMC will train the next generation of health care leaders," said Shaheen. "I'll continue pushing for investments that connect Granite Staters with quality, affordable health care."

"We're thankful for the Senator's support of this project, which will help us train nurses and providers on leading-edge technologies and support Manchester's growing biotech industry," said Chief Nursing Officer and Vice President Nursing at Catholic Medical Center, Jennifer Cassin. As a senior member of the Senate Appropriations Committee and chair of the Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee, Shaheen secured key priorities for New Hampshire in the new omnibus bill signed into law last March. ▀

# NEW PUBLIC HEALTH MAJOR ANNOUNCED

**Students interested in** science, people, and community health, can now major in Saint Anselm College's newest academic program, a Bachelor of Science in Public Health. The first course, Introduction to Public Health will be offered in the fall of 2022. The interdisciplinary major focuses on preventing disease and confronting systemic health challenges that impact communities both locally and globally. It encourages civic responsibility in order to make communities healthier.

Courses prepare students to explore the role of the public health worker, understand disease prevention, engage in policy-making, and improve the well-

being and health of individuals and communities.

Students will learn the multiple perspectives of public health such as investigating subjects like environmental disasters, water safety, infectious diseases, chronic diseases, health equity, and pandemics. Senior year will culminate with a practical internship experience to launch students into the career of their choice.

The newest Saint Anselm program pulls from the expertise of multiple departments including our nationally-ranked nursing program and the New Hampshire Institute of Politics to provide a an experience rich in science, public policy, civics, and ethics.

"Public health is intimately intertwined with politics and science. Through science we can assess the health status of a community. Through

politics, we develop policies to make communities healthier. Public Health is also strongly rooted in principles of health equity, social justice, and addressing disparities to protect human dignity," says Professor Tauna Sisco. "Our goal with the Public Health major is to empower students with knowledge and experience for the challenges of creating and sustaining healthy communities both locally and globally."

Public Health is also offered as a minor. The program's directors come from four academic departments: Professor Theresa Dabruzzi of the biology department, Professor Pamela Preston of the nursing department, Professor Elizabeth Rickenbach of the psychology department, and Professor Sisco of the sociology and social work department. ■



## THE NHOP KICKS OFF PRIMARY SEASON

**The New Hampshire Institute of Politics (NHOP)** at Saint Anselm College welcomed former New Jersey governor Chris Christie this spring for their first in-person Politics and Eggs event since 2020.

Christie spoke about his perspective on some of the current topics being debated in American politics, such as U.S. action towards Ukraine and Russia, inflation, and establishing identity both in the GOP and in America through elected officials. Members of the audience had their photos taken with Christie and their questions answered from him.

Both a lawyer and a politician, Christie served as the 55th governor of New Jersey from 2010 to 2018 and has since played a major role in American politics such as assisting former President Donald Trump in his re-election campaign in 2020. ■

## BROTHERS TITUS AND DUNSTAN PROFESS SOLEMN VOWS

On January 9, 2022, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, **Brothers Titus Michael Phelan, O.S.B. '12** and **Dunstan Noah Enzor, O.S.B.**, professed solemn vows as monks of Saint Anselm Abbey. **Abbot Mark Cooper, O.S.B. '71** clothed Brothers Titus and Dunstan with the monastic *cuculla*, a pleated monastic choir robe, and a symbol of solemn profession.

Standing before the altar, before their families, friends and Benedictine confreres, Brothers Titus and Dunstan pronounced vows of stability, obedience and *conversatio morum*, making a permanent commitment of themselves to the Lord and to the Saint Anselm monastic community. As solemnly professed monks, Brothers Titus and Dunstan become members of the monastery's Chapter, as well as members of the Saint Anselm College, and Woodside Priory School corporations.

"We are honored to profess solemn vows here at Saint Anselm Abbey. We look forward to many years of seeking God and serving our monastic and college communities," said Brother Titus and Brother Dunstan.

In his homily during the liturgy, Abbot Mark said, "I believe, Titus and Dunstan will help continue and enhance the solid foundation of our community. Although different in many ways, they are both firm in their readiness and resolution to follow Christ in the monastic way of life. Their commitment to our common life, using their gifts and talents to build up both our monastic and college communities, is a source of hope and inspiration for all of us."

Brother Titus is a native of Swampscott, Mass. He graduated from Saint Anselm College in 2012 with a degree in political science and with minors in Catholic studies and Spanish. He completed the ECHO program, receiving a Master's degree in Theology from the University of Notre Dame in 2014. Before entering the monastery, he served as a college



From left: Brother Dunstan Enzor, O.S.B., Abbot Mark Cooper, O.S.B. '71, and Brother Titus Michael Phelan, O.S.B. '12  
Photo by Jeff Dachowski

campus minister and high school theology teacher. He received a Master's in Theological Studies (M.T.S.) from the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry in 2021. Brother Titus currently serves as the coordinator for Academic Support and Student Programming at Saint Anselm College and aspires to be ordained to the priesthood in the near future.

Brother Dunstan is from Boulder, Colo. He graduated from the University of Colorado-Boulder in 2007 with a degree in English. He received a Master's degree in Theology from Saint Joseph's College in Maine in 2017. Before entering the monastery, he worked in technical publishing and higher education administration. In 2020, he received a Masters in Theology (Th.M.) from the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry. Brother Dunstan is currently a doctoral student in the Theology Department at Boston College. ▀

## JACOB HALTERMAN '21 RECEIVED AS A POSTULANT

On the evening of January 8, 2022 at First Vespers of the Baptism of the Lord, **Jacob Halterman '21** was received into the Saint Anselm monastic community as a postulant by **Abbot Mark Cooper, O.S.B. '71**. Jacob is a native of Solomons, Md. Brother Isaac Murphy, O.S.B., will serve as the Postulant Director. The monks of Saint Anselm Abbey are grateful for the continued prayers of our families, friends, alumni, and benefactors for our community. ▀



From left: Brother Isaac Murphy, O.S.B., Jacob Halterman '21, Abbot Mark Cooper, O.S.B. '71  
Photo by Father Francis McCarty, O.S.B. '10

# WOMEN'S BOWLING BECOMES 19TH VARSITY SPORT

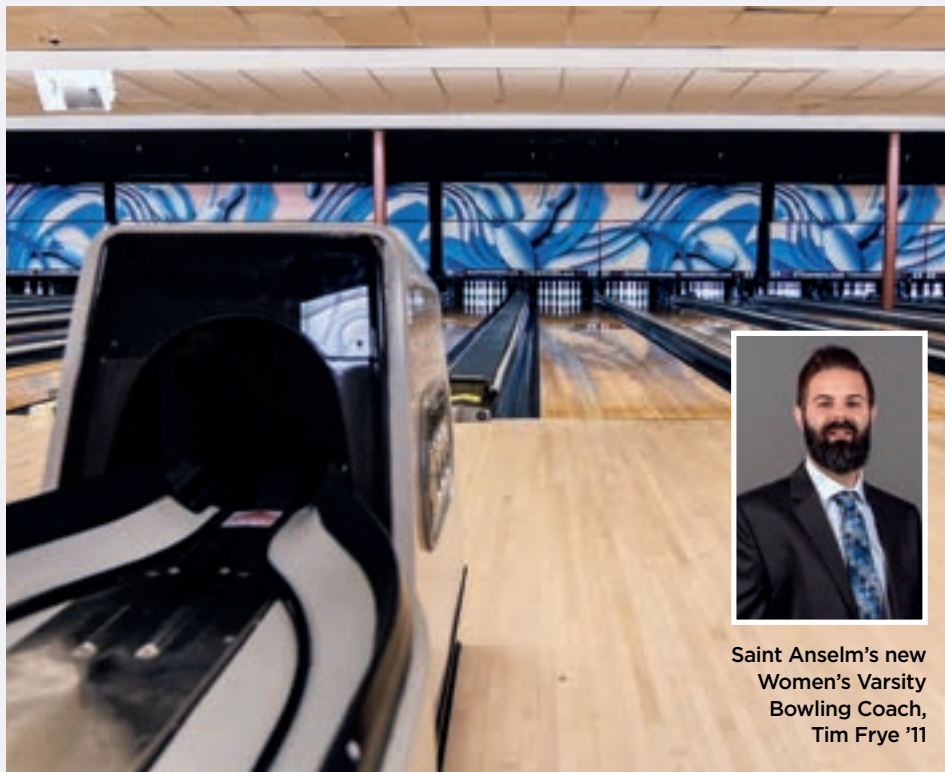
**Saint Anselm College** has announced the addition of women's bowling as a varsity sport, making it the 19th varsity sport offered at the college. The program will begin competing during the 2022-23 academic year, with the Hawks training and competing at Yankee Lanes in Manchester.

"With the introduction of women's bowling, Saint Anselm continues to provide athletics opportunities to female student-athletes in a growing sport," said Dr. Joseph A. Favazza, president of Saint Anselm College. "Adding the sport will allow Saint Anselm to attract new students to the college from here in New England and also throughout the country."

The Hawks applied for and were accepted to the East Coast Conference as an associate member in a vote by the league's Presidents' Council. Saint Anselm becomes the 14th member of the ECC in women's bowling and will be eligible for the league's automatic qualifying bid to the NCAA National Collegiate Women's Bowling Championship.

Saint Anselm becomes one of just three institutions in New England that sponsor the sport of women's bowling. Adelphi, a member of the Northeast-10 Conference alongside Saint Anselm, has sponsored the sport since 2004. One of the fastest-growing sports in the country, 24 institutions across all levels of NCAA competition have added women's bowling to its varsity sport offerings since 2015-16.

According to the most recent report from the National Federation of State High School Associations, girls bowling is sponsored by high schools in 28 states and over 28,000 students were participants on 2,925 teams across the country. Women's bowling was listed among the initial NCAA Emerging Sports for



**Saint Anselm's new  
Women's Varsity  
Bowling Coach,  
Tim Frye '11**

Women in 1994 and attained NCAA Championship status in 2004.

Leading the team as Saint Anselm's first women's bowling coach will be **Tim Frye '11**. The head coach for co-ed bowling at nearby Souhegan High School since 2009, Frye helped the Sabers win the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association (NHIAA) State Championship in 2013. He also served as the youth bowling program coach at both Merrimack Ten Pin and at Yankee Lanes in Manchester.

He also is active on the New Hampshire Interscholastic High School Bowling Committee and was named the assistant chair in 2014. Frye, an accomplished amateur bowler who has competed three times at the USBC Junior Gold National Championships, is also the Pro Shop operator at Yankee Lanes.

During his time as an undergraduate at Saint Anselm, Frye served as a resident assistant who was also active with the Meelia Center. He graduated in 2011 with a degree in history, earning Dean's List honors during his academic career on the Hilltop.

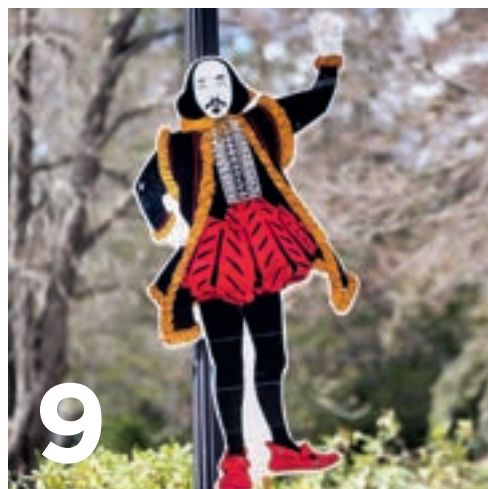
He is an active member with the New England Bowlers Association, and resides in Loudon, N.H. with his wife Olivia and four children, Audrey (5), Marshall (3), Cora (1). The couple welcomed their third daughter, Elsie, in March.

"A fixture in the Granite State bowling scene, we are pleased to welcome Timothy back to the Hilltop as the head coach of our brand-new women's bowling program," said Director of Athletics Daron Montgomery. "His enthusiasm and passion for the sport make him a perfect fit to start a new team here at Saint Anselm." ▀



## Scene on Campus





**1:** The Saint Anselm College baseball team slugged 57 home runs in 2022, shattering the all-time record of 45 established in 2001. The Hawks also finished with 22 victories on the year, the most in a season since the 2012 season and the sixth-most ever posted by a Saint Anselm team. **2:** Seasonal berry tarts were the grand finale of an impressive menu created by AVI Dining Services for guests of “An Evening of Conversation with Ken Burns” held on campus in April. **3:** Professor Kelly Lalonde teaches a financial accounting class in Poisson Hall. **4:** The Jean Center was filled with laughs and good conversation during the “Experience Monastic Recreation” event held during Benedictine Heritage Week. **5:** Bright blooms are always a welcome sign of spring on the Hilltop. **6:** Journalists Leah Askarinam of *The New York Times*, along with Sarah Frostenson and Nathaniel Rakich of *FiveThirtyEight*, joined New Hampshire Institute of Politics Executive Director Neil Levesque for a discussion on the outlook for the 2022 midterm elections. **7:** A mechanical bull was just one of many fun offerings during Hawkfest, an event sponsored by the Saint Anselm College Student Government Association. **8:** The Center for Ethics and the computer science department co-hosted an aerospace robotics competition, designed to teach high school students about aerospace engineering principles through designing, building, programming, and flying UAVs. **9:** The 34th Sonnet Reading Marathon was held this year in honor of Shakespeare’s 458th birthday, with 154 Anselmians reciting sonnets during the daylong celebration. **10:** Among the winners for this year’s Coleman Awards were seniors Anastasia Morrison (left) and Meredith Budds. Morrison received the award for Outstanding Service Leadership and Budds took home the award for Outstanding Community Service. **11:** The *Alva de Mars Megan* Chapel Art Center hosted *James Palmigiano, Collages and Bagatelles*, for its springtime season exhibition. This was the second exhibit for Palmigiano, a Cistercian monk from Spencer Abbey in Central Massachusetts. Palmigiano’s uniquely contemplative works promoted a recurrent Chapel Art Center theme of “art and monasticism.” For a review of a selection of works and programs from the exhibition, visit [www.anselm.edu/chapelart](http://www.anselm.edu/chapelart).



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# MAKING THE HUMANITIES MATTER

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BY DR. GARY BOUCHARD

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Socrates was right, of course.

The unexamined life really is not worth living.

