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Wealth is knowledge. That was one of the main points made by Steve Forbes, chairman and editor-in-chief of Forbes Media, in his speech to 603 business and communications students at the morning Undergraduate Commencement ceremony May 18. “Wealth is the human mind, not physical things like piles of gold, jewelry or even oil,” Forbes said. “Oil is glop. It was the human mind that turned this glop into something the modern economy can’t live without.”

That afternoon, 521 nursing and health science graduates were urged to create change in the world by John Feal, who assisted in the cleanup and recovery mission at the World Trade Center following the 9/11 attacks. His foot was crushed by falling steel and later was partially amputated. He used his experiences to found the FealGood Foundation and lobby legislators to pass bills protecting those who help with recovery efforts.

The College of Arts and Sciences ceremony capped the day and included 388 graduates who listened to Andrew Jenks, an award-winning filmmaker.

At Graduate Commencement on May 10, Guy Adami of CNBC’s “Fast Money” told arts and sciences, business, communications and education students that the greatest risk is not taking one. He gave examples of lessons he gleaned from his investment career and also from participating in an Ironman competition.

Linda Schwartz, Connecticut commissioner of veterans affairs, spoke at the afternoon ceremony for nursing and health science students. She urged them to routinely ask all patients whether they ever served in the military to identify veterans who may not know they were exposed to hazardous substances. A total of 825 graduates received degrees.

The School of Law awarded 116 degrees on May 11. U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal encouraged the Class of 2014 to be strong champions for societal causes. “We need your vision, your energy, your strength, and, yes, your impatience with what is going on in Washington—and your drive to change it.”
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Sligo Letters Personalize Famine

Hester Catherine de Burgh Browne, also known as Lady Sligo, could not have foreseen that letters she wrote during the Irish Famine would be the centerpiece of an exhibit almost 170 years later.

About 20 of some 200 letters she wrote are on display in the Lender Family Special Collection Room in the Arnold Bernhard Library. Anne Anderson, Ireland’s Ambassador to the U.S., opened the exhibit April 29. “The Lady Sligo Letters: Westport House and Ireland’s Great Hunger” features typed transcripts along with the actual letters, and storyboards that flesh out the family’s history and political events of the day.

Christine Kinealy, director of Ireland’s Great Hunger Institute, curated the exhibit, which also features photos of Lady Sligo and the Browne family and personal effects of the sort Lady Sligo may have owned. Kinealy said the letters add an important new dimension to scholarly understanding of the Great Hunger (1845–52). The institute hosted the Ulster-American Heritage Symposium in June, and scholars were able to tour the exhibit.

Born into Anglo-Irish privilege, de Burgh married Howe Peter Browne, the Marquess of Sligo and owner of Westport House, in 1816. In the 1840s, when her husband suffered a debilitating stroke, she took over the day-to-day management of their County Mayo estate in the west of Ireland, where they leased land to tenants.

“Her letters demonstrate a keen awareness of contemporary politics and her concern for the poor…County Mayo was badly affected,” Kinealy said. They also provide unique insights into the social and political difficulties faced by humane landlords during the Great Hunger. The exhibit can be viewed from 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and noon–5 p.m. Sundays through March 2015.
90 Med Students Don White Coats

The 90 members of the Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine’s Class of 2018 received white coats and stethoscopes on Aug. 7 and lots of inspiration to start their journey.

Dr. Kristine M. Lisi, director of the Family Health Center at St. Vincent’s Medical Center in Bridgeport, Conn., the school’s principal partner, spoke at the ceremony. She told students the white coat symbolizes knowledge, professionalism and cleanliness, but also can initiate fear and can be a barrier between doctor and patient.

“But don’t let it. You define your white coat; it does not define you,” she said.

While professors can teach the science of medicine, where problems can be solved with almost no emotion, nobody can teach the art of medicine, she said.

Lisi told the story of a favorite patient named Esther whom she’d gotten to know over many years of treating her. One day, she came in with back pain. “She looked me straight in the eye, and I just knew it was more than mechanical back pain. She was hurting and trusting me to help her. I knew this from my heart, from instinct.”

The news was bad—pancreatic cancer. Lisi found her a specialist. “I bridged her to the next phase and called frequently to check on her.” Science could not help her. “However the art of medicine still could,” Lisi said.

One day, Esther’s husband called to say she had died, and her dying request was that he deliver several plants and books to Lisi. The doctor realized then that however powerful medicine was, it could not help her care for this patient physically. “But I did help her spiritually and mentally. And that’s what my white coat means to me.”

FORCED TO HIDE IDENTITIES

There’s a term for the obligation a black woman feels at work to straighten her hair or the pressure an openly gay man feels not to bring his spouse to a company party. They are “covering”—downplaying aspects of their identity that might be stigmatized in some way, explained Kenji Yoshino, the Chief Justice Earl Warren Professor of Constitutional Law at New York University School of Law. He delivered a March lecture titled, “Uncovering Talent: A New Model of Inclusion.”

He argued that necessity to cover creates a feeling of not being welcomed, which leads to decreased productivity and a loss of valuable talent on the job. Yoshino, author of “Covering: The Hidden Assault on Our Civil Rights,” joined Deloitte to create a survey of 3,129 employees from a variety of firms. Of the respondents, 61 percent said they covered. About 53 percent said the pressure to cover came from leadership, and of those, about half said it extremely diminished their opportunities and extremely diminished their commitment to the organization.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

SUSTAINABILITY OF CRICKETS TOUTED

Christina Ast bit a chocolate chip cookie in half and washed it down with a gulp of vanilla latte.

“I didn’t even taste the cricket,” said Ast, a senior physical therapy major. “Cricket cookies actually pair pretty well with coffee.”

Ast was one of many trying Chocolate Chirpy Cookies and Crunchy Cricket Salsa made last semester by anthropology students taking Ancient Food for Thought. “Eating insects is certainly not a new idea,” said Julia Giblin, assistant professor of anthropology, who taught the class. “We want college students to think about their food choices and to try new things that are sustainable.”

“You can barely taste the crickets, but they do give you that extra protein that you may need for the day,” said Paige Zacharakis, a senior legal studies major who stopped by the food table in the Carl Hansen Student Center. Senior Tom Nassr, an entrepreneurship and philosophy major, said, “I think stuff like this is absolutely great for getting people to understand that there are other cultures and other perspectives and the notions of what is acceptable and what is unacceptable aren’t always true. It’s important to be open-minded.”
GRANT HELPS SCIENCE TEACHERS

For the second consecutive year, the Bristol-Myers Squibb Center for Science Teaching and Learning at Quinnipiac was awarded a federal grant to develop K–12 science education. The $140,068 award will fund work in three new Connecticut school districts—Ridgefield, West Haven and Westport—and create 10 new units through the professional development of 50 teachers and 10 higher education faculty this summer, according to Lucie Howell, BMS Center director.

Last year’s grant funded projects in Hamden, Meriden, New Haven, North Haven and Wallingford school districts. “The School of Education is thrilled to have been awarded this grant in conjunction with the BMS Center,” said Dean Kevin Basmadjian. “The funds will allow us to pursue a very important local and national need, which is the support and development of science education for practicing teachers.”

QU IN LA MAKES SUMMER PREMIERE

Nickelodeon, FRUKT, Warner Bros. and the Television Academy are among the Los Angeles-area businesses that welcomed 15 Quinnipiac interns this summer, the debut of the Quinnipiac University in Los Angeles program. QU in LA incorporates an internship and course work for students who live in LA for a semester. Besides gaining valuable work experience, students have the chance to network with alumni already working and living in the LA region.

Reunion 2014

Hundreds of alumni came back to Quinnipiac in June to make new memories with old friends at Reunion 2014. Alumni reconnected at a May Weekend Remembered family picnic on the quad, enjoyed a dinner party with wine and whiskey tastings, tours of the North Haven and Mount Carmel campuses, and a baseball alumni game. Saturday night, shuttles transported them back in time to their favorite Hamden nightspots where reunion classes celebrated by decade.

G.A.M.E. SPEAKER PREDICTS RECOVERY

Joe Terranova, chief investment strategist at Virtus Investment Partners and a regular contributor to “Fast Money” on CNBC, predicted a market correction next summer, followed by a strong recovery in the second half of the year. His ultimately bullish keynote talk was featured during the second day of Quinnipiac’s Global Asset Management Education (G.A.M.E.) IV Forum in March in Manhattan. Citing strong capital expenditures by corporations, robust merger and acquisition activity, a manufacturing expansion and other factors, he said, “I believe the second half of the year sets up incredibly well to offset a summer correction.”

The three-day investment conference included panels on financial journalism, social media in financial markets, mid-market corporate lending, trading options and equity research, to name a few. The forum attracted more than 1,000 student participants from 131 colleges and 21 countries to hear 113 speakers.
Lecture Reveals Keys to Health

Dr. Holly Atkinson said the medical profession is doing a poor job getting consumers to understand the relationship between lifestyle and disease. She is doing what she can, however, to educate people about five keys to optimal health.

Two are obvious: diet and exercise. “The deadliest thing we can do is sit. Inactivity results in a 20 percent higher death rate for men and 40 percent for women,” said the physician and Mount Sinai Hospital professor during an April lecture sponsored by the Campus Cross Talk Committee. Besides moving more, she advised her audience to “eat real food, and not too much.”

The next two keys may be less familiar. She urged her audience to embrace new challenges and practice relaxation and optimism. She explained that learning has been associated with a longer life and a decreased risk of dementia. “If you always do crossword puzzles, do something else to challenge yourself.”

Negativism and hostility are detrimental to health because chronic stress releases cytokines that can lead to inflammation in the body, which plays a primary role in the development of killer diseases, Atkinson said. “Instead, practice the deliberate cultivation of kindness, forgiveness, patience and compassion with yourself and others,” she advised. The fifth key to health is to “find your passion and serve.” Volunteering has been shown to improve wellness and even lifespan, she noted.

Earlier programs featured two lectures on eating disorders by clinical psychologist Margo Maine and another on the origin of AIDS by Norbert Herzog, QU professor of medical sciences, and his Medical Discovery News co-host, David Niesel ’75.
Q. What do you do?
A. I go on talk shows and answer questions from hosts or put together 30-second sports stories the update anchors will use. Talking about sports for a living is as good as it gets. It’s exciting, and I got to cover the Super Bowl. If you’re covering an NFL football team, things change on a daily basis. You’re there, in the locker room, with the players, wherever they might be playing.

Q. What was your big break?
A. I got my shot on the air while working behind the scenes as an associate producer on the Boomer & Carton morning show at WFAN. One day there was a scheduling mix-up. The hosts said, “Hey let’s have some fun and have our behind-the-scenes guys do the update.” They thought we would fall on our faces and they would have a good laugh. I did the update straight. My bosses were listening, they liked what they heard, and I haven’t looked back since. The experience I had in college allowed me to hit the ground running.

Q. What do you think of Jets coach Rex Ryan?
A. He’s very confident, cocky to an extent. He believes in his players, maybe more than he should. I find that refreshing. He’s going to tell you what he thinks. It makes for colorful comments, and he draws a lot of attention, which I think is good in New York. It’s a big market, and you can get overshadowed. It hasn’t gotten him to the Super Bowl just yet, but it’s not for lack of effort. He’s one of the most intense, passionate coaches I’ve seen. Ultimately it’s about the results on the field. This season coming up is going to be important for him.

Q. What is it like to cover the Super Bowl this year?
A. I was assigned to cover the Broncos for WFAN and CBS Sports Network. Being around some of those guys as they were preparing to play the biggest game of their lives was a lot of fun. Being up close and personal with Peyton Manning was an interesting experience. It was a wild week. Each day I was jumping on different talk shows with different hosts. The adrenaline was pumping. There was something to do every second of the day. Even though the game against the Seahawks was a blowout, I had never been to a Super Bowl. To be in the stadium, to feel the atmosphere and the environment, was really great.

Q. How do you use Twitter for work?
A. Football has a lot of rules the casual fan doesn’t understand, so I try to make myself available on Twitter and answer any questions. They really appreciate the feedback. It makes for a cool, intimate relationship with the fans.

Q. Where do you go from here?
A. I’ve been fortunate so far to have been in the right place at the right time, and that’s allowed me to move up and into exciting jobs, such as covering the NFL. Baseball was my sport growing up. I’m also a big hockey fan. I feel like I have a well-rounded knowledge of professional sports that hopefully will open up some more opportunities. I wouldn’t mind a venture to the TV side. I know you have to make your luck. You can’t just sit back and wait, you have to get out there and take it.

—Alejandra Navarro
Chris Lopresti '08 on the radio.
The Windup
Dan Gooley ’70 crosses home plate after 24 years as QU’s ‘Skipper’

Inside Coach Dan Gooley’s office, walls can talk. They tell the stories of the 1983 baseball team that advanced to the NCAA Division II World Series and the 2005 squad, which lost to eventual national champion Texas in the NCAA Division I Regionals.

Gooley ’70 has one corner dedicated to “the pro guys” like Turk Wendell, Pat Egan, Tim Binkoski, Randy Gress and Wilson Matos. Another wall tells his teams’ academic exploits.

“The greatest thrill for me is watching those guys walk down the aisle at graduation,” Gooley said.

The mementos chronicle almost a quarter century of Bobcats baseball for Gooley, who retired last spring. “It’s been a real baseball vacation,” he said.

Gooley, called “Skip” by team members, is Quinnipiac baseball. He even helped build the current field 48 years ago. He estimated thousands of games have been played on it.

“Those are the original dugouts. We still have our little hill in right field. That’s very special stuff.”

A member of Quinnipiac’s Athletic Hall of Fame, Gooley still holds the school record with 316 career strikeouts. He ranks second all-time in both wins (20) and earned run average (2.47).

He is one of just three pitchers in Quinnipiac history to strike out 80 batters in a season.

“I spotted my fastball, and I had a very good breaking ball,” he said. “I’m sure there are a lot of pitches on the other side of the mountain somewhere. I was lucky. I played with good players, and I was a good competitor.”

Despite his skills at painting corners and dugouts, Gooley really made his mark during two stints as a coach here. He spent 24 years (1977–87; 2002–14) at Quinnipiac, where he amassed 431 victories. His 2014 team qualified for the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Championship. Gooley also spent five seasons at the University of Hartford, where he coached four-time MLB All-Star Jeff Bagwell. He retired with a total of 532 wins.

Bagwell and Wendell, the eccentric former Quinnipiac standout who pitched 11 seasons in the big leagues before hanging up his spikes in 2004, are the only players Gooley coached to make it to the major leagues.

Wendell credits Gooley for being “one of the cornerstones that made playing at the highest level possible.”

“It’s about time he retired,” Wendell joked. “He’s been there a long time. He loved coaching. That’s pretty obvious, but retirement is a good gig if you can get it. I wish him the best,” said the popular former New York Mets pitcher.

Gooley will continue working with the athletics department, likely in admissions and recruiting. “Dan Gooley is a coach everybody would love to have their sons or daughters play for. He’s a true gentleman, a cut above, the kind of guy you want around the University,” said Jack McDonald, director of athletics.

Gooley is confident the team is in good hands with John Delaney ’08, a former Quinnipiac star and Milwaukee Brewers farmhand who served as associate head coach this past spring.

“Skip has been a part of many memorable moments at Quinnipiac, and to have the honor to follow in his footsteps as the next head coach is something I will truly cherish for the rest of my life,” Delaney said.

Prior to announcing his retirement, Gooley discussed it with many friends and ex-coaches. They all said the same thing: “You’ll know when it’s time.”

“It’s time,” Gooley said.—John Pettit

QUITKO RETIRES
After a legendary coaching career spanning 23 years, 18 conference championship titles and 526 wins, Quinnipiac Hall of Famer Mike Quitko retired this past summer as head men’s and women’s tennis coach. Paula Miller ’96 will serve as interim director of tennis and women’s tennis head coach while Chris Pappas will be the interim men’s tennis head coach. Quitko guided the women’s tennis team to its seventh Division I Conference Championship, defeating Fairfield in the finals for the MAAC Championship title this year. He was chosen 2014 MAAC Coach of the Year while the team’s ace, Sophia Dzulynsky, was named MAAC Player of the Year.

REBOUND CROWN
The men’s basketball team made its way into the NCAA Division I record books as the statistical champion in rebounding margin for the 2013–14 season. The Bobcats’ (11.8) tenacity on the boards outlasted SEC power and national runner-up Kentucky (9.4) by more than 2.0 per game for the top spot.

The men’s basketball season opens on Friday, Nov. 14, when the Bobcats host the annual Connecticut Classic at the TD Bank Sports Center for the first time in program history. The Bobcats take on cross-town rival Yale at 5:30 p.m. in the middle game of the three-game showcase. The women’s team begins its journey the following day when it welcomes Army to Lender Field for the MAAC Championship title. Tip-off is scheduled for 2 p.m.

Bobcats fans may be interested in watching the MAAC Basketball Preseason Show on Wednesday, Nov. 5, at 7 p.m. on ESPN3. The broadcast incorporates highlights from two previously aired shows that featured men’s and women’s coaches as well as announcements of team standings in the preseason polls, members of the All-MAAC teams, and major award winners. To buy tickets for Bobcats basketball, call 203-582-3905 or visit www.quinnipiacbobcats.com
Baseball coach Dan Gooley ’70 retired after 24 years at Quinnipiac.
Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees 2014

During Homecoming on Oct. 11, six individuals and two teams will be inducted into Quinnipiac’s Athletic Hall of Fame during a dinner and ceremony at 4 p.m. in the TD Bank Sports Center, York Hill Campus. The cost is $25 for adults and $15 for children 12 and under and includes a reserved seat for the 7 p.m. men’s ice hockey game vs. Bentley. You may register at www.quinnipiac.edu/homecoming beginning Monday, Sept. 8, or call 203-582-8610 for more information.

The Athletic Hall of Fame was established in 1971 to honor student-athletes, coaches, athletic administrators and friends who have made outstanding contributions to intercollegiate athletics at the University.

Denise (Horsfield) Franco ’00

F I E L D  H O C K E Y

Denise Horsfield was a four-year letter winner for Quinnipiac’s Field Hockey team from 1996–2000. In 1999, Horsfield helped lead Quinnipiac to the program’s first of two Northeast Conference Championships as she assisted on the only goal in the 1999 NEC Championship Game—a 1–0 win against Monmouth. That season, Horsfield was named to the All-Northeast Conference Field Hockey First Team while she also earned Academic Honor Roll distinction. She finished her Quinnipiac career as the program’s all-time leader in assists with 23, while her single-season totals from 1996, 1998 and 1999 ranked, at the time, in the top six all-time at Quinnipiac.

Jared Grasso ’02

M E N ’ S  B A S K E T B A L L

Jared Grasso was a four-year member of the Quinnipiac Men’s Basketball team, finishing in 2002. Upon his graduation, Grasso ranked third in career assists with 404, which also stood as the Division I record until 2005. In 2002, he became the 20th player to reach 1,000 points for his career. He also became the second player—and first at the Division I level—to reach 1,000 career points and 400 career assists. To date, he ranks 26th all-time and 10th at the Division I level with 1,134 points while also ranking sixth all-time and fourth at the Division I level with 404 assists. His 69 three-pointers in 1999–2000 are the fifth most all-time and the fourth most at the Division I level.

Ashlee Kelly ’04

W O M E N ’ S  B A S K E T B A L L

Ashlee Kelly finished her career at Quinnipiac as one of the most decorated and prolific players in program history. The Northeast Conference Player of the Year in 2002–03, she became the first Quinnipiac women’s basketball student-athlete to win the conference’s highest honor at the Division I level and QU’s first since Francine Perry in 1985. She ranks third all-time and second at the Division I level in points (1,580) and second all-time and first at the Division I level in career rebounds (1,107). Kelly was the second player in Quinnipiac history to reach 1,000 points and 1,000 rebounds for her career. As a junior, she led all NCAA Division I women’s basketball players with 13.5 rebounds per game. Kelly finished her career as a two-time Northeast Conference First Team selection and also was named to the Northeast Conference 25th Anniversary Women’s Basketball Team in 2008.

Stephanie Petrycki ’02, MPT ’04

W O M E N ’ S  T E N N I S

Stephanie Petrycki was a four-year member of Quinnipiac’s women’s tennis team, graduating in 2002. She was named to the NEC Women’s Tennis All-Conference Team in 1999 (singles), 2000 (singles) and 2001 (singles), and in 2002, she was named to both the NEC Women’s Tennis All-Conference Second Team (singles) and the NEC Women’s Tennis All-Conference First Team (doubles). She is Quinnipiac’s all-time and Division I leader in career wins with 165. She also holds the QU record for career singles victories (84) and doubles victories (81). Her 43 total wins in 2000 were a program record while her 23 singles victories that season were the second most all-time and her 20 doubles victories that year were the most in program history.

Bill Romano ’02

M E N ’ S  B A S K E T B A L L

Bill Romano was a four-year member of the Quinnipiac men’s basketball team, graduating in 2002. As a senior, Romano led Quinnipiac in points (518), points per game (17.3) and field goal percentage (.515). His point total and per-game average both rank...
fifth all-time at Quinnipiac for a single season. Upon his graduation, he was Quinnipiac’s all-time Division I leader in points (1,450), points per game (13.5), field goal attempts (1,209), free-throws made (251), free-throw attempts (400) and rebounds (580). To date, he ranks fourth in Division I and 14th all-time in points and third in Division I rebounds. He also earned recognition when he and two teammates each scored more than 20 points in a single game. He accomplished the feat at Sacred Heart on Feb. 14, 2002, when he scored 22 points, Rob Monroe scored 25 and Kason Mims scored 23. Romano also was named to the 2001–02 Northeast Conference Second Team and the 1998–99 Northeast Conference All-Rookie Team.

Bill Schweizer
‘VOICE OF THE BobCats’

Bill Schweizer completed his 19th year as the play-by-play announcer for the Quinnipiac ice hockey and basketball teams on AM 1220 WQUN in 2013–14. In 2008, he added co-host duties to his already impressive resume on the Quinnipiac-produced, Emmy-nominated “Bobcats Unleashed in HD.” The 44-year broadcasting veteran has held numerous anchor and reporter jobs in several sports and high-profile events. Schweizer has worked on seven Olympics broadcasts, including the 1984 Summer Games in Los Angeles and the 1998 Winter Games in Nagano, Japan, and served as a radio play-by-play announcer for NFL Sunday Night Games. As a baseball broadcaster Schweizer has handled radio play-by-play for the MLB Game of the Week and served as co-host alongside former Detroit Tigers’ great Alan Trammel on “Inside Pitch” on the CBS Radio Network. Schweizer continued his in-studio work as an anchor on ESPN Radio Sports Center and host of the 1997 ESPN Radio American League Championship Series broadcasts. He was also a play-by-play announcer for NCAA Basketball Regional action and the voice of the 1985 Villanova Wildcats during their NCAA National Championship season.