But where do we begin that interrogation? If we take seriously the aspiration of our college's patron, "faith seeking understanding," then the humanities are certainly one good place. No matter which of the many paths we follow in our study or expression of language and literature, fine and performing arts, history, philosophy, or theology, each will lead us to the kind of reflection Socrates and Saint Anselm encourage.

This is why, at Saint Anselm, students are invited—OK, required and cajoled—to spend their first four months at their new school wrestling with three fundamental questions that we hope will worry and inspire them for the rest of their lives: Who am I? What is my responsibility toward others? What is my relationship with the Divine?

They begin the year by being chained and freed in Plato's *Allegory of the Cave*. Then, after a year of reading and discussing classical and contemporary texts, they must stand in front of their classmates and articulate their personal understanding of the good way of life. It's an exercise that, for many of them, comprises the five most stressful minutes of their freshman year, and one which their teachers understand as a lifelong project that none of us ever quite completes—and which we all hope will be graded mercifully.

As the director of the Gregory J. Grappone '04 Humanities Institute, my inbox contains articles written each month about the state of the humanities. Many of them speak eloquently of the power and critical necessity of the humanities in our contemporary world. Others speak despairingly of their neglect and decline. What, for the readers of *Portraits Magazine*, a publication named for the humanities program that helped shape a quarter century's worth of Anselmians, can I add to this conversation?

You'll understand if I turn to Shakespeare for help. He knew well the formula for tragedy was to bring audiences from well to woe (bloody bodies on the stage), and the formula for comedy was to take them from woe to well (a wedding dance!). My nature is comedic. So, with a qualified promise that all will be well, allow me to begin my story woefully, once upon a time on a bucolic New Hampshire hilltop familiar to us all. You know many of the characters. You still call some of them "professor."

## A WORRISOME TALE

It would require a naiveté bordering on denial for my liberal arts colleagues and me, standing in classrooms that sometimes have a surprising number of empty desks, not to recognize that we have been teaching our way through a steady decline in the humanities for our entire careers, which for some of us span several decades.

Last November, *The Hechinger Report*, a national nonprofit newsroom focused on education, reported the kind of data from the federal Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System that we have become accustomed to hearing. The report confirms that the number of students graduating with majors in the humanities in the United States "has fallen for the eighth straight year." Depending upon which disciplines you count among the humanities—and the lists vary among institutions—these numbers represent a decline of "somewhere between 16 and 29 percent since 2012." And if, like

Saint Anselm College, you count the traditional humanities as including only English, history, philosophy, theology, classical and modern languages, and fine arts, you will have to acknowledge that roughly 95 percent of college students in the United States choose to major in something other than one of these fields. These numbers contrast unsurprisingly with those that show the steady increase of students majoring in pre-professional fields like business, engineering and health sciences.

It would be nice to imagine somehow that the bucolic hilltop where our story is set was somehow immune to these wider trends. But alas, Saint Anselm falls worryingly and predictably in line with the national data. The number of students majoring in traditional humanities fields at Saint Anselm in 2014 was 9 percent. In the fall of 2021, that number dropped to 6 percent.

## THE UNTOLD STORY

What most frustrates my faculty colleagues and me when we consider these trends is our knowledge that students are not steering clear of these majors because they don't find the subjects interesting. Many of them had inspiring history or religion or art teachers in high school. Others discovered they had a facility for languages or real potential as writers. They would have liked to continue studying these subjects, but their parents, and ultimately, they too, bought into a pervasive and sinister misconception that to do so would lead them to work as a barista beneath the weight of crushing student loan debt.

The problem of mounting student loan debt is real for nearly all college students. The notion that liberal arts majors do not attain good jobs and bright futures, however, is a false narrative, reinforced by rhetoric across the political spectrum, which steers many high school seniors away from the things they desire to learn. So, what is the real story?

We know that humanities majors not only register the top scores on

the Graduate Record Exam but also achieve in places you might not expect. Asked to name which majors lead the way in medical school admissions, for example, most people would guess the biological or physical sciences, or maybe math and statistics. In fact, humanities majors are at the top of that category. The top qualifiers for law school based on composite GPA and LSAT scores? Probably political science or criminal justice, right? In fact, three of the top four majors in that category are philosophy, history, and English, all of which top those other two disciplines by a good margin. Among the majors with the top GMAT (Graduate Management Admissions) scores, we find philosophy, history, art history, English, and classical and modern languages all in the top 20, well in front of accounting, business, management, and marketing majors.

And although the number of graduates pursuing post-graduate degrees continues to increase, many liberal arts majors will enter directly into the workforce upon graduation. Since the attributes most sought by employers continue to be oral and written communication and problem solving (ranked 23 percent higher than technical skills), liberal arts majors are going to find themselves in a wide variety of careers at which they will succeed wonderfully, and will very frequently end up in leadership positions.

The truth is—as my very successful philosophy major and English major sons will gladly tell you—liberal arts majors are far more likely to open their own coffee shop than work as a barista in someone else's. Humanities graduates report equal or higher career satisfaction than their peers. And though it's true the average financial return on investment for graduates of liberal arts colleges is less than that of graduates from other institutions in the first 10 years of their working life, when you stretch that number to 40 years, these graduates' earnings surpass those who attended non-liberal arts institutions. In worldly earnings, as in so many things, the humanities are, as Ken Burns reminds us, "the tortoise."

# WHO AM I?



## WHAT IS MY **RESPONSIBILITY** TOWARD OTHERS?

Since 2018, the Gregory J. Grappone '04 Humanities Institute has hosted more than 100 Come Friday Forums. Led by students, faculty, and staff from many departments, as well as some alums, these weekly gatherings send people away with a stronger sense of our shared humanity.

## MAKING A LIVING

As a reader of this publication, you know all this. And, of course, so do we. In weekly conversations with Saint Anselm alums, my colleagues and I do not hear stories of woe. We learn that our former students are putting their educations to work in innovative ways, leading the way in marketing, public relations, finance, journalism, publishing, health care, human resources, social work, creative production, entertainment, graphic design, technology, hospitality, government service, the military, law, and law enforcement.

We follow their careers as entrepreneurs, educators, coaches and administrators in elementary, secondary and higher education. We read of their achievements and know them to be building lives of meaning and purpose, focusing on human relationships, raising children, volunteering, helping to foster communities of faith and support. We also hear what books they are reading.

These alums have come to understand what their teachers knew all along: that the work they did in and out of the classroom—every paper, every exam, every major and minor, every discussion and debate, every presentation, every sports victory or defeat, every service trip, every club activity, every trip abroad, every internship, and every conversation—was a vital part of their pre-professional life.

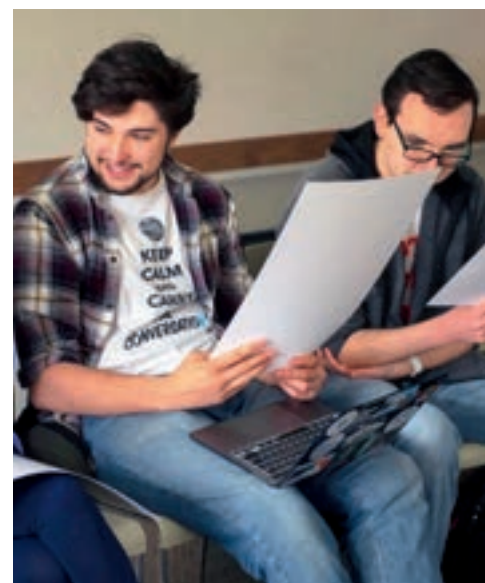
We also know that our Saint Anselm alums, like ourselves, are still at work on that ongoing project of describing the good way of life, of understanding themselves, as well as their relationship with others and their relationship with God. Often through triumphs as well as profound personal struggles and challenges that are an inevitable part of all of our lives, they have come to recalibrate their goal of “making a living” into “making a life worth living.”

Ultimately, for all the professional and economic benefits that flow from a foundational knowledge in the humanities and the many associated skills that they help develop in us,



# WHAT IS MY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE DIVINE?

Engaging people of all backgrounds with questions and ideas that arise from common and uncommon experiences, conversations during Come Friday Forums often lead to topics for future discussions—allowing everyone who is interested to continue the conversation.



their value is immeasurable. When I sat down with Ken Burns this spring and began our conversation by asking him whether the humanities were in crisis, he responded by observing, “We live in an era, particularly now, but it could be any other time, when we have become economic units and not spiritual beings. And something has to rescue us from that, and the only thing we have to do that is the humanities.” It’s a bold claim, but when we consider the kinds of questions posed and knowledge offered in the traditional liberal arts classes at Saint Anselm, we understand just what he means, especially when he points out that the humanities are criticized as being “somehow at odds with faith, and nothing could be further from the truth.”

## WHY A HUMANITIES INSTITUTE?

To be honest, the motivation for a Humanities Institute at Saint Anselm when it originated with the chairs of the seven traditional liberal arts departments in 2015 was far from spiritual or even particularly intellectual. It was existential. In the wake of the college’s recent curriculum reform, with eyes on the diminishing numbers of majors represented in the data shared earlier in this story, we came together one afternoon in Bradley House in the kind of shared solidarity that only fear can beget. Paradoxically, far from the idyllic lawns and hallowed buildings of our campus, a retired automobile executive and his wife found themselves moved by a much higher purpose. A providential joining of their interests with ours would ultimately lead to the creation of the Grappone Humanities Institute.

Bob and Beverly Grappone were looking for a way to honor and fulfill their deceased son Greg’s (SAC Great Books, 2004), dream of supporting the humanities at Saint Anselm, and their vision was exactly what their friend Ken Burns described: helping people to recognize that they are spiritual beings.

Meanwhile, our original proposal for a humanities institute, which had been born out of worry and an us-against-ST(H)EM mindset, was about

to have an encounter at the Faculty Senate that would change everything. Our colleagues from a wide variety of academic disciplines asked us, in effect, why we were seeking to build a safe cloister for the humanities when we could be creating a wide-open amphitheater? They confronted us with the simple truth that all faculty and staff, all students, alumni and friends were, well, human. As humans, every one of us has an interest in and needs a voice in the humanities.

The revised and substantially more inclusive proposal that resulted from this process was much more aligned with the higher vision that was motivating Bob and Beverly Grappone to make a transformative gift that would lead to the Institute’s founding in 2018. The Institute’s initial slogan tells the story of its providential beginnings as well as anything: Humanity: Everyone’s a Member.

As with *Portraits of Human Greatness* of old, as with *Conversatio*, as with the Symposia of Socrates in ancient Greece, and as in most learning that happens at Saint Anselm College, the essential component of the Humanities Institute is the human conversation. One hundred and one of those conversations, led by faculty, students, and staff from over two dozen departments, have taken place on every Friday during the academic year for the past four years in Come Friday forums. We started by considering whether dogs have souls and most recently pondered over what makes a good childhood. In between, 99 other questions—“Can anybody really forgive and forget?” “Is there a difference between law and justice?” “Why is it so hard to recognize and acknowledge racism?” “What makes a person a person?”—have brought together students, faculty, staff, and guests from the community to consider questions common to our humanity, to examine our lives, to make them worth living.

These weekly Friday forums are a ritual that keeps us anchored, but we also sponsor an annual Big Thought series of programs with an interdisciplinary theme each year. We have launched a successful student-produced podcast, an alumni book club, 20 integrated

humanities courses, a new humanities minor, and are at work on a forthcoming annual student journal, and a senior scholarship. All of this is aimed at fulfilling the Institute’s mission of “engaging people of all backgrounds with questions and ideas that arise from our common and uncommon experiences” so that we can “better understand the meaning and purpose of our lives.”

## HERE, THE HUMANITIES MATTER

Now, because of the vision and generosity of the Grappones and our generous alumni and friends, as well as a \$500,000 matching grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, our Institute is about to have a permanent home. By this time next year, the Gregory J. Grappone ’04 Humanities Institute will have evolved from an idea to an earnest discussion, to a resolute vision, to a vibrant and engaging collection of formal and informal programs flowing out of the newest, and we believe one of the most inspiring, buildings on campus.

Will this new home, the weekly conversations, teaching, and public humanities programs happening inside, reverse national trends and begin to repopulate traditional liberal arts majors at Saint Anselm? That much is aspirational. However, I did promise you a happy ending.

By next summer, when visitors to the Saint Anselm campus exit the Savard Welcome Center, the very first building they see will be a beautifully renovated historic structure that was once a boiler house, an art studio, a print shop, and is now—with its distinctive and funky smokestack reaching up into the air—a humanities institute. Here, this building will proclaim by its very presence, the humanities matter. Here, people who step inside the doors will discover, there are conversations worth having, ideas worth pondering, lives worth examining. Here, students from every background and major will come to know, is a place where they can—in the very truest sense—begin to make a living. ■

# AN EVENING OF CONVERSATION WITH KEN BURNS

What follows here are some edited excerpts from the conversation between Dr. Gary Bouchard and Ken Burns on April 30. If you have not yet had the chance to do so, we encourage you to listen to the entire conversation at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mFMgvCTpGew>.

## ON THE HUMANITIES

**Gary:** Are the humanities in this country in crisis, and if so, what does that mean and what do we do?

**Ken:** Well, I think it's pretty obvious that when humanity itself is in crisis, which is pretty much all the time, that the humanities are *a priori* in crisis. But in fact, the humanities are thriving. We live in an era, particularly now, but it could be at any other time, when we have become economic units and not spiritual beings. And something has to rescue us from that, and the only thing we have to do that is the humanities. ... Opposition to them has represented a

kind of anti-intellectualism, and they've also supposedly been at odds with faith, and nothing could be further from the truth. ... None of us gets out of here alive ... and so it falls back to us, each and every one of us, [to ask] the central question[s] of 'Who am I? What am I doing here? And what is my relationship and obligation to other people?' And this is what the humanities tackles, in comparative religion, in history, in ethics, in every dimension of the humanities, we are wrestling with the central questions of right now, whether our consumer society wants to or not. That's just simply what it is. ... There are too many, hundreds of millions of people, suffering injustice and war, and we don't have the immediate remedy, but we have the ability to work on ourselves and work together with others on ourselves—plural—and to try to make a difference. The candle will never go out. It just gets dimmer, it gets brighter, and it's our job, each one of us, to make it brighter.

## ON FAME AND FORTUNE

**Gary:** If documentary filmmaking had not brought you fame and fortune, if you were still making only a very modest salary at it, would you still be making documentary films?