Women’s Tennis Team, 1996–97

**RECORD 16–2**

- Undefeated 9–0 in NE-10 matches
- Regular season and NE-10 Tournament Champions
- Team plays in NCAA Division II Tournament at first seed
- Coach Mike Quitko named NE-10 Coach of the Year

Team members:
Christine Abundo, Kristin (Davis) Cohen, Jessica Greco, Corey (Hutchison) Hershberger, Caitlin (Joyal) Ryan, Lyssa Laminik, Karen (Lang) Woodward, Jodi (Robidoux) Smigelski/captain, Jessica Simbro, Kim (Smith) Poeta, Jessica (Uccello) Asadourian, Mike Quitko, head coach, and Keith Woodward, assistant coach

Men’s Tennis Team, 1996–97

**RECORD 18–1**

- Undefeated 9–0 in NE-10 matches
- Ranked 11th nationally in the preseason Division II poll
- The men’s team won two straight Northeast-10 regular season and tournament titles in its final two seasons in Division II (1996–97).

Team members:
Andres Bella, Steve Brown, Juan Garcia, T.W. Goodwin/co-captain, David Koehn, Jereme Koons, Todd Kopf, Dave LaCascia, Pat Nguyen/co-captain, John Palma, Jeff Vajay, Nick Wormley, Mike Quitko, head coach, and Dan Underkofler, assistant coach.

We invite you, your family and your alumni friends back to Quinnipiac for a men’s hockey game, beautiful autumn weather and peak fall foliage on the Sleeping Giant.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2014**

- Athletic Hall of Fame induction dinner
- Pregame tailgate party
- Quinnipiac vs. Bentley men’s ice hockey
- Tours of the new School of Law Center
- Alumni address by Joe Tacopina, JD ’91

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Human trafficking is a $32 billion industry that ensnares an estimated 30 million people worldwide—60,000 in the U.S. alone. Of course, accurate numbers about this population are hard to come by.

Regardless of the figures, the numbers are too high, said Alicia Kinsman, JD ’10, a lawyer at the International Institute of Connecticut. Kinsman spoke at a two-day conference, “Stolen Lives: An Interprofessional Response to Human Trafficking.”

The May program was co-sponsored by the School of Nursing, the Albert Schweitzer Institute and St. Vincent’s Medical Center, the primary clinical partner for the School of Medicine.

About 175 professionals from varied professions attended to learn more about the issue, how to uncover it, and how to help the victims, particularly once they are freed from traffickers. Recent incidents of police uncovering trafficking rings in several Connecticut cities brought home how pervasive this problem is, said Jean Lange, founding dean of the School of Nursing.

“We have far too much slavery today compared with other points in history, and at a point in history when it’s outlawed in every single country,” Kinsman said. She described the circumstances of her clients, mostly foreign-born people who have been...
forced into slave labor or prostitution. She helps them apply for visas.

She has seen a huge jump in the number victims who are minors. As undocumented immigrants, they are some of the most vulnerable individuals. They often don’t know English, don’t know their rights, aren’t aware of services and fear law enforcement.

“What I see is a real desperation for work, and they are so afraid of deportation,” she explained. Most left their families and home countries to escape a dangerous situation.

Despite the increased efforts by the federal government to combat human trafficking, it’s local professionals in the community who are in the best position to help free those trapped in forced servitude, said Katherine Chon, keynote speaker and the senior adviser on trafficking in persons at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Chon outlined the federal programs that address trafficking, such as training for health care providers and grants for community organizations. She said stopping and preventing trafficking must be a collaborative effort by federal and local agencies, including law enforcement, health and social service professionals.

Businesses also can do their part to make sure the products and services they purchase do not come from slave laborers. Schools, particularly school nurses, can help identify young people who might be victims of trafficking. They are usually in vulnerable populations, such as young people who have been neglected by their families, have low self-esteem or have truancy issues.

Conference panel topics included trauma associated with human trafficking, ethical and legal issues of human trafficking, and trafficking’s effects on children and adolescents. Maurice Middleberg, executive director of the anti-trafficking organization, Free the Slaves, spoke on the second day of the conference. His organization presented the Freedom Award to trafficking survivor and victim advocate Timea Nagy.

U.S. Sen. Chris Murphy of Connecticut, who attended the conference, shared some of the work Congress is doing to stop human trafficking, but acknowledged that more needs to be done. He told the story of a 16-year-old girl who ran away from a foster home where she was abused and landed in the hands of a man who forced her into prostitution. When she was caught by law enforcement, she was placed back in that same foster home, only to run away again and resume the life of a prostitute.

“There is a moment in time when our community should have wrapped our arms around that girl, should have recognized the life that she was forced to lead and figured out how to build services to try to give her a new path and new skills,” Murphy said.

“Instead, we failed her. We have to be able to figure out all of the different services necessary to give new possibilities and hope.”

Alicia Kinsman, JD ’10, speaks at program.
The Florida sun fills the 18th-floor space of Arthur Halsey Rice ’73. The richly appointed room looks like the office of any prominent lawyer. Legal briefs are piled on the broad desk. The walls display pictures from an African safari and shots of grown children and a smiling wife. A model of a green, Vietnam-era helicopter rests on a shelf near a tightly packed triangle of an American Flag, folded 13 times as tradition dictates. The bookcase also holds a framed citation with a Purple Heart in its center. A Distinguished Flying Cross lies in a jewelry box at home.

His firm—Rice Pugatch Robinson & Schiller—fights for hundreds of clients in state, federal and bankruptcy courts. But Rice’s medals tell the story of a soldier whose life was nearly cut short fighting for
his country. On April 26, 1969, Lt. Rice was flying his helicopter 15 feet above the elephant grass on a “hunter-killer” mission near Duc Hoa in Vietnam. It was extremely risky surveillance duty. Rice flew low and slow while Huey gunships circled above, waiting for his instructions.

Then AK-47 rounds ripped through the bottom of the copter from below, hitting Rice in both legs and destroying a vital artery in the right limb. The blood loss was massive. Rice was flown home two weeks later, an amputee who, while recovering at Walter Reed Medical Center, would be made a captain.

This past May, 45 years later, Rice boarded an Air Force C-17 at Andrews Air Force Base for one more mission. He was headed to a place where war has brought down empires and the American military is targeted daily. Connecting through Ramstein, Germany, he climbed aboard a second plane headed to Bagram, Afghanistan, to a base that remains on high alert.

“Most of the best ideas I’ve had involved taking a chance,” says Rice, an English major, member of Quinnipiac’s Board of Trustees, and a fervent supporter of returning veterans.

Rice made the trip with this writer for a Florida PBS Memorial Day program about the war. See the video at www.quinnipiac.edu/savingheroes.

Inside a cavernous, dusty, Russian-built hangar on the Bagram base, the “dustoff” crews stand ready to spool up the helicopters and take to the air once a rescue call comes.

To picture an average day, envision heavily armed airborne ambulance drivers and medics, in this case boarding Blackhawk copters, wearing body armor, dipping in and out of valleys, often taking fire from the ground. They swoop in to pick up injured soldiers and in some cases, Afghan civilians.

“This is another deployment for many of us. We’re missing our families, but these young men and women are still out there,” says Major Jason Montgomery, gesturing toward the snowcapped Hindu Kush mountains. His eyes say what he chooses not to express in words. “The job is not done,” he says again, a slight crack in his voice.

Art Rice soaks it all in.

In the hangar, waiting for a rescue call, the young pilots and medical personnel laugh as Rice regales them with stories from the old days. They give him mission patches, a gesture of respect not offered to many visitors. The call comes, Rice dons a Kevlar vest, picks up a helmet and walks briskly with his cane to a rendezvous with the past.

Forty-five years after taking fire from the Viet Cong, Rice straps in, puts on headsets and, as a passenger, lifts out of Bagram, sweeping by towns controlled by the Taliban, an even more primitive fighting force than he confronted in Nam.

Smiling, a thumbs-up to the cameraman riding with him, Rice looks ready to man the controls himself as the copter streaks over rocky, 8,000-foot peaks and then dips over wadis, the dry river beds that fill with water when the snow melt signals the arrival of spring and the onset of the “fighting season.”

If you think the American military has slipped quietly into a retreat in this purported final year of the war, you are wrong. The week before Rice’s May visit, four U.S soldiers were killed in separate attacks. Strapped in and flying over potentially hostile territory, Rice was back in the fight, if only briefly.

“I think we all owe a debt to the young people over here,” says the lawyer who gave so much nearly five decades ago and who is now helping to guide Quinnipiac’s future.

“A simple thanks is nice to hear once in a while. I’m thanking these guys.”

After an hour in the air, they learn the injured soldier has died. They land and refuel to await another call. Within minutes it comes—a gunshot wound in Jalalabad, the base from which the Seals deployed to kill Osama bin Laden.

“Who’s flying with us?” says the head of the aircrew.

Rice is the first to put up his hand.
Students strut the “Quadwalk” with stylish paper dresses they created along with Hanna Hejmowski ’06, executive assistant to the director at Quinnipiac’s Central European Institute. The designing women fashioned dresses from recycled materials such as magazines, coffee filters and ticket stubs. The fashion show was part of Quinnipiac’s Earth Day celebration in April.

Photograph by John Hassett
Six words sum up Edwin Stubbs’ experience with race: “You’re cute for a black guy.” It sounds like a compliment, explains the 2014 graduate, but really, it’s an insult. The people conveying it often don’t realize they are delivering a slight that assumes some races and ethnicities are more attractive than others. It’s a phrase this handsome young man has heard too many times.

MBA student Ian Jackson ’14 could distill his experience with race into a single phrase: “So Ian, what are your thoughts?”

A seemingly innocent question, but cringe-worthy for Jackson and fellow students of color who say they feel targeted as representatives of their race or ethnicity (or perceived race) and expected to educate others on topics that may not have anything to do with their personal experiences. These are examples of microaggressions—brief, common actions, both intentional and unintentional, that communicate derogatory or negative insults toward a group of people.
“This campus is mostly accepting. It’s the little things that might ruin the college experience for some people,” said Michelle Lopez ’14, former president of the Latino Cultural Society.

In an effort to make people aware of the effects of these kinds of comments, Stubbs, Jackson and Lopez intentionally engage people in conversations about race and other prickly topics, such as gender, sexual orientation, religion and national origins. While at Quinnipiac, they and many of their classmates in cultural and international student groups organized events—from guest lecturers to roundtable discussions—to talk, listen, ask questions and debate the issues surrounding these sensitive topics.

“Students are apprehensive at first, when talking about diversity—even when it has to do with race,” explains Stubbs, the former president of the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Supporters student group. Race, in particular, brings up a history and a context that makes people uncomfortable. “I believe that conversation is how we’re going to learn about each other.”