**Ken:** I don't know—I think the answer is yes. After *The Civil War* series came out, I would go places and have these fulsome introductions, every credit, every award, honorary degrees, all that sort of stuff, and I would go out and I would say, 'Thank you for that generous introduction, but I feel compelled to inoculate myself because I have on my refrigerator an old and now-fading *New Yorker* cartoon, and it shows three men standing in hell, and one guy says to the other, '*Apparently my over 200 screen credits didn't mean a damn thing.*' It was an inoculation ... for humility, to remind me that that is absolutely true. They don't mean a damn thing. The little village I live in in New Hampshire is more interested



in the content of my character than the length of my resumé. ... After I had shot most of that first film on the Brooklyn Bridge, I was offered a very lucrative job in public broadcasting, and I watched myself put the film on the top of my refrigerator to take the job, and then woke up 30 years later and it was still there unedited. And so, I immediately turned down the job and moved to New Hampshire where I could live for nothing and heat my house with wood, and I fully expected that I was taking a vow of anonymity and poverty. And I had accepted that to be able to do what I wanted to do, and so I think I would still be doing it.

## ON HISTORY

**Gary:** You have said there's nothing new under the sun. You have done things as a documentary filmmaker that are new, so tell me more about what you mean by that.

**Ken:** People like to say that history repeats itself. It never has, not once. Ecclesiastes ... got it right. It says, 'What has been will be again. What has been done will be done again. There's nothing new under the sun.' That tells us that human nature doesn't change, that human nature superimposes itself over the seemingly random chaos of events. ... Mark Twain is supposed to have said, 'History doesn't repeat itself, but it rhymes,' which is fantastic! That's exactly right! And so, what we do, we live out rhymes. ... We can see these rhymes every day. There's not a film I have worked on ... where I have not ... lifted up my head and said, 'Oh, my God, it is speaking to the present' ... and that's where the priceless gift of history comes in. It arms you in a way to understand, or at least put in perspective, the events that are going on right now.

## ON FAITH AND DOUBT

**Gary:** Can you speak about the relationship between faith and doubt?

**Ken:** One morning, I was really struggling with something, and I had a thought, and it seemed to me that in conversations I had with people of faith and people without faith that ...

a dialectic had been set up, and that the opposite of faith was doubt. What Tolstoy had been able to open up in me one morning like a can of sardines was the idea ... that the opposite of faith is certainty, and that doubt is a hugely important component of faith because it provides the means of testing it in the real world. ... So, I found that doubt has been a really good friend in whatever search I'm involved in.

## ON US VS. THEM

**Gary:** Regarding prayer, you've said that before you can clean your house, you have to clean your own house first, and that when you clean your own house, you often find that it's messier than when you started. How's your house?

**Ken:** We're working on it. It's like that contractor who never shows up to do the last thing. We're all really works in progress. Gary, there's no communication in this world except among equals ... and we tend to make the other person wrong, not ourselves. ... So, I have been making films about the U.S. for 45, 50 years, but I have also been making films about *us*, the two-letter, lowercase plural pronoun. And that means all of the intimacy of *us* and *we* and *our*, and all of the majesty and complexity and contradiction of the U.S. ... What I came to realize as I was working on *Country Music* is that there's only us and there's no them, and we spend an enormous amount of time distinguishing, do we not? All the time, red state-blue state, young-old, rich-poor, male-female, black-white, gay-straight, whatever it is, east-west, north-south. Everything's a distinction, and none of those distinctions exist. None of those distinctions actually exist.

## ON LOVE

**Gary:** I know your favorite mathematical equation happens to be "Love multiplies."

**Ken:** It's my political yard sign in my yard year-round. It's like, 'Vote for Love Multiplies!' It is, by the way, the only accurate equation in the universe. It holds up in every cosmological level. It does! ■



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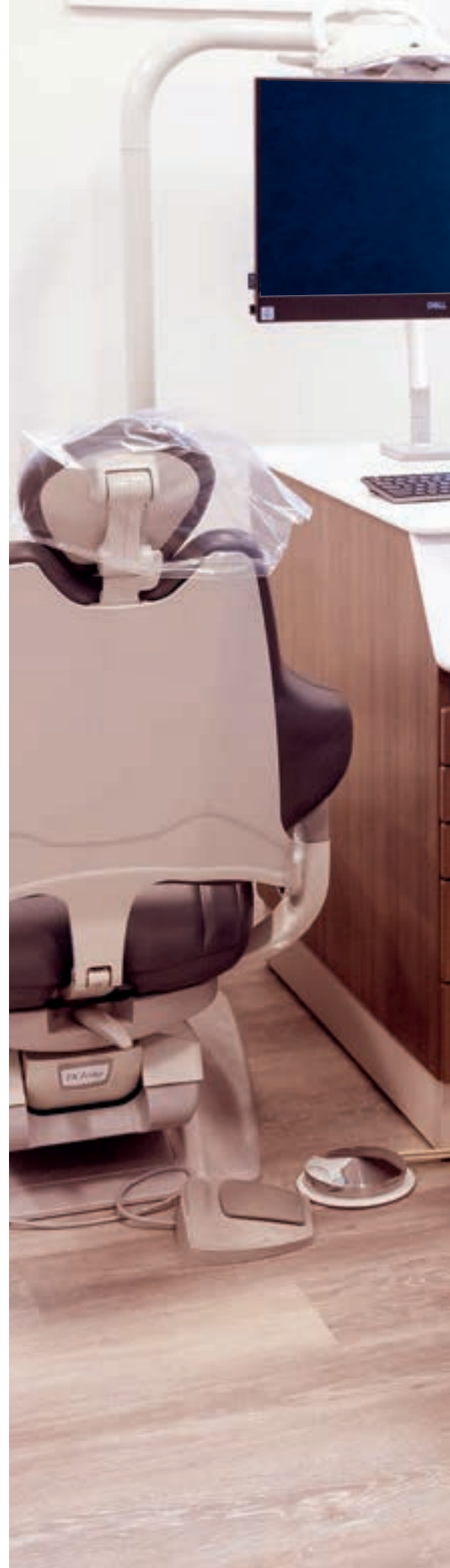


# A World of Difference

FROM GROWING UP IN THE BAHAMAS TO BUILDING A THRIVING PRACTICE IN BOSTON, E. ELON JOFFRE, D.D.S. '01 CREDITS HIS TIME ON THE HILLTOP WITH HELPING HIM BECOME WHO HE IS TODAY.

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On the first day of new student orientation in 1997, **E. Elon Joffre, D.D.S. '01** arrived in Manchester with his mother, his girlfriend and two large suitcases. They had flown 1,200 miles from the Bahamas to Boston, then taken a bus to New Hampshire. There was only one more leg of the journey before Joffre could begin his college years at Saint Anselm, but the few cabs at the transportation center had departed with other passengers and no others returned, so Joffre called the college switchboard for advice on how to get to campus.





A short time later, Dean of Students **Joseph Horton, D.Ed. '77** pulled up in a minivan.

“He didn’t even say who he was, he just said, ‘I’m Joe Horton and welcome’ and helped us load up the luggage,” Joffre remembers. “He took us to campus and helped get us settled and then helped us navigate our dinner options that evening.”

#### ➤ **Small Acts of Great Kindness**

Joffre was ready for a new adventure, and his girlfriend, and wife-to-be, Giselle, was studying nearby in Boston, but his mother had trepidation about leaving her son so far away from their home.

“She was very, very nervous. Like, fish-out-of-water-type nervous. It was all new. Nothing like she’d ever seen before. Here she was coming from the Bahamas, had never really been up in the Northeast, it was just so new,” Joffre says. “Joe Horton, I’m sure, sensed some of that, and I remember him trying to reassure her that I would be in good hands, and I was OK. I think, in many ways, my mom being there, and her nervousness probably helped us solidify that relationship. Not that Joe already wasn’t a phenomenal individual, but he did take a special interest in making sure that I was OK.”

They stayed in close touch throughout that first semester and Horton helped Joffre acclimate to this new country, going with him to open a bank account and eventually get a driver’s license.

“I always looked at my role at Saint Anselm as being somebody who does whatever needs to be done,” Horton says.

"I think, in some ways, the most fulfilling part of that job is the relationships with students and doing things like giving someone a ride to the store."

It was the first of many indelible friendships Joffre developed while at Saint Anselm and the beginning of a lifelong love and connection with the college. Fr. Peter Guerin, O.S.B., who was dean of the college, and Barbara Stahl, Ph.D., who was chair of the biology department, were also more than teachers and mentors to Joffre.

Saint Anselm College soon became his second home. He thrived as a biology student and as a resident assistant in Hilary Hall. Today, he remains an active member of the college in a wide variety of ways, supporting both Saint Anselm's strategic initiatives and individual students.

"I understand and recognize that Saint A's means many things to many people, but to me it was basically hope and opportunity," he says. "Because as I reflect on my background and where I came from and where my journey started, without the opportunity that Saint A's afforded me, I could not have made it to the next step."

Recognizing this is important to Joffre. "And that's not lost on me. I understand it. I appreciate it. And because I'm grateful for it and appreciative of it, I want to make sure that I'm not just doing my best for Saint A's as an institution, but supporting others who may be in a situation similar to mine or just folks who may just need support in and of itself."



### > An Anselmian Always

After graduating in 2001, he went on to earn his D.M.D. from Tufts University School of Dental Medicine and a master's in public health from Harvard University's T.H. Chan School of Public Health.

Becoming a dentist was a childhood dream, and he has flourished in the field. He currently owns SquareSmiles in Milton, Mass., and dotSmiles in Boston, specializing in orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics. He has been voted one of the region's top dentists by *Boston* magazine each of the past five years.

Joffre provides orthodontic care to those in need through the dental clinic at Brigham and Women's Hospital, and

he volunteers with local and national organizations to help underserved communities have access to dental care and to educate dentists about caring for vulnerable populations. He also serves on the faculty at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine, where he enjoys teaching dental students and residents.

Since 2018, Joffre has been a member of the board of trustees at Saint Anselm and finds seeing the college through that lens provides insights he wouldn't have had.

"I think higher education is at an interesting intersection," he says. "Being on the board has given me a better view of that landscape, it's been fun,



**“Do something, do something, do something. Take action, whatever it is. If you do something every single day and take steps toward activating your dream, it will become a reality.”**

“I had looked into the pre-professions program and was also thoroughly impressed,” he says. “I was very impressed with Professor Stahl, not just her track record but also the track record of students who were at the college and how they were able to launch their dental careers.”

Years later, he and Giselle saw Stahl and her husband in Harvard Square, and he was reminded of the close relationship among Anselmians. “I remember thinking to myself, ‘Isn’t this amazing? All these years later, running into the person who was very instrumental in helping me on my journey.’”

Elon and Giselle have two daughters, ages 11 and 8. When they were married in the Bahamas, Horton and his wife were among the invited guests.

“He’s just a special guy to me, a lifelong friend,” Horton says of Joffre. “We’ve stayed in touch over time, and he’s just been a real joy. And, you know, that’s one of the things about working in a place like Saint Anselm. There are just such great people and he’s one of them.”

In February 2020, Joffre was invited to speak at the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Dinner, where he challenged the audience to find their dream and pursue it.

“Do something, do something, do something. Take action, whatever it is. If you do something every single day and take steps toward activating your dream, it will become a reality,” he said. “Dream, and dream big,” he said. “If you dream big, you can get there.”

and I think it’s been mutually beneficial. I hope there are aspects that I bring to my role as the trustee and advisor that are helpful, and I know for a fact that I’ve been benefiting in terms of my own personal growth as well.”

To Saint Anselm President Joseph A. Favazza Ph.D., Joffre is an ideal member of the trustees, having exceptional business acumen and strong vocational skills that were first learned at the college. Like many colleges and universities, it is a pivotal time for Saint Anselm, so the guidance of board members like Joffre is very important.

“Elon brings unique insight and a deep passion for Saint A’s to the table,” he says.

“As we embark on the second year of our Vision 2025 strategic plan, the direction of the board is so important as we make critical decisions to ensure the vibrancy of the college for generations to come.”

Joffre believes the college has a strong foundation and is poised for growth. He points to its solid academic reputation as an example and believes Saint Anselm can reach beyond the Northeast with strong undergraduate programs and by developing additional graduate opportunities.

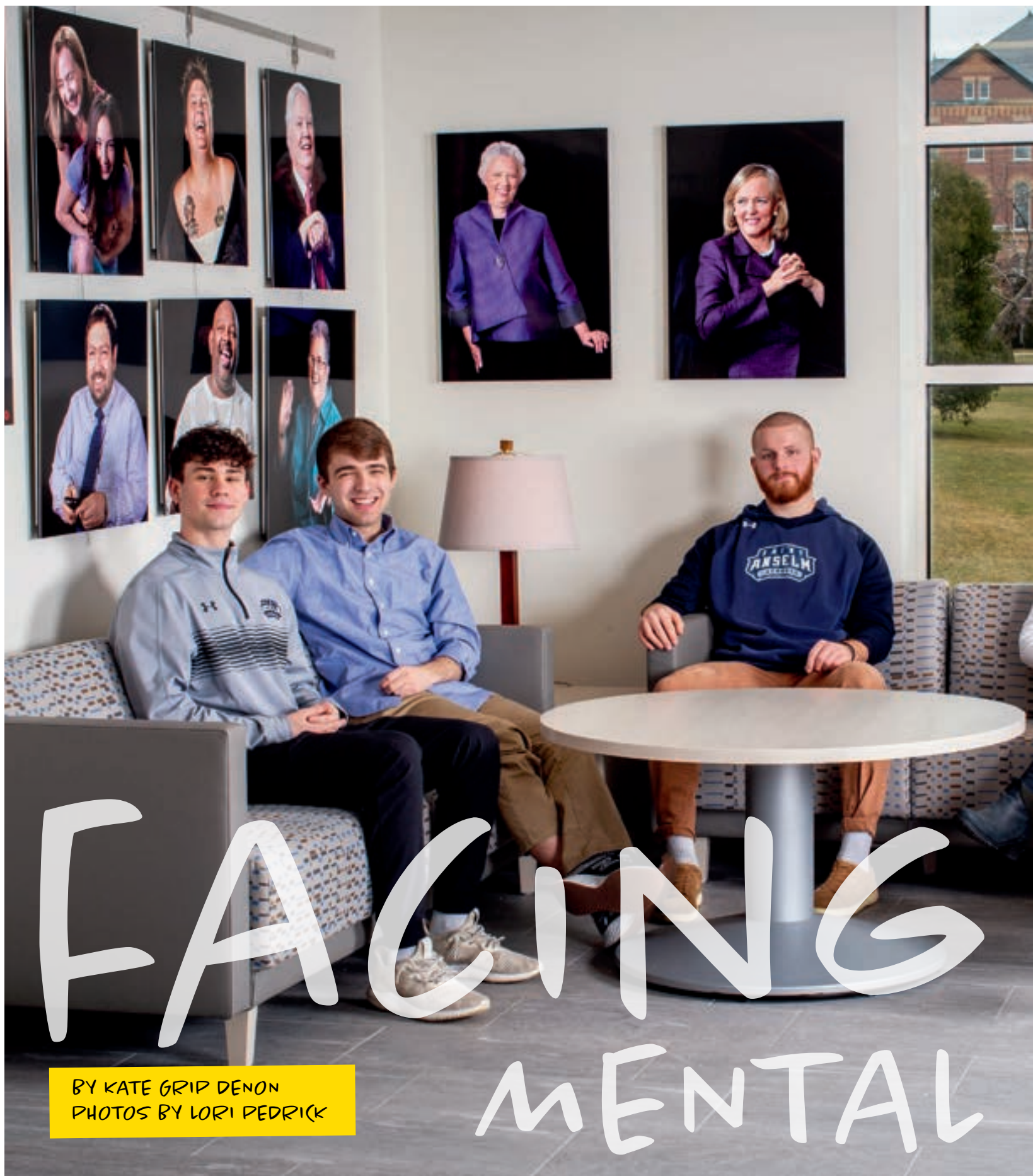
For him, a key factor in choosing Saint Anselm for his undergraduate years was the excellent academics, knowing he was planning to attend dental school.