This past year, Quinnipiac revved its efforts to create a more inclusive campus, creating forums for the entire campus community to talk and learn about race and other diversity topics. The campus-wide Inclusion, Multiculturalism and Globalization in Education Committee—IMaGinE for short—held educational workshops for faculty and staff.

This year, plans are being developed across campus to create a more diverse and inclusive environment and ensure that graduates are prepared to work and compete in a global market. Diane Ariza, associate vice president for academic affairs and chief diversity officer, is pleased with the momentum of these efforts. Ariza adds, “If we are not able to discuss the tough issues on a college campus, where else could we?”

HUMAN RACE IN SIX WORDS

No one illustrated the importance of talking about race and diversity more than NPR host and special correspondent Michele Norris, who delivered the annual Black History Month lecture at Quinnipiac. In her presentation, “Eavesdropping on America’s Conversation on Race,” Norris discussed her creation of The Race Card Project. The radio personality disbursed postcards and encouraged people to define their experiences and thoughts about race in six words and send them back. She inspired the six-word phrases by Jackson and Stubbs, who were part of a group of students to have their own conversation with Norris before the speech.

The project began in the months leading up to the 2008 election, a pivotal moment. For the first time ever, a black man, with a mantra of hope and change, would be moving into the White House.

“To even dream of something like that was like trying to reach up and touch the sun,” said Norris of President Barack Obama’s election.

At that time, people began talking about a “post-racial” America, where race wouldn’t matter. This prompted Norris to ask honest and direct questions about race with a wide spectrum of Americans as part of an NPR project. She found that people had a lot to say about race, a lot of questions about the complex topic, and were frustrated because they didn’t know how to begin the conversation.

“I decided quite literally to play the race card,” Norris said.

The Race Card Project has received tens of thousands of postcards accompanied by stories to provide context. Some were heart-breaking, others infuriating, but each captured a slice of the human experience. The stories often went beyond race to include other aspects of the person’s identity. (In retrospect, Norris said she should have called it the Human Race Project.) Six words can easily paint a picture:

“My son’s not half, he’s double.”
“Stop seeing white, instead see me.”

“Start with kids and mix well.”
Some were humorous, such as one submitted by a physician: “Underneath we all taste like chicken.”

“It took me to a place where I had never been as a journalist, where people were speaking with complete candor on a subject I thought was off limits,” she said.

This project is not going to heal anyone, cautioned Norris. “What it will do, in a moment in society where, because of social media and because of the fractured nature of the media and because we are increasingly diverse but yet move in concentric circles, it might let you see what life is like for someone who swims in the next lane.”

“I feel that sometimes we’re too defensive. If someone tells a Mexican joke—if it’s a clever joke—that is an opportunity to start a conversation.”
—Michelle Lopez ’14
Norris has created “a dynamic repository of thoughts and attitudes on race and race relations in our country,” said Charles N. Collier Jr., assistant dean in the Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine. Inspired by The Race Card Project, the School of Medicine is implementing a One Word Project where students, faculty and staff can express their feelings about their work, learning and teaching environment in the one word that best represents that moment.

“Much like feelings and attitudes, the subject of diversity is a sensitive, complex and difficult subject to have a conversation around,” said Collier. “The one word project is a starting point where difficult subjects can be shared anonymously and without judgment.”

**PROGRESS DESPITE GAP**

The country has come a long way in providing equal opportunities for underrepresented populations, but there is significant data to show that the gap is still quite large, said Ariza. “Contrary to the naïve and destructive idea that we should live in a ‘colorblind’ society where avoiding the topic makes it go away, talking about race allows us to move toward addressing inequalities and validating diverse experiences,” Ariza said. “These conversations are important to have to address the realities that persist in society.”

Media headlines highlight the overt acts of racism on college campuses such as the December incident where vandals wrote racial slurs on book covers, walls and desks in the African American studies section of the library at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

While colleges must report hate crimes that happen on campus, microaggressions are harder to track. Even if they aren’t reported, they affect the recipients of these actions and contribute to an environment where offensive comments are acceptable and contribute to larger problems. Racially and culturally insensitive events on many college campuses have become increasingly visible via photos and comments posted on social media.

“College campuses are an experiment, and experiments are not perfect,” said Mohammed Bey, Quinnipiac’s former director for multicultural education. “Campuses have all these personalities, and you’re putting them together and expecting them to live in harmony. Some of them come in with unconscious bias. They don’t know how to express themselves in a healthy way.”

The University offers programs outside the classroom to build cultural understanding. The Office of Multicultural and Global Education organized discussions such as “A Place at the Table,” for faculty, staff and students, and “Circle of Perspectives” for students, each promoting conversations on controversial topics, from “the intersection of sexual orientation and religion” to “racial identity.”

Bey and Stubbs were part of a committee that developed the University’s first Safe Space Training on lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning issues to give members of the campus community information that could assist and support LGBTQ people.

**MORE VOICES**

Asha Russell ’14, former president of the Black Student Union and now a student in the MBA program, says she would like to see more participation from fellow students, and in particular from faculty and administrators. “Why are students going to feel the need to step out of their comfort zone if they don’t have someone setting an example and pushing them?” asked Russell.

It’s the students’ voices and stories that have the strongest influence on their peers. Despite not wanting to be the “representative” for a population, many students put themselves in public view to help other students understand. “As a young gay black male, I always want to share my story and experiences because it differs from anyone in those individual communities,” Jackson said.

Ariza said it is important for people in majority groups, such as whites, to participate in these conversations. She has seen that even those who are eager to learn are afraid to talk about race. “Some feel they might say the wrong thing and then be accused of being racist or offend another group,” she explained.

People must be allowed to make mistakes, said Lopez. She uses her sense of humor to connect with different groups of students. “I feel that sometimes we’re too defensive. If someone tells a Mexican joke—if it’s a clever joke—that is an opportunity to start a conversation,” said Lopez, who is of Ecuadorian descent. She noted that her reaction depends on the intent of the speaker. “If you get angry at the first thing they say, you’re never going to get to know them. Once you’re friends with them, you learn about them, and they learn about you.”

Russell agrees. At a discussion, co-sponsored by BSU and the NAACP, one black student said black people can use the n-word, but white people should not, and they should know not to use it, which sparked a heated debate about the use of this controversial word.

Russell disagreed with the assumption of what people should know. She pointed out that, given the frequency the word is used, “You can’t be mad at their ignorance if they really don’t know. I’m not saying it’s your job, but if you have the opportunity to educate them and you don’t, and they go on to offend other people, then that’s on you.”

As a freshman—one who graduated from a diverse high school—she would have said that race doesn’t matter. Today, it matters, and she wants people to talk about it. She doesn’t want people to tiptoe around contentious issues or focus exclusively on the positives of diversity, without addressing the injustices.

“You can’t sugar coat it and expect students to really understand what it means to be a minority student or international student or underrepresented on this campus or in this country,” she said.
The School of Law is on the move in more ways than one.

In August, faculty and administrators moved into a building on Quinnipiac’s North Haven Campus that has been renovated over the last year and features a fluid architectural design, larger meeting and study spaces, and technologically modern classrooms.

The new location on QU’s graduate campus will facilitate collaboration with other disciplines and expand academic opportunities, particularly with students and faculty in the Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine, the School of Health Sciences, School of Nursing and the program in social work.

Interest in the field of health law is booming, and the law school is responding with courses, symposia and lectures. “We see Quinnipiac becoming a leader in health care, and it makes sense that we in the law school build on that strength,” says Jennifer Gerarda Brown, dean of the School of Law.

The school will celebrate this new chapter Oct. 1, marking the opening of the building with a ribbon cutting and remarks by Guido Calabresi, senior judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and former dean, Yale Law School. On Oct. 11, law school alumni are invited to tour the new center and hear...
Dean Jennifer Gerarda Brown tours the library with Joseph "Jay" Arcata III, JD '05, president of the Law Alumni Association. Work continued on the building all summer.
Kathleen Gedney, JD ’11, who works in health law, says the Affordable Care Act has contributed to the growth in health care law.

Brown describes the new law library as the “intellectual center of gravity” for the building. While the library still has plenty of books, it also has numerous terminals to access online material and space to encourage conversation. Two bridges span the nave of the library, connecting it to classrooms, a student lounge and offices for student journals, competition teams and extracurricular organizations.

The new space was structured to encourage teamwork. Collaborative classrooms enable students to toggle between individual computers (where they might draft documents or share a monitor) and large central flat screens for class discussions. The school’s largest lecture halls have oval tables in every other row. With a spin of their chairs, students can switch from lecture mode to small group discussions.

“What we hear from legal employers is that they need graduates who possess not only analytical skills and technical expertise, but also an ability to negotiate and work in teams—people who understand project management and collaboration,” Brown says. “We can nurture all of those skills in a wider array of classes because of the options the architecture gives us.”

TEAM APPROACH

John Thomas, Carmen A. Tortora Professor of Law, and Linda Ellis, associate professor of medical sciences in the School of Medicine, recently co-taught a Health Policy and Advocacy capstone course for medical students who are interested in analyzing a legal issue that affects health care. Topics range from the impact of the Affordable Care Act on Medicaid services in Connecticut to the intersection of legal and clinical definitions of “disability.”

“The medical students are working toward deepening and broadening their nascent visions of our health care system by gaining an understanding of how law interacts with the provision of care,” Thomas says. “The presence of medical students in law school courses also has benefited the law school curriculum and law students. Medical students provide a practical perspective that enriches our discussions of health care law and broadens our perspective of the role lawyers play,” he says.

Lectures and classes that familiarize health and medical students with the legal landscape and law students with what it takes to deliver health care make sense, according to Leonard Dwarica, director of the Center for Health Law and Policy in the School of Law.

“Much discussion has taken place about the team approach of the three health-focused schools, but the School of Law also can play a role on this team,” he adds.

“We’d like to develop a relationship between the law and medical schools at the student level to help medical students understand that when they graduate, the lawyers are not the enemy; they are their allies and a resource.”

Adversarial relationships between health professionals and lawyers are not uncommon. The first time a physician interacts with a lawyer, it’s often because he or she is being sued for malpractice, Dwarica notes. To further sour a physician’s opinion of the legal profession, the second lawyer he encounters may be the lawyer from the insurance company, who may not place the physician’s interests above his employer’s, he says.

“If you don’t know what the laws are, or you don’t understand what your obligations are, you run the risk of making a mistake. It might be an innocent mistake, but nonetheless it could lead to some serious consequences,” Dwarica says.

Health professionals—physicians, nurses, occupational therapists, physical therapists, physician assistants and others—work under complex laws that oversee myriad legal issues from reimbursements to employee rights and patient privacy. Violating the federal Anti-Kickback Statute, for example, can result not only in hefty fines, but also jail time.
The Affordable Care Act introduced new regulations for health care providers. “By becoming a provider of a federal or state program, you are subject to a lot of regulations with serious penalties, says Kathleen Gedney, JD’11, an associate at Bershtein, Volpe and McKeon, New Haven.

While general information about these laws is available online, it’s best to consult a lawyer for a specific situation, she says. “Doctors and nurses should be getting a basic understanding of the regulatory scene.”

Gedney works primarily with physician practices reviewing contracts, handling negotiations and analyzing legal issues for clients interested in expanding their practice or collaborating with a device distributor. Because of these legal changes, health care law is growing. “It’s competitive, but it’s interesting work and very relevant,” she says.