This year's Commencement also saw the graduation of 22 students from the Criminal Justice Accelerated 4 + 1 Master's Program, the college's first master's recipients. The hooding ceremony, held the morning of Commencement on May 21, brought lots of smiles from this close-knit group of new graduates, even amid the soaring temperatures of the day.

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BY KATE GRIP DENON  
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# FACING MENTAL



From left: Jordan Trombly '22,  
Chris DeMarkey '23, CJ Hart '22,  
Maura Marshall, A.P.R.N., M.S.N.,  
and Kris Wilson, L.I.C.S.W., A.C.S.W.

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MANY LAYERS OF MENTAL HEALTH.

**WHEN KRIS WILSON L.I.C.S.W., A.C.S.W., A CLINICAL** social worker and counselor in the Saint Anselm College health services office, first heard about the traveling art exhibit, The 99 Faces of Mental Health, being installed at nearby Concord High School in Concord, N.H., she had an idea. A good one. The kind that keeps you up at night with excitement, and the kind that gives you no choice but to act. The idea: Bring the exhibit to Saint Anselm College.

The exhibit, created by artist Lynda Michaud Cutrell, is a compilation of portraits and 3-D sculptures, showcasing 99 people—33 of whom have bipolar disorder, 33 with schizophrenia, and 33 loved ones. The added layer to this powerful exhibit is that the portraits of those struggling with mental health are not labeled, demonstrating it could be any one of the 99 people who are struggling.

"This exhibit personifies our collaborative mission to lessen stigma surrounding mental health struggles, open up conversations around resources and offer hope for those that struggle and their loved ones here in our community," says Wilson.

Wilson knew bringing the exhibit to campus would be an undertaking, but she also knew whom to turn to for help—a group of talented and driven student leaders she had been working with to help support mental health awareness on campus, **Chris DeMarkey '23, Meghan Gibbons '23, CJ Hart '22, and Jordan Trombly '22.**

"It never dawned on me not to look to these particular students for help—I knew they could take this on, and I don't know where the project would have gone without them," says Wilson.

Each of the students, who are open about their personal struggles with mental health, also represented three newly formed mental health-related organizations on campus—Active Minds, a national nonprofit focusing on action and student

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advocacy in mental health; The Head Game Project, a student-run organization intent on establishing a culture of openness and support for student-athletes struggling with mental health issues; and the Mental Health Committee, a subcommittee formed out of the Student Government Association designed to help students struggling with mental health.

"None of us really knew each other very well before coming together for this project," says Hart, who, in addition to being the goalie for the men's lacrosse team, leads the Head Game Project, which he co-founded with **Ally Irish '21** last year. "But the more I learned about the exhibit, the more impressed I became—it was clear we were all connected to the same mission, and we were coming together with one goal in mind."

For Trombly, who is a member of the men's soccer team and president of

the college's chapter of Active Minds, bringing the exhibit to campus was an easy decision. "When Kris told us about this exhibit on display and asked what we thought about bringing it to campus, we immediately drove to Concord to take a tour," he says. "Once we saw it, we knew we had to bring it here."

And so began several months of meetings and planning. "The entire process was a bit surreal in how quickly it moved and how much was involved," says DeMarkey, who, along with Gibbons, is co-chair of the Mental Health Committee. "We went from seeing the exhibit and meeting the artist to then physically setting up the exhibit—not to mention the countless hours of logistics involved in coordinating people, the phone calls, the meetings ... it took several months to make it happen."

A severe snowstorm almost interfered with the exhibit's debut on campus in January, but the group handled the obstacle without missing a beat. "These students had to come back early from Christmas break to help set this up, and we had this severe storm," says Wilson. "Chris couldn't even make it up the driveway, so he parked his car on the road and walked the rest of the way, with no complaint."

Working for nearly five months to bring the exhibit from idea to implementation was an immense undertaking but also imperative, according to Gibbons. "Mental health is a topic of conversation that shouldn't be hidden," she says. "This exhibit lets others learn more about the stories of those who struggle with mental health."

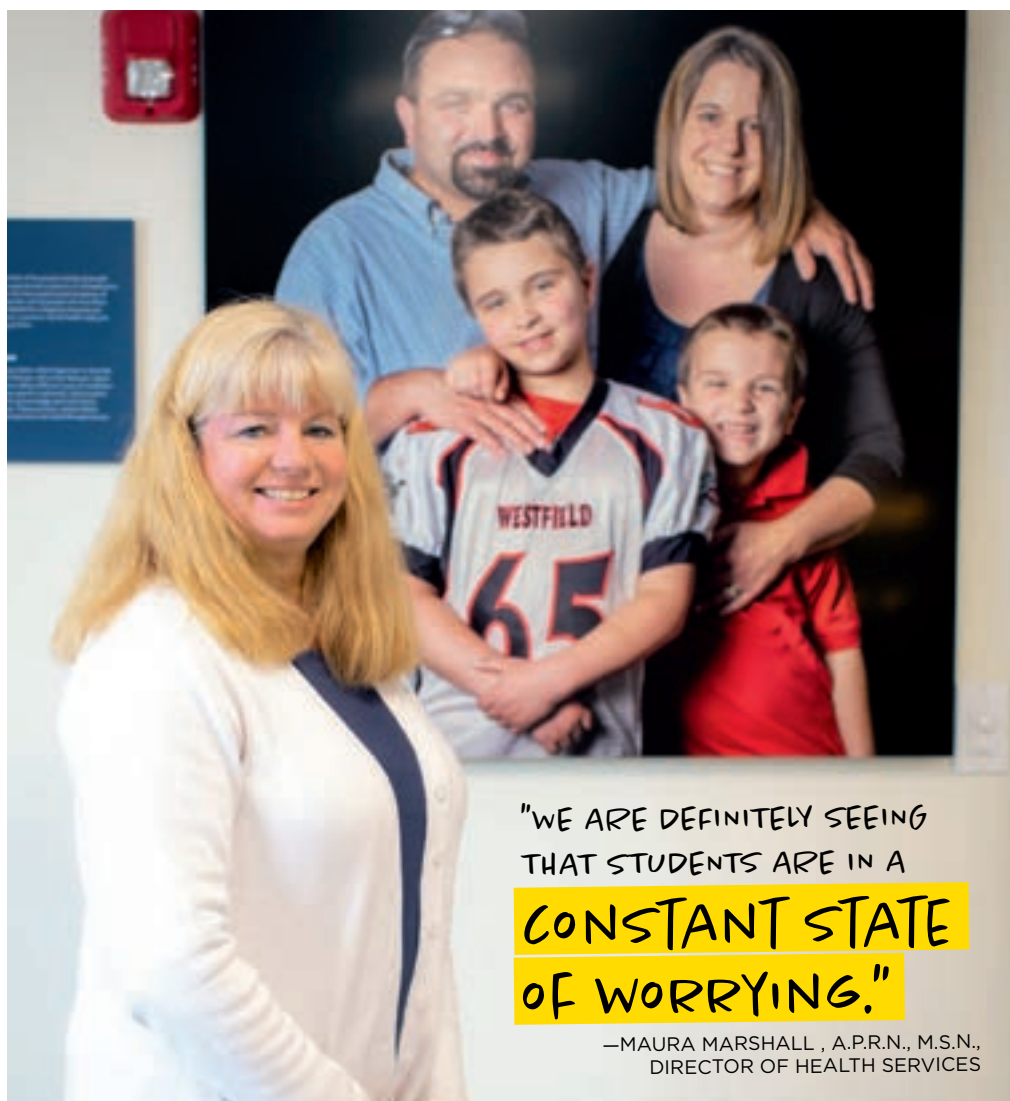
Gibbons, who also is a member of the women's softball team, has seen a tremendous shift in people's willingness to talk about mental health. "When I was a first-year student, mental health wasn't something that was talked about," she says. "But with Covid, the conversation has changed—people opened their eyes to the fact that this was a conversation we needed to have, it's been such a positive change."

## ➤ STOPPING THE STIGMA

While Gibbons remembers a time when the subject of mental health was not always openly discussed, the arrival of the Covid-19 pandemic has brought the topic to the forefront, especially for college-age students. According to Active Minds, 39 percent of students in college experience a significant mental health issue, and data recently published in *The Boston Globe* from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which was collected on a rolling basis throughout the pandemic, shows people between the ages of 18 and 29 reporting the highest rates of anxiety and depression of any age group.

"We are definitely seeing that students are in a constant state of worrying," says Maura Marshall, A.P.R.N., M.S.N., director of health services. "Due to social media constantly bombarding us with information, some people start each day in a fight-or-flight mode."

The pandemic, according to Marshall, also created a delay in social and



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emotional development among many students. “It really hit me this fall when I had a first-year student come to me—she hadn’t left her house since March of 2020, and now her first time out of the house was for one of life’s most major transitions, coming to a college campus to live,” says Marshall. “This transition is hard under normal circumstances, but add to this the pandemic, and we’re talking real struggle for many.”

Since Marshall arrived at the college in 2009, she has seen the total number of visits to her office almost double from 840 during 2009-2010 school year to 1,530 total visits for the 2020-2021 school year. To meet the increase, Marshall and her team have expanded their counseling hours, collaborated with community resources, and offered the option of telehealth. They also have assigned a counselor to each of the varsity sports teams.

“We have four counselors [two men, two women] available Monday to Friday from 9 to 5,” she says. “We have on-call counselors who are available 24/7 and can be reached after hours by dialing 603-641-7000. We also have a nurse practitioner who works directly with the counselors and is able to prescribe medication when needed.”

In addition, Marshall explains their counselors work with groups on campus for mindfulness workshops, test anxiety, and advise the three student mental health groups. “We worked with NAMI [National Alliance for Mental Illness] to provide suicide prevention training, with NASPA (National Association of Student Personnel Administrators) for peer education training, and a mental health training module for all student leaders on campus,” she says.

The college also recently approved a teletherapy app platform, known as Uwill, to supplement counseling support in health services. The app will offer a diverse pool of therapists available for students after hours and on weekends that they can access privately, right from their phone. “Whenever I speak to other schools and our community resources, they are so impressed by the level of care and crisis management that we provide at Saint A’s,” says Marshall.

This important work, along with the work of the three student mental



health groups on campus, are helping to significantly reduce the stigma associated with mental health.

“Society is more open to discussing mental health issues,” says Marshall. “Students and families are sometimes basing their decision about college based on the mental health support on campus.”

### ➤ BUILDING AWARENESS, FINDING COMMUNITY

On opening night of The 99 Faces Project on campus in January, the support for mental health awareness on campus was evident. “I was a little surprised by the crowd on opening night,” says Trombly. “And it wasn’t just students, there were staff, faculty,

and family members—everyone was so interested and engaged.”

The number of tour requests and general traffic also was a pleasant surprise for DeMarkey. Before the exhibit concluded in late April, more than 1,300 people had toured the exhibit. “We gave a tour to several members of the college’s board of trustees, and it was so gratifying to hear they were talking about the exhibit for days,” he says. “It was also so satisfying to overhear students comment on what they learned about the science behind mental illness.”

For Hart, the overwhelming support from fellow athletes was especially meaningful. “On opening night, I arrived straight from practice, and when I saw the crowd, I was blown away by how many people, especially athletes, made time for this,” he says. “It really demonstrates how taking care of your mental health is essentially just like entering another training room,” he says. “We make time to take care of our physical fitness, and our physical injuries, and people are beginning to see taking care of your mental health is just as important.”

The outpouring of interest and support in the exhibit during its time on campus has been proof that Wilson’s idea to bring the exhibit to campus was indeed a good one. The genuine interest in openly discussing mental health has been beyond meaningful for Wilson but so too has watching this group of student leaders work together for the greater good. “The willingness of these students to show up and work hard for the peers during their free time is the finest example of service to others that I’ve had the blessing to witness,” she says.

Equally gratifying for Wilson, and all the student leaders, is the impact the exhibit has had on the Saint Anselm community. “It’s been overwhelming to see visitors



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## YOU ARE NOT ALONE

If you need mental health assistance, call the Saint Anselm College Health Services Department 24/7 at 603-641-7000. For more information on the college’s telehealth app, visit <https://app.uwill.com>. Students may register using their Saint Anselm college email address.

entering the exhibit with an open mind, and be willing to talk about it,” says Trombly. “There’s this stigma that you’re weak, or less of a person if you suffer from mental illness, but really, it shows the greatest strength possible if you’re willing to talk about it, and this exhibit, I think, has helped people do that.”

For DeMarkey, seeing visitors leave with a better understanding that mental illness affects everyone has been meaningful. “Mental illness can happen to anyone, it doesn’t discriminate, it doesn’t matter who you are or where you’re from,” he says. “But also, we hope people walk away knowing they are not in this

alone, we care about you, and everyone on campus wants you to succeed.”