Gedney was excited to learn about the growing collaborations with the Schools of Medicine, Nursing, and Health Sciences. As a law student, she often attended medical lectures at neighboring universities to gain insight.

“In retrospect it gave me an understanding of what their profession is, how they see themselves helping patients, and what they see as the roadblocks to helping patients,” she says. “To have law students interested in health care law attend any type of medical discussion will help them develop the language they need to speak with clients, even on a very basic level.”

This past year 28 students signed up for the health law concentration. Two courses have been added: one focuses on patient privacy in regard to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act; the other is about the federal regulation of health care fraud and abuse.

Jennifer Herbst, associate professor of law, is developing a new interdisciplinary course in public health law with the assistance of a fellowship. She was one of 10 professors selected from across the country as faculty fellows to participate in a 10-day symposium hosted by Georgia State University College of Law and its Center for Law, Health and Society. Funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the symposium focused on the future of public health law education. Brown attended the first few days. “The program gave us a host of ideas about how Quinnipiac can become a leader in the interdisciplinary study and promotion of public health,” Brown says.

Herbst’s new course, Public Health Law and Ethics, is aimed at law, medical, nursing and business students and will “emphasize group problem solving, advocacy skills, teamwork and effective communication among the professions,” she explains.

In the spring, Herbst joined Katherine LaMonaca, global public health coordinator, to team-teach a course called Community Assessment, which tasked law students with researching the needs of a community issue from a public health or community service paradigm.

“They learned the best way to frame a conversation so they are listening and letting the community residents set the agenda rather than assuming that they—people who do not live there—would have the best solution,” Herbst says.

GUN LAWS AND PUBLIC HEALTH TOPIC OF FORUM

The School of Law continues to explore issues of interest to those in the legal profession and beyond, and the new building offers an ideal gathering space. This past spring, professionals in several fields, including medicine, mental health and law, shed light on the causes and repercussions of gun violence and the laws that affect gun owners at a March symposium, “Gun Laws, Public Health, and the Prevalence of Gun Violence: A Critical Look at an Important Balance.”

In April 2013, Dr. Andrew Morris-Singer, president and principal founder of Primary Care Progress, discussed the importance of primary care in improving the health care system at the inaugural Primary Care and the Law Symposium.

The John A. Speziale Alternative Dispute Resolution Symposium in March 2015 will be dedicated to ADR in health care. The law school’s Center on Dispute Resolution is currently working with faculty and administrators from the School of Health Sciences, the School of Medicine and the Connecticut Bar Foundation to organize the event.

“There is a growing interest in the intersection between health care and dispute resolution, and this symposium will be an opportunity for Quinnipiac to make a major contribution to this new field,” explains Charlie Pillsbury, who co-directs the Center on Dispute Resolution with Carolyn Kaas, associate professor of law. In addition, the Quinnipiac-Yale Dispute Resolution Workshop will host a variety of speakers in the 2014–15 school year, each focused on an application of dispute resolution in the health care field.

Brown says the law school will explore the formation of medical-legal partnerships, perhaps involving St. Vincent’s Medical Center or the medical school’s Center for Rehabilitation Medicine. These partnerships will enable professors and students in the law school’s civil justice clinic to work with medical professionals to solve patient/client problems in a holistic, integrated fashion. There’s also potential for the law school’s humanitarian trips abroad to connect with the medical school’s Global Public Health Institute.

“We’re developing collaborative projects, expanding the curriculum, working with alumni and engaging with legal employers to understand the needs of the practice in the 21st century,” Dwarica says.

“What we hear from legal employers is that they need graduates who possess not only analytical skills and technical expertise, but also an ability to negotiate and work in teams...”

—Jennifer Gerarda Brown
COLLEGE: A SMART MOVE

ALONG WITH KNOWLEDGE, EMPLOYERS PRIZE LIFE LESSONS LEARNED OUTSIDE OF CLASS

BY JANET WALDMAN
The value of a college education has been an oft-explored media topic this year, prompting some students and parents to ponder the return on their tuition investment.

Some articles attempt to correlate student debt with future salaries. While attending college cannot guarantee students will land high-paying jobs of their dreams, statistics consistently show that college graduates, on average, make considerably more money than those with a only a high school diploma.

Many students, however, discover that the real value of college lies in the opportunities it presents for personal growth and the character-building experiences they will use later in the workplace.

Some discover an aptitude for leadership. Others learn to push beyond limits. Many develop the ability to learn from opposing viewpoints while finding their own voices. These are lessons likely to be remembered long after loans are repaid.

Molly Yanity, assistant professor of journalism, jokes that one of the most important lessons a college student learns is to “clean up your space—nobody else is going to do it for you.”

Reflecting more seriously, Yanity says she cannot put a value on the years she spent earning her degrees. “There is no way to monetize that. I understand the angst that comes with paying college loans, but I don’t think money can measure the experience.”

Yanity is one of QU’s newest professors, arriving last fall from Ohio University, where she taught for five years after working as a sportswriter for the Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

Preparing students to be open for intellectual awakenings is part of her role, she says. “We crack the door to the tools they need to make sense of life.”

She used racism as an example. “The concept can be discussed in a text, but to really be able to talk about it, students need to experience it in their lives.” Her sports class will discuss the racism-laced case of LA Clippers owner Donald Sterling and she probably will reference the book, “Forty Million Dollar Slaves,” to give the topic context.

She says the sense of community fostered on a college campus is incredibly rare. “You have a safe place to figure out social norms and trust your opinions.” She knows she has done her job if students leave her class feeling more confident and more adept at the social cues and nuances that come with expressing themselves.

“They might think, ‘Maybe I could have expressed it better, less offensively,’ but we learn those things in college classes ...it’s a more forgiving atmosphere than the workplace. After school, coworkers are your competition, but not so in class.”

Abdul Staten ’01 agrees. Describing college as a quasi-competitive but ultra-friendly atmosphere, he says it’s really about “exploring who you are versus who everyone expects you to be.”

Staten is so certain he got his money’s worth from Quinnipiac that he wrote a book about it. Although he asserts that academics and career development are the primary reasons students head to college, the social, emotional and psychological lessons they experience outside the classroom are just as valuable.

In “A Matter of Semantics” (Black Rose, June 2013), he notes that professors challenge students to think critically at this point in their lives and encourage them to flex their intellectual muscles more vigorously than they did in high school. One such professor is Leonard Engel, who celebrated 50 years of teaching at Quinnipiac this year (see story on p. 31).

The University bookstore carries Staten’s book, and a number of freshmen attending June orientation sessions purchased copies. The communications major drew upon his experiences at Quinnipiac, interviews with students from other colleges and successful professionals for content.

“College classes require students to consider concepts, digest them and then articulate them instead of simply regurgitating information that professors want to hear,” Staten says.

Critical thinking is among the “real-world skills” employers expect, along with strong oral and written communication skills and experience working in teams, according to Cynthia Christie, assistant dean for career development in the School of Health Sciences. Those are part of the 11 “essential learning outcomes” Quinnipiac has established to prepare students for personal and professional success. The others are responsible citizenship, diversity awareness and sensitivity, social intelligence, scientific literacy, quantitative reasoning, information fluency, creative thinking and visual literacy.

An annual employer survey conducted by the National Association of Colleges and Employers finds year after year that new college graduates fall somewhat short in delivering the skills employers prize most, according to Annalisa Zinn, MBA ’11, associate vice president for academic and strategic planning.

“The greatest gaps have routinely been in verbal communication skills, strong work ethic,
teamwork skills, analytical skills and initiative. This implies that while many students are graduating with a limited set of skills that are highly valued in the job market, Quinnipiac students are gaining the skills that are demanded in the workplace,” Zinn says.

Staten remembers the late Professor Mark Johnston leading discussions that prompted Staten to re-examine his thinking about his racial heritage in a survey course on African-American literature.

“Professor Johnston was instrumental in helping me learn more about my cultural background. At a time in my life when I sought the historical impact and contributions of African-Americans, it amazed me that he was able to do that, when he was not African-American. Of all the classes I took at Quinnipiac, I only kept a few books, and most are from his class.”

College also taught Staten that stereotypes he held and generalizations he made about particular groups of people based on TV shows or others’ opinions were faulty. “That was my reality and all I knew until I met people from this group in my freshman year,” he says.

Staten coordinates the Human Trafficking Prevention program at Prevent Child Abuse-New Jersey. Before that, he taught a freshman seminar course and counseled students at a community college and worked in education/prevention at a rape crisis center. He and his wife, Jessica Greenberg ’03, are the parents of two young children.

Learning to give and take constructive criticism was a skill acquired at QU by Joshua Powers ’13, a production coordinator with Nickelodeon. "Professor Becky Abbott was relentless—in a good way—with suggesting how to make our film projects better. I won’t critique someone or something unless I have a viable solution that will help,” he says.

Powers, who began at Nickelodeon as an intern, helps oversee the internship program at the network. He puts those skills to work helping interns draft “professional and appropriate emails.” While at QU, Powers met Rich Barry ’90, Nickelodeon vice president and creative director. Their meeting at a School of Communications networking session led to Powers’ internship and future job.

“Quinnipiac gave me the confidence to step into the huge world I’m in now and the proof that my dreams could be tangible,” he says.

WHAT’S IT WORTH?

An October 2013 Pew Research Center survey of 2,000 adults published in February found that on “virtually every measure of economic well-being and career attainment—from personal earnings to job satisfaction to the number of respondents employed full time—young college graduates are outperforming their peers with less education.”

Nine in 10 with at least a bachelor’s degree felt college already had paid off or will pay off. The report, titled “The Rising Cost of Not Going to College,” found that working college grads ages 25 to 32 earn about $17,500 more a year than employed young adults with only high school diplomas—about $700,000 over a 40-year career.

College grads were significantly more likely to say their education has been very useful in preparing them for a career and has equipped them with the tools to advance in their careers.

Although it’s no shock that college grads generally earn more, the Pew study found the disparity has widened. It cites, for example, the year 1979, when the first Baby Boomers were about the same age Millennials are today. Then, the typical high school graduate earned about 77 percent of what a college grad made. Today, Millennials with only a high school diploma earn just 62 percent of what the typical college grad earns.

Pew also used data collected in the government’s monthly Current Population Survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau for its research.

“College gives students a platform to develop their brand. The academics help students determine what type of career path they will take, but the outside-the-classroom experience helps students solidify what type of professional they will be once they land that first job.”—Abdul Staten ’01
MAKING CONNECTIONS

Going abroad to study or for community service creates lifelong memories and global awareness that students don’t get from books. From Washington, D.C., to Haiti, Andy Landolfi ’16 has availed himself of several transformational experiences while at QU. He’s not sure whether his future lies in journalism, political science or law, but he’s making the most of his present.

He attended the annual 10-day Inside Washington seminar during his freshman year and this past winter, was part of a group that volunteered with the Restavec Freedom Alliance, an organization that operates rescue homes in Haiti for young children found living as indentured domestic servants to wealthy families.

Through sports and English lessons, the Quinnipiac students hoped to inspire the children to think about better futures for themselves.

“The community embraced us and the kids were so happy to play...we didn’t even need a common language. I want to go back this January,” he says.

Students often forge bonds on trips like this. Staten writes that college yields a support system of friends “who will end up feeling more like blood relatives than people you’ve only known for a few years, people you can use to build a professional network.”

Jill Ferrall ’94, MAT ’96, associate dean for career development in the School of Business, has seen this benefit in action. “People you meet at college can help you in your lifespan—the average person changes jobs seven or eight times,” she notes.

“College gives students a platform to develop their brand...who we are, and who we are not,” Staten says. The academics help students determine what type of career path they will take, but the outside-the-classroom experience helps students solidify what type of professional they will be once they land that first job.”

ENGEL LOVES NEW TAKES ON OLD STORIES

Reading great books is the best part of college, according to English professor Leonard Engel, who has spent the past 50 years teaching English at Quinnipiac.

Engel has been observing student behavior since joining the faculty in 1964, transitioning from the psychedelic ‘60s to the Internet age. His yearly advice to incoming freshmen hasn’t changed.

“I tell them to take advantage of the time they have to read. It’s a luxury they won’t have when the demands of making a living encroach,” says Engel, who describes college as “the greatest reading experience of your life.”

“Moby Dick” hasn’t been revised, and Faulkner’s works are still as obscure as ever, but the characters in these classics still resonate with students who surprise Engel with fresh perspectives on old stories. “The fun part for me is when their ideas and arguments come together and they share that. I love the in-class spontaneity and interaction,” he says.

He recalls a male student whom he described as reserved. “He was having trouble with ‘Go Down Moses.’ After the exam, he handed me his paper, walked out, and then came back into the room and said, ‘That book blew my mind.’”

Ashely Sgro ’14, who took Engel’s class this past spring, said one of her favorite parts of college is being able to engage people in conversation and get different points of view. “I come from a small Connecticut town and I like having my ideas challenged. Even if other students don’t, Professor Engel will,” she said.

The English major started law school at Quinnipiac this fall. She recalls Engel telling her he learned a lot from reading her work, which inspired her. “I wanted to take in every word he said, and I wished I could have taped him. I can’t believe how much knowledge he has.”

Engel was one of three recipients of the 2013 Center for Excellence in Teaching awards. Although most of his memories of Quinnipiac are wonderful, there is one he wishes he could erase. That was the day in February 2012 when his teenage son, Toby, died from a 200-foot fall while hiking Sleeping Giant Mountain, across the street from campus.

“The community embraced us and the kids were so happy to play...we didn’t even need a common language. I want to go back this January,” he says.

“Coming to work, there were times when I would tear up and I couldn’t look at the mountain,” he relates. He and his wife visit the spot where Toby fell twice a year, on Toby’s birthday and the anniversary of the day he died.

“It’s hard to look at the mountain and not think of Toby, but I have so many good memories as well. I am working through looking at the mountain again,” he says.

“Teaching and Quinnipiac have been my life. I feel fortunate and blessed to have found something I love to do. Not everybody does.”
Daniel O’Mara Jr. of Wallingford, CT, retired professor of accounting, and retired from T.M. Byxbee Co. reports that his granddaughter, Brittany O’Mara ’10, MBA ’11, of East Haddam, CT, has joined the staff of T.M. Byxbee Co. in Hamden.

Anna (DeMaio) Balletto of Cheshire, CT, is the proud grandmother of Nathan, 5, and Makenzie Cole, who made her debut on WVIT Channel 30 in 2012 as a Superstorm Sandy baby.

Brian Peel has retired from Commerce Bancshares in Kansas City, MO, after 33 years. Brian and his wife, Dorothy Ann, live in Overland Park, KS.

William Dungan of Mooresville, NC, is the chief strategy officer for fiber optics provider AFL of Spartanburg, SC. He will work on creating strategic direction for the company’s long-term growth.

Harvey Goldstein of Branford, CT, is editor at Amherst Media in Buffalo, NY. Harvey has been a ghost writer/editor for Amherst Media since March 2013. His first five books were be released in the summer of 2014. Harvey received the Gary Jentoft Association Service Award at the 2014 Professional Photographers of America Convention in Phoenix.

Henry Balavender is chief executive officer of Physiotherapy Associates in Exton, PA. A physical therapist by training, he brings more than 25 years of clinical and operational expertise to the CEO position. Previously, he led six organizations in the PT sector including HealthSouth, where he was the senior vice president/chief operations officer. He and his wife, Gail, live in Old Lyme, CT. They have four children.

Anton Kobus and his wife, Marilyn, met at Quinnipiac and recently celebrated 29 years of marriage. They live in Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA, and have a daughter, Marisa, and a son, Philip Kobus ’13, who is completing Quinnipiac’s doctor of physical therapy program. Anton is a marketing operations manager at Verizon Communications in Boston.
Jeff Russell of Orange, CT, and Lou Pane ’87 of East Haven, CT, recently opened Jake’s Diggity Dogs in New Haven. Jeff and Lou played on the men’s ice hockey team. Jake’s serves foot-long dogs with a choice of toppings.

Edward Sokolnicki ’78, JD ’90, of Ansonia, CT, was promoted to global program lead at Computer Sciences Corp.

Michael DePrimo of Hamden argued a case before the U.S. Supreme Court in January 2014 involving buffer zones around abortion clinics and the rights of anti-abortion activists. Michael specializes in First Amendment and religious liberty cases.

Albert Carfora of Branford, CT, officiated the Connecticut Class L girls’ basketball state championship between Capital Prep and Weaver High School at Mohegan Sun.

Ronald Perine of Avon, CT, is president of Mintz + Hoke, a marketing communications agency. He has been with the company since 1994, starting in the IT department and most recently serving as COO. He also serves as treasurer of the board.

Denise (Martel) Anderson of Peabody, MA, is a referral center operations manager for Partners Healthcare at Home. Now that their children are grown, she and her husband are enjoying some travel time.

Robert Bruzik was promoted to wealth management outsourcing consultant at TIAA-CREF in Charlotte, NC, where he lives. Bob also successfully passed the Series 65 and 7 Securities and Exchange Commission exams for general securities representatives and investment adviser representatives.

Kathleen (Cahill) Catlin of Cheshire, CT, has remarried and works with second-grade students as a teacher’s aide at Chapman Elementary School. She has three teenage children.

Thomas Signore of Syracuse, NY, works for the New York Mets as a pitching coach in the player development department. Prior to the Mets, Tom spent five years with the Washington Nationals, five with the Miami Marlins and nine with the Toronto Blue Jays.

David Tedford of Billerica, MA, has been named national sales manager for Rentsys Recovery Services of College Station, TX. He has been an account executive with Rentsys for more than eight years. He is a founding member and current president of the Greater Boston chapter of the Association of Contingency Planners.

Troy Greenwald of Kingsport, TN, is a hearing instrument specialist and owner of Beltone of the Tri-Cities since 2011.

Clark Yoder of Fairfield, CT, is the vice president of IPA Network at North Shore-LIJ Health Systems in Great Neck, NY.

Martin Mezza ’91, MBA ’93, of Norwalk, CT, is a tax associate with Financial Strategies Investment Advisor Services in Bethel, CT.

Jamison Scott was elected to serve as president of the Wood Machinery Manufacturers of America, the national trade association for those who make machinery, cutting tools and supplies for the woodworking industry. Jamison is executive vice president of Air Handling Systems, a family-owned business in Woodbridge, CT, where he lives.

Samuel Mielcarski of Roswell, GA, is a licensed physical therapist who focuses on...
wellness. He is also the author of “Feel Good Now!” and a health consultant specializing in rehabilitation and health transformation.

Paula (Rembac) Miller of North Haven, CT, is interim head tennis coach at Quinnipiac. She is also the Greater New Haven County alumni chapter president.

**1997**

Rolande Gay and her husband, Norman, celebrated their 31st wedding anniversary on May 5. They have seven children, 13 grandchildren and became great-grandparents last year. They live in Mansfield, CT.

**2000**

Brian Quinlan ’00 and Jaclyn Calovine were married on Oct. 13, 2013, in Fairfield, CT. Brian is the director of the Center for Student Involvement at Nichols College in Dudley, MA. The couple lives in Grafton, MA. (See photo p. 46.)

Jason Souza of West Warwick, RI, has joined the Bulfinch Group as a financial representative.

**2002**

Todd Charles Barretta ’02, MBA ’04, is the CEO of Future Solutions S P A, a conglomerate services company that he founded while completing his JD at the Columbus School of Law at Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. Todd lives in Meriden, CT, with his son, Charles, 5.

Aaron Blank of Bothell, WA, is the new CEO and president of the Fearay Group in Seattle. Aaron joined the firm in 2006. He also serves on the board of trustees of the Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, the board of managers of the Northshore YMCA and the board of America’s Edge.

Jaclynn Demas of Hicksville, NY, has been working in children’s television for the past 11 years. She produces an animated series called “Peg + Cat,” which airs on PBS Kids and won a Daytime Emmy Award for Outstanding Preschool Children’s Animated Program. She was nominated in the same category for “The Wonder Pets.”

Michael Foster and Jenna Maroccio were married on Oct. 19, 2013, in Seekonk, MA. Chris Mercurio ’02, MBA ’04, was a groomsman. The couple lives in Johnston, RI. (See photo p. 46.)

Christopher Melvin is the owner of Little Bay Lumber, an international lumber and flooring company. Christopher lives in Stony Brook, NY, with his wife, Alicia, and sons Brennan, 1, and Kieran, 4. (See photo p. 47.)

Stephen Vendigni completed his internal medicine residency at the University of Washington in Seattle and began a gastroenterology fellowship at UW in July 2014. He and his wife welcomed their first child, Simon Elliott, on Dec. 16, 2013. The family lives in Seattle.

Eric Yutzy of Zionsville, IN, has been a sportscaster for the past 11 years and recently became a news anchor/reporter at WPLG in Miami.

**2003**

Alexis (Ciani) DeJianne and her husband, Richard, announce the birth of a son, Curren James, on Nov. 23, 2013. The family lives in Fair Haven, NJ.

Dana (Cantiello) Garvey is a clinical resource leader/shift supervisor in the emergency department at Midstate Medical Center in Meriden, CT. Dana married Eric Garvey ’02 in 2005. They live in Old Saybrook, CT.

Lauren (Carmody) Grenier of Southington, CT, was promoted to director of public relations at Connecticut Innovations in Rocky Hill, CT, where she began in October 2013.

**2004**

Jessica Camerato of Framingham, MA, is a senior NBA writer at Basketball Insiders. During this NBA season, Jessica contributed a feature article to ESPN.com based on her interview with Boston Celtics captain, Rajon Rondo.

Joseph Catapano of Silver Springs, MD, is a coordinator for stakeholder engagement. North America, at ICANN located in Washington, DC. He previously was a communications officer at the United Nations Foundation.

Stephanie Cunha of Seekonk, MA, joined Duffy & Shanley as an account executive in the agency’s consumer PR division. She is responsible for account management and media relations for the agency’s fashion and retail clients.

Jared Di Lorenzo acquired Danbury Chiropractic & Wellness. Jared is a member of the American Chiropractic Association and Connecticut Chiropractic Association. He lives in Brookfield, CT, with his wife, Jennifer, and their 4-year-old triplets, Jared, Arielle and Gemma.

Lisa Finelli of Cambridge, MA, recently became a brand and public relations manager at Leedz Edutainment. She will focus on brand growth, even promotions and collaborating with media partners.