Wilson couldn’t agree more. “This exhibit has had a very powerful impact, and my hope is we can continue this momentum,” she says. “This has been an important step in how to normalize mental illness, and that mental health is just one piece of our whole selves—we want everyone who may be struggling with mental illness to know there’s so much more to you than this, but most importantly, you’re not alone.”

*Thank you to Lynda Michaud Cutrell, artist of the 99 Faces Project.*



The student art above was created during a paint night hosted by the Residential Learning Community's Creative Corner group.

# THE HEALING POWER OF ART, AND COMMUNITY

On a Monday night in April, more than 50 students gathered in the courtyard outside of Saint Benedict Court. Supplied with paint, paint brushes, and plenty of canvas, the purpose was not only to create something beautiful—it was about coming together, reducing anxiety, and healing through art.

This paint night was just one event of many hosted by the Creative Corner, a group of five students who are part of the college's Residential Learning Community (RLC). "The RLC is a way for students to expand their learning out of the classroom and into their living space," says **Mackenzie Kewley, M.S.W. '19**, resident director of Father Bernard Courts and Holy Cross Hall. "RLC groups can be formed out of a connection to a certain major, or a common interest, and the goal is to teach your peers about something you're passionate about—it makes the dorms a place where you not only live but are able

to expand your horizons in different ways beyond the classroom."

The Creative Corner, which just finished its third year as part of RLC, formed to help peers use art and creativity to help de-stress and promote beauty, both within each other and the overall community. "This group has really pushed themselves to understand what their peers might want or need to help de-stress, and paint night came out of this," says Kewley. "It highlighted for students the importance of taking that break from a busy routine, creating art, listening to music, coming together, and this helps mental health."

In addition to the Creative Corner group, other RLC groups focusing on mental health include Find My Fitness and Don't Stress, Worry Less. "Find My Fitness' goal is to learn how to incorporate healthy habits in relation to wellness that the SAC community can take with them when they graduate," says Kewley. "They are focusing on

helping find ways through fitness to improve one's physical well-being, mental well-being, spirituality, and nutrition in a holistic way. They want students to know that wellness is not linear and can be different for everyone."

Don't Stress, Worry Less encourages healthy and positive coping techniques to help relieve the anxieties and pressures students face daily. "They wanted their programming to be guided by the Benedictine values and to specifically cater to the unique needs within the community," she says.

New for next year, Preparation Nation—a program designed to help students handle the stressors of life after college, including managing finances, working in an office that may be remote or partially remote, and how to navigate that socially and professionally.

"These RLC groups help students share what they are passionate about, and allow for students to connect with each other, and the community," says Kewley. "And with events like paint night, it's not just about painting, it's about connecting, and being aware of how and why something like this is helping reduce anxiety and stress." —K.G.D.



# THE PROMISE OF CHANGE



*Whether in her role on the Massachusetts Parole Board, or as mom to her 13-year-old son, Charlene Bonner '91 is changing people's lives for the better.*

BY BRIDGET (MARTIN) LAZZARA '11 • PHOTO BY CHRISTINE HOCHKEPPEL

For **Charlene Bonner '91**, attending Saint Anselm College was a family affair. Her father, **Robert Bonner '66**, was the president of his class and chair of the Alumni Association, and she shared two years on campus with each of her brothers, **Rob Bonner '89** and **Mike Bonner '94**. "My father spoke so highly of Saint Anselm that we never looked anywhere else," says Bonner.

She considers her time at Saint Anselm one of the best periods of her life. She played on the women's soccer team all four years and graduated with a degree in psychology and a certificate in secondary education. "If Saint A's had a master's program then, I would have enrolled just to stay," she says.

After graduation, she received a master's in education at Bridgewater State College while working at a psychiatric hospital. She then earned a doctorate in psychology at William James College in Newton, Mass., and became a forensic psychologist in Massachusetts' juvenile court system. Soon after, she returned to campus as a lecturer in the psychology department. Bonner credits **Dr. Paul Finn '73** and **Fr. Augustine Kelly, O.S.B. '83** for encouraging her teaching career. "Teaching at Saint Anselm College has been the most fulfilling job I have had," she says.

While balancing her career and teaching, Bonner was in the process of

adopting a child from Ethiopia. As she got closer to finalizing the adoption, Bonner accepted a full-time position as a forensic psychologist in southeastern Massachusetts' trial court system in order to relocate closer to family.

In 2007, Bonner traveled to Horizon House, an orphanage in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. There, she met her 11-month-old son, Bendeshe ("Ben"). Before traveling back to the U.S., Horizon House facilitated a meeting between Bonner and Ben's surviving relatives. Communicating through a translator, Ben's father asked two questions: "Will you raise him Catholic?" and "Will I ever see him again?" She answered "yes" to both.

A practicing Catholic, Bonner had planned to bring up her son in the faith. She fulfilled her other promise in 2010, when she and Ben returned to Ethiopia and reconnected with his family, solidifying a lifelong relationship.

In 2011, Bonner began serving on the Massachusetts Parole Board, a seat she continues to hold. The job consists of conducting hearings for all sentenced adult inmates in Massachusetts, many of whom suffer from mental illness and addiction, Bonner's expertise. She continues to work as a *per diem* court clinician, where she often meets with people in crisis. "My job is to educate and inform them, their families, and attorneys, and give the court a more compassionate lens," she says. In the

parole cases she reviews, Bonner recognizes the immense responsibility she holds. "Our decisions can change the course of someone's life," she says.

In Ethiopia, Bonner and Ben are changing the course of an entire village. In February 2020, they visited Wondo Genet where Ben's relatives had moved. As a 13-year-old, Ben had a new awareness of the village's poverty: People did not have access to running water or reliable food, health care, and education. He was determined to help.

Within months, Bonner and Ben, with the help of their Kingston, Mass., community, established "Bendeshe's Village," a nonprofit raising money to renovate Wondo Genet's school by building classrooms, supplying desks, constructing a well and bathroom, and sending 200 kids to school. "Bendeshe's Village" has raised more than \$30,000, and the school is scheduled to open in September 2022.

From Wondo Genet to Kingston, Bonner's story demonstrates that strong communities transform lives, and the Saint Anselm community is foundational to her journey. "I believe the seeds planted while at Saint Anselm prepared me not only for my professional accomplishments but also motherhood," says Bonner. "I experienced the importance of strong faith, charity, and investment in others, as well as the benefits of meaningful relationships." ▀



# KAITLYN CLARKE '09

## Criminal Justice

BY KATE GRIP DENON

**“We’re providing [students] with the knowledge that our doors are always open, that their peers are available to them. We’re not going anywhere—just because you have your diploma, that’s not the end of your relationship with us.”**

**You’re an alumnus as well as a faculty member—what made you want to come to the Hilltop first as a student?**

My great uncle, **James J. Dyer '60**, was a student here before being drafted to play professional basketball, and I grew up hearing wonderful things about Saint Anselm from him. The fact that it was close to my home in Litchfield, Maine, also was important. I’m the oldest of eight children, and I’m extremely close with my family. Saint A’s is so family-centered, it was like expanding my family. I also was fortunate enough to have a friend who was a student and a criminal justice major—and hearing him talk about the program really impressed me.

**And what made you want to return as a professor?**

My connections to the department. I maintained these relationships while I pursued my master’s and Ph.D. Professor Jack Humphrey was actually one of my committee members for my dissertation. I was blessed when I got that phone call from Professor and Department Chair Peter Cordella asking, “Would you ever be interested in coming back to the Hilltop?”

**When did you know criminal justice was your path?**

My CJ100 class with Professor Jack Humphrey. Whenever I left the classroom, I wanted to keep researching. He, and all my other CJ professors, were always available to their students, which made me love this field even more. But also, when I was young, I watched the movie “The Hurricane,” and I remember thinking, “I could never imagine being innocent and having to serve time behind bars.” That’s what sparked my interest in wrongful convictions, and what became my dissertation. Professor Humphrey and I also co-wrote a book on this topic, *Wrongful Conviction: From Prevention to the Reversal of Injustice* (Charles C Thomas Pub Ltd, 2018).

**Tell me about the new 4 + 1 program—why now?**

It was the next natural step for the department, and we knew this opportunity would help advance the careers of our students. Our department always is talking about what will benefit our students, and we’re not afraid to try new things or different approaches. If this program existed when I was a student, I would have stayed.

**Were you surprised by the interest in the program?**

Yes! We were hoping for a 12-student cohort, but we had 22 students graduate from the program this May.

**Why do you think there was so much interest?**

Our flexibility. The fact that we offered an online component as part of the program allowed students to fit this into their professional life. We also identified the need for a second, non-thesis track, where instead of students completing two semesters of a thesis, they can pursue other topic courses such as crime mapping or an internship. By offering this second track, we’re speaking to the different needs of our students—it’s not a one-size-fits-all approach.

**Were there any surprises this year?**

The need for a second thesis track was a surprise, but also the online option being so beneficial to students, that also was a surprise. The flexibility of the online component has been very important.

**What do you want your students to leave the Hilltop with?**

Opportunity. Not only do we provide our students with the curriculum that will lead to their success, but we’re providing them with the knowledge that our doors are always open to them, that their peers are available to them. We’re not going anywhere—just because you have your diploma, that’s not the end of your relationship with us. ■

Kaitlyn Clarke '09

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## LEADING WITH GRATITUDE

BY ANNA BRENNAN-CURRY

When **Susan Connelly '92** speaks about the impact of Saint Anselm College on her life, it comes down to one thing: the people.

From the admissions guide who first convinced her to give the college a chance, to the friends she made on campus who kept her on the Hilltop, and finally to the professors who mentored her and pushed her into the world after graduation—all of her stories tie back to people.

While Saint Anselm College was not her first, or second, or third choice of colleges, once she moved to campus, she quickly became an Anselmian for life. As an English major, she was immersed in the humanities, in the classroom and also as a member of the Abbey Players and as a writer on staff at the *Crier*. She took leadership roles in both, and also served as an admissions guide, convincing future students to make the Hilltop their home.

"Saint A's was a place where I found it very comfortable to take risks," she says. "That risk-taking, while maybe not recognized in the moment, has formed my career, because it was a safe place for me to learn how to be a leader."

During her time at Saint Anselm College, Connelly built strong relationships with many people but particularly professors Landis Magnuson and Gary Bouchard. Professor Bouchard was relatively new to the Hilltop and served as her advisor. She was close to him and his wife, Donna, and even babysat for their oldest son after he was born.

"Gary has a wonderful way of wrapping you in comfort while pushing you out the door and saying, 'You can do more, and you can do better,'" she says.

After graduation, she found work as a reporter, and then moved into

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corporate communications and government affairs. In the coming years, she would find herself coming back to the skills she honed at Saint Anselm College—most notably, debate and writing.

Connelly kept in touch with her professors, and after she was promoted to her current position as chief communications and public affairs officer at Darden Restaurants, Inc., her first emails were to Bouchard and Magnuson to say thank you.

She also stayed connected to Saint Anselm College, participating in the Boston Business Roundtable, serving on the Alumni Council, and currently as a member of the college's board of trustees.

"Regardless of how much my life has changed or evolved, I know that when I drive onto campus and walk into the Abbey Church for Mass, I see familiarity and it feels like home," she says.

Connelly is deeply committed to ensuring that more students are able to find a home at Saint Anselm College. She has supported many scholarships throughout the years and recently made two leadership gifts. The first created the Professor Landis K. Magnuson Endowed Scholarship to honor Magnuson's retirement. It provides assistance to students in need, with a preference for members of the Abbey Players. The second established the Connelly Challenge in honor of Professor Gary Bouchard, where she is matching gifts up to \$100,000 to the campaign to build a permanent home for the humanities.

"I wouldn't have the ability to make leadership gifts without Landis and Gary. Recognizing that and celebrating that and appreciating that, it made sense to me," she says. "It was a no-brainer for me to be able to say thank you and job well done. You have had such a tremendous impact, and your impact will continue through scholarships. You will be remembered." ■

**Susan Connelly '92 credits the people she met during her time on the Hilltop for helping her develop the leadership and writing skills to become chief communications and public affairs officer at Darden Restaurants, Inc.**  
Photo by Kevin Harkins



# ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME

## Congratulations to the Class of 2022

**Saint Anselm College** inducted its five-member Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2022 on Saturday, February 19 at the New Hampshire Institute of Politics. The signature event for the Department of Athletics was held for the first time since 2020 after a pandemic-related hiatus for 2021.

Established in 1980, the Saint Anselm College Athletics Hall of Fame recognizes student-athletes, coaches and athletics administrators that have brought recognition to themselves and the college through their efforts on and off the playing surface.

After a hiatus, the Athletics Hall of Fame was reinstated in 2017 when the Class of 2007 was finally inducted along with two additional candidates. The Salamone Family Athletics Hall of Fame, a physical home for the Hall of Fame space, was unveiled in February 2020 with the help of a generous donation from **Chris M. Salamone**, J.D., Class of 1984.

### Andrea Messina '03



**Andrea Messina '03** was a four-year member of the Saint Anselm softball team, and remains the program's all-time leader in career earned-run average (1.22) and

ranks second all-time with 105 career appearances and 627.1 innings pitched. She racked up 666 career strikeouts, the second-most in team history. Her eight career saves is also tied for the most in Saint Anselm history.

Messina helped Saint Anselm to 109 victories in four years as a part of one

of the winningest classes in program history, winning 60 of those games for Saint Anselm in the circle. The NE10 Rookie of the Year in 2000 and the three-time NE10 All-Conference pick finished the team's first-ever NCAA postseason run in 2002 with three appearances, striking out 13 batters in 14 innings and allowing just one earned run.

### Darlington Okerulu '06



**Darlington Okerulu '06** is the all-time leader in rebounds for the Saint Anselm men's basketball team. Racking up 953 career rebounds across 119 career games for Saint

Anselm, Okerulu was also a proficient scorer, finishing with 1,343 career points in a four-year career on the Hilltop. He presently ranks fourth all time in games played (119) and 10th in rebounds per game (8.0).

He put together an impressive campaign as a freshman, averaging 13.7 points per game while hauling in 8.6 caroms per contest. His strong play throughout his career helped the Hawks to back-to-back NE10 Championships in 2005 and 2006. Okerulu finished with 31 career double-doubles and 71 games with at least 10 points for Saint Anselm, logging a .481 career field goal percentage.

### Brian O'Leary '01

**Brian O'Leary '01** was one of the first stars for the fledgling Saint Anselm men's lacrosse team from 1998 through



his graduation. Joining a team that had won just seven games across the first four seasons of its existence, O'Leary and the Hawks racked up 29 wins during his time that

saw him establish the team's assists record (152) that remains unthreatened to this day.

Racking up 210 career points of offense for Saint Anselm, he registered 39 assists in 1998 and followed with back-to-back campaigns of 42 and 44 helpers, respectively—those figures remain the top three single-season assist records to date. The two-time NE10 Second Team All-Conference selection was pivotal in his team's first NE10 tournament appearance in 1999.

### Brett Smith '07



**Brett Smith '07** remains the first (and only) four-time First Team All-Conference selection in Saint Anselm men's ice hockey history.

Competing as a defenseman, Smith earned back-to-back Defensive Player of the Year honors from the NE10 as the Hawks won four Regular Season Championships and two postseason titles in his tenure.

Bursting onto the scene in 2003, the 100 career point scorer (35-69=104) captured the NE10 Rookie of the Year award and was a finalist for the prestigious Joe Concannon Hockey Award in 2006 after leading all ECAC East student-athletes with 21



From left: Daron Montgomery, director of Athletics, Brian O'Leary '01, Andrea Messina '03, Darlington Okerulu '06, Meghan Smith '12, Brett Smith '07, Dr. Joseph A. Favazza. Photo by Jim Stankiewicz

power-play points (6-15=21). In total, Smith helped the Hawks to a 68-35-6 record (.651) which stands as the winningest four-year stretch in team history.

## Meghan Smith '12

**Meghan Smith '12** was a standout member of the Hawks women's lacrosse team from 2009 through 2012, and averaged 4.36 points per



game across 56 career games, the team record to this day. Potting 203 goals with 41 assists for 244 career points (203-41=244) to rank second all-time, Smith is the far-and-away team leader in draw controls with 372 (6.64/game) during her tenure on the Hilltop.

As a senior, Smith scored a team-record 67 goals (single-season record)

game across 56 career games, the team record to this day. Potting 203 goals with 41 assists for 244 career points (203-41=244) to rank second all-time, Smith

with 12 assists for 79 points (67-12=79), earning IWLCNA North All-Region honors and a First-Team All-Conference selection from the NE10. Just one season prior, Smith hauled in a single-season record 130 draw controls to give her 9.29 per game, the second-most in NCAA Division II single-season history.

For more information on the Athletics Hall of Fame, or to make a nomination for the Class of 2023, visit [SaintAnselmHawks.com/HOF](http://SaintAnselmHawks.com/HOF). 🏆



**PROFESSOR  
LORETTA BRADY '99**



**DEAN J. CHRISTON '78**



**NATALIE JUTRAS '99**

## ANSELMIANS RECOGNIZED BY *NH BUSINESS REVIEW*

**Six Anselmians** were recently recognized for their work in the state by the *NH Business Review's* New Hampshire 200 awards. The initiative features 200 individuals in New Hampshire who the *Review's* editors believe to be the state's most influential business leaders across major industries comprised of education, business, marketing, nonprofit, and real estate.

Included on the list are Professor **Loretta Brady '99** and New Hampshire Institute of Politics Executive Director Neil Levesque as well as alumni **Dean J. Christon '78**, **Natalie Jutras '99**, **E.J. Powers '05**, and **Michael Skelton '04**.

"We are so pleased to see these Anselmians recognized as leaders in their fields," said Dr. Joseph A. Favazza, president of Saint Anselm College. "Each one represents the thoughtful and values-based education that is provided here on the Hilltop."

Professor Brady teaches in the college's psychology department and is director of the Community Resilience and Social Equity Lab

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**—DR. JOSEPH A. FAVAZZA,  
PRESIDENT, SAINT ANSELM COLLEGE**

formerly known as Requity Labs. As a licensed clinical psychologist, she has additional certifications in leadership coaching, addiction treatment, infant mental health, and conflict mediation. Her clinical efforts have served returning veteran's, chronically ill patients, professional teams, families in crisis, and patients with trauma and addiction. In addition to research on risk and resilience, Professor Brady has developed a specialty in technology, employee training, diversity and organizational psychology.

As executive director of the New Hampshire Institute of Politics since 2009, Levesque has lead the institute and college through a variety of state and national productions including five presidential debates and numerous distinguished speakers including U.S. presidents, vice presidents, and presidential candidates. As the institute celebrates its 20th anniversary, it continues to fulfill its mission of educating, engaging, and empowering citizens to participate in the civic and



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**MICHAEL SKELTON '04**

political life of their local, national and global communities. Prior to his work at the college, Levesque held leadership roles in politics and governance across New Hampshire.

Christon, a 1978 graduate of the college, retired as the executive director and CEO of New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority on December 31, 2021. He led the organization since 2007, holding leadership roles there for more than 33 years. Christon has been influential in advocating for affordable housing for New Hampshire families, as well as working with state officials on economic and community development strategies. He serves as a member of the State of New Hampshire's Council of Partner Agencies, the New Hampshire Community Development Advisory Committee, and the Council on Housing Stability. He also has served on the board of directors of the National Council of State Housing Agencies. Christon serves as vice chair of the Advisory Board of the Saint Anselm College Center for Ethics in Society, and is a trustee of NeighborWorks Southern NH.

Jutras is a business development representative with Bank of New England in Manchester, N.H. She was previously the director of advancement at the Boys & Girls Club of Manchester where she led the organization's fundraising efforts. She told the *NH Business Review* that she considers it an honor to help raise money for an organization whose purpose is to serve children well. She has worked in a variety of positions in the nonprofit world. She graduated from Saint Anselm in 1999 with a degree in business.

Powers graduated from Saint Anselm in 2005 and has since developed and executed strategic communications campaigns for clients across the state and beyond through his work as a partner of leading communications and marketing agency, Montagne Communications. In his position, he supports client goals in reaching audiences around the world and provides strategic counsel and communications and marketing support in a variety of industries

including government, tourism, energy, healthcare, manufacturing, hospitality, real estate, tech, and nonprofit.

As the former president and CEO of the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce (GMC), Skelton led the state's largest business advocacy organization, representing nearly 800 businesses across southern New Hampshire. He was the organization's key spokesperson and an advocate for the Greater Manchester business community. Since the beginning of his tenure in 2014, he oversaw management of the organization, the development and implementation of the GMC's strategic plan, programs, and budgets. Skelton has served on the board of directors of Stay Work Play, and was named to the 2014 class of New Hampshire's "40 Under Forty" young leaders by the *Union Leader*. He graduated from the college in 2004. This past January, he became president and CEO of the Business and Industry Association of New Hampshire, in Concord, N.H. ■



## '61

**Capt. Ann Darby Reynolds (Ret.)** reports service dog Darby, named in her honor, has been matched through the Warrior Canine Connection with MSgt. Adam M. Boccer, USAF (Ret.). The black Lab service dog trained by the Warrior Canine Connection was one of 100 namesake dogs who underwent an intense two-year training process in order to be paired with a veteran.

## '64

**LTC U.S. Army William A. Bayliss (Ret.)** was inducted into the Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame in March 2022, Fort Benning, Ga. A 1965 OCS graduate, he served with distinction and honor in Vietnam and Germany, with duties at headquarters, Department of the Army as an operations and research program budget analyst. His career is highlighted with the Defense Superior Service Medal. In recognition of outstanding contributions to the finance department, he was granted and assigned the distinction of Distinguished Member of the Finance Regiment by order of the Secretary of the Army.

## '70

**Paul Lituri** has retired from a 20-year career as a chemist, and 25-year career as a magnetics engineer. He now

works part-time at Lowe's in Tilton, N.H., while also restoring a Victorian home built in 1900.

## '74

**Kevin Kelly** was inducted into the National Housing Hall of Fame. He is chairman and managing principal for Leon N. Weiner & Associates, Inc. (LNWA), a homebuilding, development and property management firm based in Wilmington, Del.

**Peter Lally** received the 2021 Coach of Significance Award from the United Soccer Coaches Association. This award is given to a high school coach who has taught life lessons not only on the soccer field but off it as well.

## '76

**Lt. Gen. Bernard Champoux U.S. Army (Ret.)** has joined the advisory board for Castellum, Inc., in Bethesda, Md. He is a retired three-star general, with nearly 39 years of service. He served nearly four years in the Republic of Korea as the assistant chief of staff, U3, for United Nations Command; ROK-U.S. Combined Forces Command C3; and United States Forces Korea J3. From June 2013 to February 2016, he commanded the Eighth Army while simultaneously serving as the chief of staff for United Nations Command, ROK-U.S. Combined Forces

Command, and United States Forces Korea. He received the Gukseon Medal, Order of National Merit from the ROK government and the Department of Defense Distinguished Service Medal for his contributions to the ROK-U.S. Alliance. He joined Hanwha in May 2017 and heads their newly formed U.S. business headquarters. Prior to assuming his position at Hanwha, he consulted for Lockheed Martin, L3, CENTRA Technology, Analytical Services (ANSER), and the Defense Science Board. He is a founding member of the board of directors, Korean Defense Veterans Association; a member of the board of directors, MFSI Government Group; and a former honorary board member of the Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation.

## '77

**Mark Sullivan** has joined the advisory board for Cambridge, Mass.-based Ray-Secur™, a security imaging company with the world's first DHS Safety Act-designated millimeter wave (mmWave) desktop scanner for mail and package threat detection. Sullivan is a former U.S. Secret Service director. He joined the Secret Service in 1983 and became the 22nd director of the organization in 2006, holding the position for seven years during the George W. Bush and Barack

Obama administrations before retirement.

## '81

**Timothy J. Barrett** has been appointed president and chief executive officer of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston. He joined the bank in November 2010 as senior vice president and treasurer, and was promoted to executive vice president and treasurer in January 2019. Prior to joining the bank, he served as assistant treasurer at FMR, LLC, the parent company of Fidelity Investments, from September 2008 to October 2010; as treasurer and chief investment officer at Fidelity Personal Bank & Trust from August 2007 to September 2008; as managing director, global treasury at Investors Bank & Trust from September 2004 to July 2007; in various senior roles in treasury at FleetBoston Financial (including merged entities) from 1985 to 2004; and as an investment manager for Citibank, NA from 1981 to 1985. He received his MBA from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y.

**James J. Barry, Ph.D.** has been appointed as an independent director to the board of directors for BioSig Technologies, Inc., in Westport, Conn. He is currently the principal owner at Convergent Biomedical Group, LLC. Prior to Convergent,

## PAVING THE WAY FOR A VACCINE: AMY (LEWIS) GENEST '96

**Rolling up their sleeves** for their first Covid-19 shot, many people breathed a sigh of relief. It was the end of a long and worrisome wait. For **Amy (Lewis) Genest '96**, it was especially exciting. She had not only waited but played a key role in bringing the shot from the laboratory to people's arms.

"It was a very emotional day when I got my shot, and the same when my kids got their shots," she says.

Genest works for Pfizer, one of the world's premier biopharmaceutical companies. In 2020, her task was to locate, manage, and oversee organizations that could manufacture the coronavirus vaccine under contract with the same quality and integrity

followed at Pfizer-owned facilities. The company had not yet received authorization for their Covid-19 vaccine—but when they did, they would need more production capacity than they had at their current sites.

"We knew we needed more supply and had to be positioned to supply the world. My team was looking at the technology and seeing if we had contractors that would be a good fit," Genest says. "We started by looking at manufacturing organizations in the United States and Europe to see if they were open to working with Pfizer in a new, emerging technology, even before we had clinical results and didn't have a well-defined process."

The lack of a viable vaccine made her work challenging. In addition, although Genest normally does some of the vetting and negotiating with external suppliers onsite, travel was impossible.

The team was successful: There are more than 20 external vendors on four continents that support Pfizer's coronavirus vaccine production. They are on track to produce the four billion doses allocated for this year, Genest says.

Genest is one of a small number of people who specialize in "technology

transfer." After finding an external partner, she handed over the project to an engineer in India to manage the top-secret transfer of the vaccine's blueprint and manufacturing.

"It was a very intense eight to 10 months," says Genest, who works from a home office in Andover, Mass. "Typically, we have a much bigger window for selecting and qualifying our partners. It was done at lightning speed—there was no time to say no. If a meeting was scheduled for 5 a.m. or 10 p.m., it had to be done. My two girls were in first and third grade doing school remotely, and my husband was working from home too." Fortunately, she shares a home with her parents, who oversaw the children's schooling.

After graduating with a natural science degree, Genest had an interest in clinical research. Lacking experience in the field, she took an entry-level job on the manufacturing floor of a small biopharmaceutical company, making drugs for hemophilia. With a master's degree in business, she had the skills to move up. She joined Pfizer in 1997 as a process technician and is now the new product lead in Pfizer's global supply organization.

"I'm responsible for teams that launch products in Pfizer's pipeline, making sure products are ready, so when approval comes, we can get them out to the markets and to the patients who need them."

The most rewarding part of Genest's job is having an impact on patients' lives: "It was demanding but also humbling and thrilling to be asked to be even a small part of this amazing journey."

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he was president and CEO at InspireMD, Inc., and Arsenal Medical. He spent the majority of his career at Boston Scientific with increasing roles of responsibility culminating as senior vice president of corporate technology. He is the author of multiple peer-reviewed publications and holds more than 40 U.S. and international patents. He received his Ph.D. in biochemistry from the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

**Robin Young-Cournoyer** recently released her book, *UDL University: Designing for Variability Across the Postsecondary Curriculum* (CAST, 2022). The book is a collaboration with 15 other educators in higher learning. She is an associate professor of nursing at Goodwin University in East Hartford, Conn.

**Jim McDonnell** has joined Rithem Life Sciences' Strategic Advisory Board. McDonnell is the former Los Angeles County Sheriff. He will aid in efforts to provide Rithem's CPR aid and automated external defibrillator, JoltzAED, to police units across the country.

## '82

**Martha M. Jacques** received the Vickie M. Bunnell Award for Community Service from the New Hampshire Bar Association. She was

hired as one of the first female N.H. state troopers, graduating from the 61st N.H. Police Academy. She began practicing law as an associate of Small & Lyons in Nashua, N.H., following admission to the Bar in 2001, and soon opened a practice as a solo practitioner, remaining in general practice and then concentrating in district court prosecution, representing several small towns.