Michael Gammarelli of New York, NY, was promoted to financial adviser at Morgan Stanley in New York City. In 2013 he became a partner in the Gerson Guarino & Meisel wealth management group at Morgan Stanley.

**2005**

Eamonn Bransfield of Cromwell, CT, is the vice president and portfolio manager of Webster Private Bank of Waterbury, CT.

Sokchan Choun ’05, MBA ’06, of New Haven is an adjunct professor at Albertus Magnus College and works at the XL Group as assistant vice president of the IT audit group.

Aubrey (Bishop) Heller ’05, MS ’07, of Saco, ME, was promoted to assistant registrar at the University of New England in Portland, ME.

Brian Kowalenko of Enfield, CT, is promotions manager at WFSB-TV in Rocky Hill, CT.

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Tara Sehnal King ’95 had the chance to see India after communicating regularly with colleagues there via phone and Internet in her role as senior manager in the operations division of Accenture, an international management consulting firm.

She visited the company offices in Bangalore this past spring. “I was impressed by the amount of business growth. At every corner there was construction of a new office building for some of the most recognized leaders in technology,” said the Charlotte, N.C., resident.

Accenture has offices in more than 200 cities in 56 countries. The company helps clients deliver products and services efficiently and grow their businesses in both existing and new markets. King’s team manages core human resources services, performing such administrative functions as timekeeping, payroll, benefits administration, workforce and data administration, and customer support.

“In the past, a company might have managed these processes with an in-house department, she said, “but many HR functions can be standardized, and companies are able to realize tangible business outcomes far beyond staffing and cost reductions by employing a firm such as Accenture.”

King is committed to improving these processes as well. Using recruitment and retention as an example, she explained that her team analyzes historical data to predict and prescribe ways in which clients can improve and grow.

Anticipating clients’ needs is another focus of her team, such as recommending a digital enhancement to a company’s HR web portal so an employee can upload a document, like a doctor’s note, from a smart phone rather than faxing it.

King worked at Bank of America for nine years before joining Accenture last December. She oversaw the bank’s HR outsourcing relationships in various areas including executive compensation, stock administration, payroll and retirement plan administration.

She and her husband, Michael, are the parents of 3-year-old William and 18-month-old Michaela. Working remotely from North Carolina at odd hours of the day and night allows her to juggle family time with work.

King’s BA degree is in business administration and management. She recalls professors Frank Bellizzi and David Cadden as being particularly strong influences during her Quinnipiac years. “Dr. Bellizzi helped me understand empowerment and how you can channel your energy to accomplish things outside your comfort zone. Dr. Cadden was good at challenging students to go beyond the simple answer. This lesson helped me learn to always question and look for things beyond the surface, and I have used this skill in every role of my career.”

Business analytics is one of her favorite areas, and one she expects will skyrocket in importance in the next few years. She applauds QU for adding a master’s degree in the subject.

“Analytics is the future. Large volumes of data exist. If organized and leveraged in the right way, it can be so fruitful for predicting outcomes. I think over the next few years we will see a focus on big data as companies realize the power in analyzing what they already have.”

—Jack Kramer
Elizabeth (Hamlin) McVety and Brian McVety ’06, MAT ’07, of Beverly, MA, announce the birth of a daughter, Nora Catherine, on Feb. 16, 2014. (See photo p. 47.)

Betsy (Girard) Shah and her husband, Aakash, announce the birth of a daughter, Maya Aakash, on Aug. 7, 2013. Betsy is a clinical therapist at Youth Continuum, Inc. The couple lives in Milford, CT. (See photo p. 47.)

Tamara (Duggleby) Waldrupe and her husband, Brian, announce the birth of a son, Landon Knox, on March 15, 2014. Tamara is a commercial lines underwriter at The Hanover Insurance Group in Worcester, MA. The family lives in Leominster, MA. (See photo p. 47.)

Mark Antonucci of Austin, TX, recently accepted a position at St. Edward’s University as associate director of residence life and assistant clinical professor in the College of Education.

Rory Condon ’06, ‘13 of New Haven is a staff nurse at the Student Health Center at Yale University.

Stefanie (Buchheit) Ferrari of Brooklyn, NY, recently launched her own company, Hay Rosie Craft Ice Cream. The company sells ice cream wholesale and direct to consumers.

Craig Hotchkiss of West Haven, CT, is co-owner of a new farm-to-table gastro-pub in New Haven called Oak Haven Table & Bar.

Kristie Lianos and Jared Kohlhepp ’06 were married on July 13, 2013, in Hartford. The couple lives in Bethlehem, PA. (See photo p. 46.)

Jeffrey Paris of Lexington, MA, is a celebrity talent booker for the Ryan Seacrest Foundation where he cultivates celebrity partnerships to ensure visits to various pediatric hospitals, publicity appearances, VIP experience auction/gala and fundraising opportunities.

Trevor Rank and his wife, Amanda, announce the birth of a son, Cameron Jacob, on Oct. 5, 2013, in Long Island, NY. Marissa is a senior research analyst at Fox News in New York. The couple lives in Old Bridge, NJ. (See photo p. 46.)

Matt Chmura, MS ’07, is the director of athletic communications at Swarthmore College, and is responsible for the publicity of the institution’s 22 varsity sports. Matt lives in Upland, PA.

Sara Fiore ’07, MS ’09, of Parsippany, NJ, is an editor at McCann Torre Lazur, a medical advertising company.

Charity (Stout) Kuchyt of New London, CT, is special events coordinator at Quinnipiac University.

Douglas Manners of East Longmeadow, MA, is a senior copy editor at Square 2 Marketing.

Cristina Poulos of Stamford, CT, opened a chiropractic practice called Stamford Balance.

Kelly Rider of Brookhaven, PA, finished her first season as the...
Sharrona Williams ’95

Fancy Footwork
Orthopedic surgeon keeps patients on their toes

Atlanta orthopedic surgeon Sharrona Williams ’95 says it’s never easy telling athletes they can no longer play the sport they love—the sport they thought would take them to a winner’s podium or to the pros—because of an injury.

“It can be depressing to learn that what you know and love is not a good thing for you anymore,” says Williams, the only foot-ankle specialist in her practice, OrthoAtlanta. She understands this because she was on the other side of this conversation. Williams tore her ACL while playing basketball for former head coach Bill Dixon at Quinnipiac. She had torn it once before in high school and had surgery to repair it, but the second tear ended her collegiate athletic career.

“It was tough, but I knew it was the right thing,” Williams says of leaving the team. “I wasn’t as quick. I didn’t want to go back and not be as competitive as I was.”

Instead, she became a team leader, which allowed her to remain close to the game and work with team members. She focused on her professional goals, which led her to orthopedic medicine. “What I do still allows me to be a part of athletics and participate in athletes’ lives—and that’s the part I love,” she says.

Williams treats all types of injuries, from ankle replacements to tibia fractures, and foot problems such as bunions and hammertoes. Her patients include high school and collegiate athletes, as well as older competitive athletes, marathoners and people injured at work.

“I’m passionate about what I do. If you have had a foot problem, you know that if your feet hurt, everything hurts,” she says.

She makes time to educate her patients about injury prevention. Today physicians know more about sports-related injuries. For example, women are seven times more likely to tear their ACL. While women have strong quad muscles, they often have weaker hamstrings, which puts more pressure on the ACL, she explains. Strengthening those muscles can alleviate that pressure and prevent tearing.

It took time for Williams to find alternatives to basketball—the sport she grew up playing in Philadelphia. Despite her injury, she played casually while studying at Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine and even during her internship at the Mayo Clinic. It was during her fellowship at Duke University Medical Center that she began cycling, spinning and swimming.

Today, as a member of her practice’s cycling group, she trains with colleagues and participates in charity races. She supports sports programs for children in urban areas of Atlanta and is working with community leaders to address childhood obesity. Recently, she started a scholarship for underrepresented women interested in medicine.

Williams also intends to head back to the classroom. She plans to start an MBA program in 2015 and eventually become more involved in health care administration.

Orthopedic surgery is physically challenging, she says. “We are basically carpenters of the body. We operate drills, saws and hammers. With some of the population, I work pretty hard…I can’t imagine doing this when I’m 60 or 65.”

—Alejandra Navarro
Bryan Radosavcev, MHS '02

Diagnostic Detectives
Pathologists’ assistants function as doctor’s eyes and hands

To understand what happens in a pathology laboratory, don’t rely on CIS and the plethora of cop shows, says Bryan Radosavcev MHS ’02.

“What we do is challenging and fascinating,” he says, “but it isn’t glamorous.”

Radosavcev, a pathologists’ assistant, is the clinical coordinator for the pathology department at the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) Health System, where he supervises all clinical and research technical operations, personnel and procedures in the system’s surgical pathology areas.

The PA profession has been in existence since the early 1970s and is in increasing demand. Whether they are investigating causes of death through autopsy pathology or examining tissue samples for diagnosis before, during or after surgical procedures, PAs are essential to modern health care teams.

PAs interact with pathologists in a similar manner to how physician assistants work with physicians. While PAs cannot deliver diagnoses—that task is the domain of pathologists, who are MDs—they function, Radosavcev says, as physicians’ eyes and hands, performing the necessary tissue examinations and presenting the clinical information required for the diagnostic process. PAs are also increasingly involved in research because, as Radosavcev notes, “You can’t have good patient care without accurate diagnosis.” He and other PAs are investigating areas such as genetic testing, and working with specialties such as radiology to refine diagnostic techniques.

He was born and raised in a town outside Akron, Ohio, where his parents settled after emigrating from Yugoslavia. “I went to school not speaking English,” Radosavcev says, “but I always loved science.” By high school, he was taking AP biology. After a class tour of a hospital laboratory, he says, “I walked out telling myself that I was going to work in a lab. I loved the idea of being able to look into the human body beyond what the eye could see.”

A PA he met while obtaining his BS in cytotechnology from the University of Akron encouraged him to consider the PA field. Radosavcev applied to Quinnipiac’s program, graduated with distinction, worked as a PA in a small hospital, and then opened and managed a private pathology lab before taking his current job. Along the way, while working full time, he obtained an MBA in business management from Pepperdine University.

Radosavcev will help educate the next generation of PAs. In June, several Quinnipiac students began clinical training at UCLA under his supervision, and the long-term goal is to establish a Quinnipiac PA program on the West Coast.

“The QU professors told us up front that the work would be difficult, both academically and emotionally, and it was,” he says. “While they were tough, and expected a lot, they also all gave us enormous professional and personal support. I’m in touch almost weekly with (Professor) Ken Kaloustian, as a mentor and now a colleague. I have no doubt that this is the best PA program in the country.”

—Rhea Hirshman
Ryan Toher ’08, DPT ’11, of Smithfield, RI, is a physical therapist at Elite Physical Therapy, which opened its seventh location in Lincoln, RI.

2009

Tammi (Gorman) Bongoli, MBA ’09, of Kailua Kona, HI, joined Kaiser Permanente Hawaii as the director of Medicare sales and operations.

Kendra Butters works at Boston College in Chestnut Hill, MA, as a communications specialist for the Lynch School of Education. Kendra lives in South Boston.

Griffin McGrath ’09, MBA ’10, of Foxboro, MA, works as a researcher with the chairman and CEO at Forrester Research in Cambridge, MA.