## '84

**Mary Jenkins** has joined the New Hampshire Bar Association as director of professional development. She will develop and manage the continuing legal education programs for N.H. Bar members alongside the N.H. Bar CLE Committee. She comes to the Bar Association from Accufile, Inc., where she led the research solutions team and worked as a legal information professional at two New Hampshire-based law firms. Previously, she served as director of the Hamilton County Law Library, a membership organization in Cincinnati.

## '86

**Susan Marshall** has joined Office Gallery International in Norwood, Mass., a leading provider of office furniture and design services for the business community, as vice president of sales. Prior to

Office Gallery, she served as principal of Concentric Spaces, a multiline independent manufacturers' representatives group. During her 15-year tenure, she represented 10 different lines of furniture and architectural products to architects, designers, and dealers throughout New England, including to Office Gallery.

**Thomas Tuttle** was elevated to senior bar and policy compliance advisor in the Office of the General Counsel at Ropes & Gray, LLP.

## '88

**Dawn Eswara** recently gathered at the lakeside home of **Laura (Saulnier) Walker '88** along with **Mary Clare (Hammond) Spalti '88** to celebrate their December birthdays.

**Michael Thurz** was selected to be the first full-time "strong" fire chief for Grafton, Mass. He is a third-generation firefighter, and was appointed part-time fire chief for Glastonbury, Conn., in 2010. He earned his MBA from the University of Hartford, and was previously vice president at Webster Bank.

## '91

**Greg Lennon** has been appointed vice president of global offshore wind by

the American Bureau of Shipping (ABS) in Houston, Texas. Prior to ABS, he created new business for the energy and infrastructure division at Mitsui and Co. Prior to Mitsui, he was with the Power Authority of New York, NRG Energy, Engie (formerly International Power) and Avista Corp. He has worked in various energy markets across the U.S. and Canada, creating global strategic partnerships for renewable generation sources and infrastructure.

**David St. Pierre** was sworn in as police chief of the Lewiston Police Department in Lewiston, Maine. He has been a member of the department for more than 29 years, serving as patrol officer, special agent with the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency, detective, sergeant, sergeant of detectives, and lieutenant of patrol and most recently of the Support Services Division, where he was public information officer. He also graduated from the FBI National Academy in March 2018.

## '95

**Craig MacCormack** has started a new position as the breaking news writer for PYMNTS.com in Boston.

## '96

**Christopher Francesconi** has been appointed the new police chief of East

## SHAKING IT UP: ALEX MACOMBER '10

After working for nearly a decade in robotics, **Alex Macomber '10** is forging a new path. Since late 2019, Macomber and his wife, Kelsey, have opened a series of protein shake and tea bars across southern New Hampshire. Their trendy shops serve over 40 flavors of low-sugar protein shakes and energizing teas to customers as a healthy alternative to fast food.

Macomber's career path has been anything but traditional. Following his graduation from Saint Anselm in 2010, the applied physics major went on to receive his bachelor of science in electrical engineering from the University of Notre Dame as part of the 3 + 2 engineering program. Macomber spent more than eight years as a robotics engineer for Kiva Systems, later acquired by Amazon, where he deployed robots throughout the United States and Europe.

Through Kelsey's work as a health coach, the couple learned about brick-and-mortar beverage shops opening across the country. They noticed the need for a similar store in New Hampshire and set a plan to start their own.

"It was a very difficult decision as I thoroughly enjoyed my career in the technology field and loved my colleagues at Amazon, but with our second baby on the way, and my burning desire to own a business, I made the calculated leap," Macomber says.

Macomber credits his humanities background at Saint Anselm with helping him shift careers. He found that emphasis on reading, writing, and critical thinking can be adapted to any career path.

"It was definitely helpful to have a well-rounded education so that I could break away from my niche in technology," he says.



The couple hit the ground running, opening five shops in less than a year, including The Nutrition Corner in Derry, Nourished in Manchester, and The Vibe in Hudson. The shops serve a variety of nutritious shakes and teas, including flavors like Reese's and Pineapple Breeze, Macomber's personal favorites. Each shake contains at least 29 grams of protein, as well as a host of vitamins and minerals, making it the perfect meal replacement for those who are on the go.

So far, the shake and tea bars are a hit in the local community. Despite Covid-19 shutdowns just months after The Nutrition Corner opened its doors, the shop has become a popular local spot. After adapting to accommodate for curbside orders and take-home shake and tea kits in spring 2020, the store's business

more than tripled.

"It was out of control, people driving 45 minutes and then waiting in their car for another 30 minutes for a protein shake," says Macomber. "It became a cool place to hang out, tailgate and talk to friends."

As Covid restrictions lessen, the store continues to be a focal point in the community. The business continues its commitment to healthy lifestyles, and even hosts fitness classes at their Windham location. Now, Macomber is eager to help other aspiring business owners open their own beverage shops. Their business group now has 20 stores on the East Coast and plans to open dozens more in the coming years.

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ALEX MACOMBER '10



Providence, R.I. Francesconi joined the force in 2000, and has been deputy chief since May 2019. He had been serving as acting police chief prior to his appointment.

**Dianne Martin** has assumed the position of director of the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) of the New Hampshire Judicial Branch. Before joining the judicial branch, she served as the chairwoman of the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (PUC), which she led through the recent creation of the state's Department of Energy. Prior to that, she served in several roles at the Department of Justice, most recently as associate attorney general and chief of staff, as well as the statewide contract procurement specialist. She also litigated at all levels of the New Hampshire court system. She was also previously general counsel for the New Hampshire Division for Juvenile Justice and an in-house victim advocate at Concord Circuit Court.

**Daniel McVay** has been involved with refugee resettlement through his church, Bethany Christian Services, in Philadelphia, Pa., for the last five years. They are currently supporting a family of 10 from Afghanistan. A story on this was recently published in *The New York Times*.

**Jared Mills** has been appointed assistant city

manager for Augusta, Maine. He also is chief of police for Augusta, and is currently president of the Maine Chiefs of Police Association, and teaches a municipal administration class at the University of Maine at Augusta as an adjunct instructor. He received a Master of Public Administration degree in 2017 from the University of Maine. Mills also was recently inducted as an honorary member of the National Technical Honor Society by the Capital Area Technical Center for his work in helping the center's Law Enforcement Academy program with resources and equipment.

## '97

**Kelly Smith Papa** has been announced as the new CEO at Duncaster, a national aging services leader in Bloomfield, Conn. She most recently served as Duncaster's interim CEO and is an author of eight books on long-term care. Her extensive work resumé also includes time as a director of nursing, a clinical educator, a national consultant in building dementia care programs and facilitator of leadership development programs. She earned an M.S. in nursing/clinical nurse specialist from the University of St. Joseph in West Hartford, Conn.

**Kenneth A. Times, III** celebrated his 15th year

at Bose Corporation in Framingham, Mass., as a HLDEC, Global in the Military Aviation and Government Contracting Division. He also owns his own seasonal flower, Christmas tree, and gift shop in Tyngsboro, Mass., and enjoys spending time traveling the world and enjoying the Great North Woods at his mountain cabin.

## '01

**John Gallivan and Gina (Meneses) Gallivan** are co-founders of the TIDE Cancer Foundation. The foundation's mission is to provide care packages to women in Connecticut undergoing cancer treatment.

**Tom Mooney** passed the Journeyman Electrical License exam on September 27, 2021, and received his New Hampshire Journeyman Electrician license on September 29, 2021. He is currently working at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard on various projects.

## '02

**Paul Smith** has been appointed chief operating officer of Saint Vincent Hospital in Worcester, Mass., and of Tenet Healthcare's Massachusetts Market. He arrived at Saint Vincent Hospital after a successful seven-year tenure with Steward Health Care, which culminated in his role as

chief operating officer of Steward's flagship hospital in Massachusetts, St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in Boston. During his tenure at Saint Elizabeth's, he helped lead the organization's response to the Covid-19 pandemic, worked with physician leaders to grow and develop service lines, and guided a few large-scale capital projects. Prior to his role at Saint Elizabeth's, he was the vice president of operations at Holy Family Hospital, and the senior director of surgical services for Steward Medical Group. Before joining Steward, he spent 10 years at Cambridge Health Alliance, a three-campus safety net system based in Cambridge, where he held a number of progressive leadership positions. He received an M.S. in health care management from the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

## '03

**Amy (Corrigan) St. Arnaud** works as the curriculum coordinator for World Languages for the North Reading Public Schools in Massachusetts and also teaches Spanish. She recently finished facilitating a review panel group for the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for the new curriculum frameworks. She is currently leading an implementation team for DESE. She is a

## A SKILLED NEGOTIATOR: KRISTINE E. ADAMS '16

**For Kristine E. Adams '16**, being able to speak another language with people from around the world is just part of the job. As an air services negotiator for the Department of Transportation in Washington, D.C., Adams, who speaks Spanish fluently, coordinates with foreign countries all around the globe, airline companies, and the U.S. government interagency to negotiate and maintain Open Skies Agreements.

"These legally binding air transportation agreements are negotiated bilaterally or multilaterally between the U.S. government and the governments of foreign countries that allow any airline of the foreign entity and any airline of the United States to fly between any point in the foreign entity and any point in the United States," she says.

According to Adams, since the negotiation of the first Open Skies Agreement in 1992, international passenger and cargo flights to and from the United States increased exponentially, facilitating expeditious travel and trade, enhancing commercial productivity, and spurring high-quality job opportunities and economic growth.

Adams, who was a Spanish and international relations major, credits her studies of the humanities for her ability to navigate and facilitate these negotiations. "I cannot think of a professional discipline more informed by the study of the humanities than foreign affairs," she says. "The study and practice of international relations crosscuts so many core disciplines of the humanities, such as religion, history,



philosophy, and modern languages."

For Adams, in order to advocate on behalf of the U.S. government to another country, it is essential to understand the culture and history of that foreign partner. "Context is crucial to creating consensus," she says. "For instance, had I not known that in 2017 Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Egypt severed diplomatic ties with Qatar, I could have never accomplished my meeting objectives if I told my Qatari counterparts about my recent trip to Bahrain. Even worse, it could have caused a diplomatic incident."

Fluency in another language also has been instrumental to her success in this role. "Being able to converse with foreign partners in their native tongue can also be key to concluding a negotiation," she says. "It shows

that you and the department you are representing [are] open to understanding their perspective and that you value both the similarities between you but also the differences."

This ability to have a conversation in another language is crucial for doing business, according to Adams. "Many diplomats in Central and South America consider a U.S. diplomat's ability to speak Spanish essential to doing business," she says. "I am so thankful for the language proficiency and soft skills I learned in the modern language and politics department—without them, my career in foreign affairs would be impossible."

Adams is especially thankful for Professor Jaime Orrego in the modern languages department and Professor Peter Josephson and Professor Erik

Cleven in the politics department for courses that taught her cultural literacy, diplomacy, and regional history. She also is appreciative of the advice she received from Professor Sarah Glenn in the philosophy department. "She would argue that 'it is worth studying the humanities to have something to talk about at [social gatherings].'" Living in D.C. has made Adams appreciate the truth of that statement. "A comparison of the federal appropriations process to the myth of Sisyphus was a great ice breaker when I met the Secretary of Homeland Security for the first time," she says.

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KRISTINE E. ADAMS '16**

strong advocate for the Massachusetts State Seal of Biliiteracy and works on the project in her district and on state and local panels. She lives in Lowell, Mass., with her husband Matt and three children.

## '04

**Lewis Cataldo** is assistant principal at Central High School, in Manchester, N.H. He has worked in the Manchester School District the last four years as an assistant principal at Southside Middle School. Prior to that, he taught social studies for 11 years at Cawley Middle School in Hooksett, N.H.

**Doug Cooper** is now the head of technical services at the Pollard Library in Lowell, Mass. He manages the purchase and cataloging of new library materials and helps oversee the library's information technology.

## '05

**Ryan McLeod** has been named the new assistant city manager for Waltherboro, S.C. McLeod has served as the city's parks director since 2018 and most recently as acting planning and zoning administrator. Prior to joining the City of Waltherboro, McLeod was the assistant superintendent at Crowfield Golf Club in Goose Creek, S.C.

**Stephanie (Moran) Tymula** has been included in Marquis

Who's Who. She attained a Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of Massachusetts School of Law in 2010 and has been admitted to practice law in the states of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Vermont. She began her career as a law clerk for the Office of the Corporation Counsel in 2004, and later worked as the assistant general counsel for Wingate Healthcare until 2011, and then began a position as an attorney for SkillSoft. She also worked as an attorney instructor for Law Tutors, LLC in 2010 and 2011, and as a senior associate attorney for the Burgeon Legal Group Ltd in 2014. In 2018, she began her current position as a managing partner for LTC Matters, LLC. She was named as a Super Lawyer in 2021, and was listed among the Top 10 America's Best Lawyers in 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021, and was selected for New Hampshire Bar Leadership Academy in 2019. She is a co-chair of the New Lawyers Committee of the New Hampshire Bar Association and the president of the Greater Nashua Parents of Twins or More.

## '06

**James Wellock** recently had an article published by the Massachusetts Bar Association in the March/April issue of *Section Review*. The article, "On Democracy: My Tour of Moldova,"

shared his experiences as an international election observer with the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe during the snap parliamentary election in July of 2021. He is assistant city solicitor for the City of Lynn and serves as counsel to the Lynn Human Rights Commission.

## '08

**Colin Fitzpatrick** is a police officer with the Wayland Police Department in Massachusetts. He previously served in the U.S. Army with the 82nd Airborne, including a tour in Afghanistan. Upon his return, he joined the Wayland Police Department in 2015, and then joined the Needham Police Department in 2019 before returning to Wayland.

**Paul Lincoln** of Worcester, Mass., was voted "40 Under Forty, Class of 2021" by the *Worcester Business Journal*. He is a sales audit supervisor in corporate finance for TJX Companies in Framingham, Mass., and CEO and owner of the candle-making company Lincoln Crafted.

## '09

**Jessica D'Angelo** has been appointed the new head of franchise and restaurant lending for Northern Bank. She joined Northern Bank in 2009 as a part-time teller in Chelmsford, Mass., and

has held several roles of increased responsibility in the bank's retail and commercial lending divisions. In her new role, she will manage a team of franchise and restaurant lenders, credit analysts and support staff as they develop existing customer relationships and create new ones. She earned a master's degree in banking and financial services management from Boston University in 2019.

## '10

**Erica Mawby-Roche** has been appointed director of the Termeer Fellows Program for the Termeer Foundation, a nonprofit organization focused on connecting life science innovators and catalyzing the creation of new medicines.

## '13

**Alexandria Bouchard, L.I.C.S.W.** was promoted to co-coordinator of North End Counseling in Manchester, N.H.

**Evan Dell'Olio** has been appointed by the board of directors of the Massachusetts Forest Alliance to serve as chairman of the organization's Public Policy Committee. MFA is a Marlborough, Mass.-based nonprofit advocacy organization originally founded in 1952., and promotes a

strong, sustainable forest economy, responsible forest management practices, private land equity, and the continuation of working forests on public and private lands. As chairman, he will co-lead legislative lobbying efforts at the state and federal levels and represent the organization's policy positions at regulatory proceedings.

# '14

**Richard Serino** was re-elected to a second term on the Revere City Council in Revere, Mass., in November 2021. He represents Ward 6 and a district of 10,000 people. He also was elected by fellow members of the council to serve as vice president of the Revere City Council in January 2022.

# '15

**Mary Nee** is an assistant coach for the women's field hockey team at Regis College in Weston, Mass. She also is pursuing her master's degree in social work at Regis College.

**Christopher Parent** is a senior airman in the New Hampshire National Guard, and served New Hampshire in pandemic relief efforts for 426 consecutive days. In December 2021, he was awarded the 260th Air Traffic Control Squadron 2021 Airman of the Year, 157th

Operations Group 2021 Airman of the Year, and the Spirit of Bob Hope Medallion award.

**Kayla Shannon** is the girls' cross-country coach for Duxbury High School in Duxbury, Mass. She is a math teacher for Duxbury Middle School where she was previously the cross-country coach since the program's inception.

# '17

**Peter Fidrych** completed an M.S. in higher education administration at Southern New Hampshire University in the Fall of 2021, and currently works at SNHU as an assistant registrar.

**Cody Jones** was recognized by The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences for his contributions to the Emmy Award-winning program "SportsCenter" on ESPN. The award was given for "Outstanding Studio Show-Daily, 2020-2021" at the 42nd Annual Sports Emmy Awards. He is a production assistant at ESPN, and was editor of the Saint Anselm Crier from 2016-2017, and was the sports editor for two years prior to being editor.

**MaryCatherine Lavallee** received her master's in behavior analysis and autism from Endicott College in Beverly, Mass., in August 2021. She is currently studying for her Alternative 4 certification

in special education and elementary education and will be taking boards to become a board-certified behavior analyst. She began her career as a paraprofessional in the Londonderry School District in the FRIENDS Program (an autism-based classroom). She continues to work within the FRIENDS Program in Londonderry's School District as a case manager and teacher at Moose Hill in Londonderry, N.H.

# '18

**Brigid Horan** was promoted to lieutenant in the Navy Nurse Corps on May 1, 2022. Additionally, she was selected to attend perioperative school.

**Clare Robbins** has been promoted to the role of assistant city clerk for the Worcester City Council in Worcester, Mass. She previously was the chief of staff for the council, and before joining the city of Worcester, she was the state scheduler for U.S. Sen. Jeanne Shaheen.

# '19

**Madison Mangels** has joined Scoop News Group in Washington, D.C., as manager of community engagement, where she coordinates events for the defense, cybersecurity, and tech public sector communities, overseeing 400+ community events

per year. Prior to this, she served as outreach manager for No Labels, advocating for bicameral, bipartisan legislation within the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives.

# '21

**Shannon Colson** is an assistant coach for the women's softball team at Regis College in Weston, Mass. She also is pursuing her master's degree in special education at Regis College.

# '22

**Jason Burns** is the web content coordinator for the Office of College Communications and Marketing at Saint Anselm College.

**Anna Conti** has accepted a job as a medical/oncology registered nurse at Elliot Hospital in Manchester, N.H.

**Anastasia Morrison** received the Student Change Agent Award from New Hampshire Business for Social Responsibility (NHBSR) for making positive and impressive changes on and off the Saint Anselm College campus.

**Brendan Parr** has accepted a position as GMP chemist with Cambridge Isotope Laboratories in Tewksbury, Mass.



**Paul J. McNeil, D.D.S. '46**, longtime resident of Marblehead, Mass., passed away on Wednesday, November 24, 2021, with Maureen (Sobocinski), his wife of 54 years, at his side. Born in Medford, the son of the late John and Mary (Flaherty) McNeil, Paul was a graduate of Saint Anselm College and the University of Pennsylvania Dental School. After graduation, Paul served his country as a dentist in the U.S. Navy as an active serviceman and reservist. Following his service, Paul practiced dentistry in Swampscott, where he cared for generations of patients.

An active member of the Hilltop community, Paul got to know the college through his older brother, **John F. McNeil '42**, who was a scholarship athlete on the football team. Paul wanted to attend Saint Anselm, but doubted he could afford the tuition. Then college-treasurer Father John Lynch, O.S.B. asked "how much could you afford?" When Paul told Fr. John what he had saved from his summer job—Fr. John told him he could attend for that amount.

Never forgetting how the college helped him, Paul and his wife, Maureen, funded the Dr. and Mrs. Paul McNeil Annual Scholarship, providing the means for new generations of deserving students to receive a Saint Anselm education. In recognition of their generosity, the entryway to the college was named in their honor in 2016, and is now known as the Dr. Paul J. McNeil '46 College Entrance.

## IN MEMORIAM

### **Rose Mary Fournier '51**

(Mount Saint Mary), Manchester, N.H., December 30, 2019.

### **James McAvoy, Jr. '51,**

Peabody, Mass., January 8, 2021.

### **Kenneth A. Wheeler '51,**

Shirley, Mass., April 4, 2022.

### **Thomas J. O'Connor, Jr. '52,**

Copley, Ohio, November 21, 2021.

### **Roland Albert Ouellette '52,**

Finastle, Va., September 20, 2021.

### **Paul J. Cloutier '53,**

Port Orange, Fla., December 8, 2021.

### **Joseph M. Crotty '53,**

Winthrop, Mass., February 17, 2020.

### **Maurice "Mo" Fitzgerald '54,**

Audubon, Pa., February 7, 2022.

### **Armand Demers '55,**

Manchester, N.H., January 10, 2022.

### **Jane Abbott Hurst '56**

(Mount Saint Mary), Concord, N.H., January 7, 2022.

### **Raymond R. Gemma, Sr. '57,**

Cranston, R.I., December 18, 2021.

### **Barbara F. Massey '57**

(Mount Saint Mary), Nashua, N.H., January 24, 2022.

### **William Quane Nartiff '57,**

Methuen, Mass., March 2, 2022.

### **Terence F. McNulty, Jr. '58,**

West Hartford, Conn., April 10th, 2022.

### **Robert K. Barrett '59,**

Weymouth, Mass., January 12, 2022.

### **Anthony Levering '59,**

Nokomis, Fla., December 3, 2021.

### **J. Ronald Doran '60,**

Shrewsbury, N.J., October 21, 2021.

### **Robert Julien (Butch) Bouchard '62,**

Stratham, N.H., March 2, 2022.

### **Clifford "Kip" Bowen, Jr. '62,**

Sunderland, Mass., February 9, 2022.

### **Micheline Leroux '62**

(Mount Saint Mary), Granby, Quebec, Canada, February 26, 2020.

**Claire Mary (Gibbs) Sweenor '62** (Mount Saint Mary), Narragansett, R.I. and Fort Myers, Fla., November 30, 2021.

### **Paul David Bresnahan '63,**

Ayer, Mass., October 22, 2021.

### **John J. Casey, Jr. '63,**

Lyndeborough, N.H., January 18, 2022.

### **William S. Webb '63,**

Belfast, Maine, March 13, 2022.

### **Martin Flaherty '64,**

Albion, R.I., November 30, 2021.

### **Ronald St. Gelais '64,**

Barefoot Bay, Sebastian, Fla., April 13, 2022.

### **Henry Bourgeois '65,**

Kennebunk, Maine, April 22, 2022.

### **Rowland Henry Judge '65,**

Winter Haven, Fla., February 28, 2022.

### **Paul J. Reardon '65,**

Watertown, Mass., March 2, 2022.

### **Paul Michael Viggiano '65,**

New York, N.Y., November 23, 2021.

### **Margaret "Mickey" Allgaier '66,**

Richmond, Vt., November 10, 2021.

### **Sylvester J. Maloney, D.D.S. '67,**

Barnstable, Mass., December 21, 2021.

### **Linda McKee '67,**

Ambrose, Ga., October 8, 2021.

### **Richard N. Gill '69,**

Puyravault, France, March 31, 2022.

### **Ronald V. Hermsdorf '69,**

New Boston, N.H., December 31, 2021.

### **Lee Raymond Willett, M.D. '70,**

Gilford, N.H., January 27, 2022.

### **James L. Boenis '71,**

Lowell, Mass., October 31, 2021.

### **Donald Michael Kearney '71,**

Manchester, N.H., December 10, 2021.

### **Alfred F. Brunetti '73,**

Yarmouth, Mass., December 17, 2021.

### **Kim Ostreicher '73,**

Londonderry, N.H., October 7, 2021.

### **William Whyte, III '74,**

Frederick, Md., February 26, 2022.

**Michael Gallagher '75**, Easthampton, Mass., February 6, 2022.

**Richard William Boisvert '76**, Manchester, N.H., January 27, 2022.

**Albert M. Mitchell, Jr., D.O. '76**, Fairfield, Calif., February 10, 2022.

**James W. Rowe, Sr. '76**, Pelham, N.H., November 23, 2021.

**Michael E. Buerger '77**, Bowling Green, Ohio, December 25, 2021.

**Dennis C. Parshley '77**, Nampa, Idaho, August 22, 2020.

**Barry W. Wingate '77**, Bristol, N.H., April 3, 2022.

**Fr. Edwin Leonard '78**, Akron, Ohio, November 22, 2021.

**Charles S. Gilmore '82**, Henderson, N.V., March 1, 2022.

**Margaret V. (Lagace) Bournival '83**, Concord, N.H., March 16, 2022.

**Douglas Bevins '86**, Newmarket, N.H., December 3, 2021.

**Daniel Kelly, III '86**, Arlington, Mass., May 3, 2022.

**John J. McKenna, Jr. '86**, Kensington Md., February 26, 2022.

**Mark J. Donadio '94**, Dedham, Mass., February 16, 2022.

**Sara A. Brooks '98**, Nantucket, Mass., November 26, 2021.

**Emily DiMaggio, H.D. '99**, Palm Beach, Fla., February 21, 2022.

**Timothy D. Powers '07**, Harford, Vt., May 1, 2022.

## FRIENDS

**Elizabeth Breen**, August 9, 2021.

**Margaret (Gately) Comiskey**, November 2, 2021.

**Elizabeth "Bette" Duhaime**, March 20, 2022.

**Areti Kostopoulos**, former employee, December 18, 2021.

**Henry Wenta**, former employee, February 22, 2022.

## MARRIAGES

**Mary Hudson '09** and Victor Magaletta, September 25, 2021, Reading, Mass.

**Maura Haverty '11** and Paul Mooney, February 24, 2022, Tralee, County Kerry, Ireland.

**Emily Molak '12** and **Michael DeVita '12**, September 24 2021, Newport, R.I.

**Kerry Hickey '14** and **Spencer Aube '14**, November 27, 2021, Saint Anselm Abbey Church.

**Morgan McCarthy '14** and **Matthew Cote '14**, July 9, 2021, Chatham, Mass.

**Andrea O'Neil '14** and **Eric Whitney '13**, August 28, 2021, Cohasset, Mass.

**Sarah Paladino '14** and **Stephen Morrissey '14**, January 1, 2022, Tewksbury, Mass.

**Christina Delaney '15** and **Antonio Piccinonno '15**, January 29, 2022, Saint Anselm Abbey Church.

**Kate Martin '15** and Jeffrey Roche, November 13, 2021, Saint Anselm Abbey Church.

**Kelly Pickett '15** and **Zachary Brian '14**, May 7, 2022, Saint Anselm Abbey Church.

**Kristine E. Adams '16** and **Jeff Laskey '14**, December 11, 2021, Portsmouth, N.H.

**Shane Archambault '17** and Ashley Kucharski, May 28, 2022, Saint Anselm Abbey Church.

**Teresa Samson '17** and **Michael Ryan '17**, May 28, 2022, Saint Anselm Abbey Church.

**Brittany Voto '17** and Ryan Wandzel, June 24, 2021, Salisbury, Mass.

**Nicole DeRoche '18** and **Brian Salvie '16**, October 30, 2021, Saint Anselm Abbey Church.

**Rose Bunszell '19** and Andrew Stamp, February 5, 2022, Saint Anselm Abbey Church.

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## FUTURE ANSELMANS

**Hilary Hudson '06** and Gabriel Healy, a son, Elliot McDaid, March 30, 2020.

**Meredith (Shepard) Barry '09** and **Michael Barry '09**, a son, Cooper McDermott, March 10, 2022.

**Katie (Aceto) Kurpaska '09** and Patrick, a daughter, Mary Briana, October 17, 2021.

**Katie (O'Brien) Buckley '10** and Jim, a son, Tanner James, July 7, 2021.

**Lauren (McCadden) Friel '10** and Christopher, twin sons, Conor Gerard and Ryan Peter, March 17, 2021.

**Michelle (Dube) Dressler, D.M.D. '11** and Brad, a son, Owen Alexander, September 3, 2021.

**Lannon (Eldridge) Foley '12** and **Ryan Foley '11**, a son, Conor Francis, May 3, 2021.

**Kristen (MacNeil) Mambro '12** and **Justin Mambro '11**, a son, Jaxson Philip, October 11, 2021.

**Catherine (DiModica) Parisi '12** and **Philip Parisi '02**, twins, Gianna and Lorenzo, January 9, 2022.

**Erin Albiero '15** and Nick Rossi, a son, Peter Levandi, September 2, 2021.

**Hannah (Furlong) Parent '15** and **Christopher Parent '15**, a daughter, Joy Elizabeth, July 8, 2020.

## ➔ End Note

While every reunion celebration is a memorable occasion, this year's alumni gatherings on the Hilltop were especially notable. Due to a two-year, pandemic-related pause on in-person reunion celebrations, this year's festivities spanned two weekends and welcomed 28 returning classes.

Of special note, our Golden Anselmians who gathered from near and far to celebrate their 50th reunion. While much has changed since their time as students on the Hilltop, the shared Anselmian kinship remains the same.

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**Barbara Robinson '69** left a \$100,000 gift from her IRA to support the work of the nursing department.

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