Jason Sena of Fair Haven, NJ, is an associate at the law firm of Cutolo Mandel following a clerkship with the Honorable Linda Grasso Jones in the Superior Court of New Jersey.

Richard Wallace is assistant vice president at Deutsche Bank in New York, NY, where he lives. Prior to joining Deutsche Bank, he was an assistant vice president at Morgan Stanley.

2010

Andrew “A.J.” Alessi ’10, MAT ’13, of Branford, CT, was named the lacrosse coach at Notre Dame High School in West Haven, CT.

Eugenia Magill of Naugatuck, CT, is a healing touch certified practitioner and teaches Introduction to Healing Touch classes at the Woodbury Yoga Center.

Jennifer Miller ’10, MAT ’11, of Hamden is a special education teacher at Brookfield High School in Brookfield, CT.

Victoria Reitano of New York, NY, is a digital producer for “The Meredith Vieira Show” at NBCUniversal.

2011

Jordana Carideo ’11, MS ’13, of Rye, NY, is a public relations brand manager at Mason Inc., a marketing firm in Bethany, CT. She works with clients such as Energize CT, Hospital for Special Care and Cohen and Wolf.

Roger Czuchra, MOL ’11, of Oxford, CT, was promoted to chief information officer industrial at Stanley Black & Decker in New Britain, CT, where he leads IT strategy, business services, operational support and multiyear transformations for the industrial group.

Shannon Fox and James Spicer were married on May 24, 2014, in Holliston, MA. Amanda Radwell ’13, Jenna Gilberti ’13, and Joy Dallessio ’13 were among the bridesmaids. Thomas MacDougall ’10 served as best man while Jeremy Brunelle ’10 and Brian Kennedy ’08 were among the groomsmen. The couple lives in Bellingham, MA.

Rebecca Joseph of Shrewsbury, MA, is a commercial underwriter for the Hanover Insurance Group in Massachusetts.

Robert Shepherd, JD/MBA ’11, became a senior adviser at Durbin Bennett Peterson Tax Advisors in Austin, TX. He recently passed the final part of the Uniform Certified Public Accountant examination. He works on estate, gift and tax planning for high net worth individuals.

Meghan Silva of Quaker Hill, CT, was promoted to ABI program manager at Project Genesis, a nonprofit agency in Willimantic, CT. The company provides services to individuals with acquired brain injuries.

2012

Benjamin Chalpin of Norwalk, CT, is a media manager of on-air graphics at NBC Sports Group in Stamford, CT. He recently worked on the Winter Olympics in Sochi.

Keith Palmer of South Boston is a retail account specialist at Pernod Ricard USA in Boston. He works with brands that include Jameson, Absolut, The Glenlivit, Malibu, Avion and Kahlua.

Alec Varcas of Wolcott, CT, made his off-Broadway debut in March in “50 Shades! The Musical—The Original Parody.” Alec also made an appearance on “Watch What Happens Live” with Andy Cohen on Bravo and toured with the musical “Spamalot.”

2013

John “Jay” Binkowski of North Haven, CT, graduated from the Milford Police Academy in March. He works as an officer for the Milford Police Department.

William Craven of Suffield, CT, is a fellow at the Connecticut General Assembly’s Office of Fiscal Analysis in Hartford.

Joanna (Gavoni) Dorne, EDL ’13, was appointed the English language arts coordinator of ACES. Joanna has been with ACES since 1998 and lives in East Haven, CT.

Mark Firmani of Merrimack, NH, was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to teach English in Jordan for the 2014–15 academic year.

Jeanette Garcia, MHS ’13, of Norwalk, CT, was recently accepted to Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in the doctor of health science program. Jeanette also was promoted to a manager in translational medicine and clinical pharmacology at Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals.

Chris Ann Meaney, DNP ’13, of East Haddam, CT, is the new director of inpatient services at Bristol Hospital.

Megan Palladino recently opened her own business, The Candy Scoop, with her sister, Lauren. The shop is in New Canaan, CT, where she lives.

Brooksany Vettergreen, MS ’13, of Haverhill, MA, accepted a position at Roll Barresi and Associates in Cambridge, MA, as a senior designer.
child protection cases. He lives nomially for representation of Waterbury Judicial District’s was featured in the March 2014 tion of Counsel for Children. He 2009 by the National Associa- a child welfare law specialist in 2003. He has been at the firm for more than 25 years.

Shirley A. Parker of Walnut Creek, CA, is retired and living in the San Francisco Bay area.

Joseph A. Geremia Jr. operates a solo law practice, the Law Offices of Joseph A. Geremia Jr. He was certified as a child welfare law specialist in 2009 by the National Association of Counsel for Children. He was featured in the March 2014 Connecticut Law Tribune Pro Bono Honors section, as the Waterbury Judicial District’s nominee, for representation of children and indigent parents in child protection cases. He lives in Bethany, CT, with his wife, Michelle, who is chair and professor of biology at Quinnipiac.

Charles F. Proctor is owner, manager and senior attorney at Proctor Law Office in Oxford, MA, where he lives. The firm is a general practice firm and handles probate, real estate, some litigation and has advocated for persons applying for firearms permits in Massachusetts.

Linda Stark of Pompano Beach, FL, is a realtor at Century 21 Hansen Realty in Fort Lauderdale, FL. She received the Pacesetter award from her agency.

David B. Himelman of East Brunswick, NJ, recently opened his own law firm. His practice areas are primarily environmental law, land use and commercial real estate.

Russell J. Tenenzapf of Rye Brook, NY, worked 15 years at PepsiCo, in Somers, NY. Upon joining the company in 1998, he served as corporate counsel to the North American Business Development team, then became senior counsel for the Global Procurement/Strategic Sourcing organization before taking on his current role as legal director for PepsiCo’s North American Supply Chain Operations (distribution/manufacturing/warehousing/transportation/R&D) known as PepsiCo Americas Beverages.

Robert T. Terenzio of Orlando, FL, spoke with other legal experts on some of the ethical, contractual and procedural aspects of assisted reproduction technology at a conference in Charleston, SC. He has his own practice.

William Ruzzo of Kingston, PA, recently retired from the public defender’s office where he was a part-time assistant public defender. He litigated more than 20 capital cases in addition to general homicides.

Edward J. Sokolnicki BS ’78, JD ’90, has been promoted to global program lead at Computer Sciences Corp. He lives in Ansonia, CT.

Michael V. Cresitello Jr. was recently confirmed as a judge of the New Jersey Superior Court. He lives in Middlesex, NJ, with his wife, Loretta, and two children, Michael and Nicole. He is a partner in the Warren town-ship-based law firm of DiFrancesco, Bateman.

Abdalla Innabi of Altadena, CA, helped win an important victory in the California Supreme Court, extending social host liability. He is senior counsel at the Innabi Law Group in Pasadena, CA.

Robert D. Boyer of Crown Point, IN, has joined OurHealth as executive vice president, client engagement. He focuses on short and long-term growth objectives.

Anu Dhir of Mississauga, Ontario, Canada, has joined the board of directors of Golden Star Resources Ltd. She is the managing director of Miniqs Limited.

Stephen P. Brown of Trumbull, CT, has been promoted to deputy regional managing partner of Wilson Elser’s Connecticut offices. He will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of both the Stamford and Hartford Office with Brian DelGatto, JD ’86.

Vincent Reres is the regional (Northeast) telecommunications counsel to AT&T. He lives in Port Washington, NY, with his wife, Viera, and two sons, Claudio and Cristian.
Robin Alexandra (Roush) Kneubuhl retired after 15 years in child protection family law, all of which were pro bono and as a volunteer at the New Haven and Bridgeport public defender offices. She lives in Montecito, CA.

Craig M. Aronow is the president-elect of the Middlesex County Bar Association and was installed for a second term as a trustee of the New Jersey County Bar Association and as a volunteer at the New Brunswick, NJ.

Aronow, JD ’99, was elected to his third term as maintaining an extensive practice of family law.

Walter A. Gorelczenko of Rego Park, NY, continues in daytime syndicated television at Warner Bros. He serves as legal adviser and consulting producer of “The People’s Court” and “TMZ.”

Benjamin Hume owns the Law Office of Benjamin Blue Hume in Ridgefield, CT, where he lives. He argued a case before the Connecticut Supreme Court in March.

Bracken MacLeod of Framingham, MA, has given up law practice and turned to fiction writing. His stories have appeared in several magazines and anthologies, and he has written two novels: “Mountain Home” and “White Knight.”

David Pope of Greenville, RI, works for the state of Connecticut Judicial Branch as a case-flow coordinator II for the Connecticut Foreclosure Mediation Program.

Joseph H. Bartozzi of Woodbridge, CT, received the Anthony V. DeMayo Pro Bono Award. Since 2007, he has volunteered at 36 of the Statewide Legal Services of Connecticut’s clinics, specializing in consumer law and security deposit matters and providing low-income clients with his expertise. Joseph is senior vice president and general counsel of O.F. Mossberg & Sons. He also was honored by the Connecticut Bar Association at the “Celebrate with the Stars” ceremony in April.

Craig C. Fishbein, BS ’98, JD ’02 is an attorney at Fishbein Law Firm in Wallingford, CT, where he lives. Craig recently was elected to his third term on the Wallingford Town Council. He is a member and secretary of the state of Connecticut’s Board of Firearms Permit Examiners. He also continues to practice civil litigation for both plaintiffs and defendants as well as maintaining an extensive practice of family law.

Michelle (Latorraca) Liguori and her husband, Michael Liguori welcomed a son, Anthony Joseph, born on Oct. 12, 2013. Anthony joins big sister, Natalie Christine, 5, at the family’s home in New Milford, CT.

Michelle works at Kuss & Liguori in New Milford.

Loredana Nesci of Meriden, CT, is the star of a new reality series that premiered on the Sundance Channel in mid-March about her life as a police officer turned lawyer. She was an officer for the Los Angeles Police Department before opening her law practice in California.

Andrea Donovan Napp of Portland, CT, was elected to the Hartford Marathon Foundation’s board of directors. She is a member of Robinson & Cole’s business litigation group and the chair of its electronic discovery and information management governance team. She focuses on complex commercial matters involving a broad spectrum of issues, including intellectual property, data privacy and security, and unfair trade practices.

School of Law alumni and students socialized at several spring events.

1. Robert Godzeno, JD ’09, Samantha (Metje) Fry, JD ’07 and Sinead Rafferty, JD ’06 at a reception in April at the Fairfield Museum and History Center.

2. Professors Robert Farrell and Brad Saxton sing the national anthem to open the Public Interest Law Project annual auction in March.
Craig Gianetti is a partner at Day Pitney in the firm’s New Jersey office. His practice focuses on land use and real estate development.

Michael Menapace of North Granby, CT, works at Wiggin and Dana as of counsel. He is an author for the new edition of the ABA publication of The Reference Handbook on the Commercial General Liability Policy and recently became co-chair of the Board of Trustees for The Hartt School, University of Hartford.

Sara Spodick, staff attorney for the Quinnipiac University School of Law’s tax clinic, received the 40 Women for the Next 40 Years award from the Connecticut Women’s Education and Legal Fund in May. The award honors “women who will help pave the way as women leaders for the next 40 years.”

John A. Voli is a legislative assistant for the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

Lauren Winer-Beck operates her own practice in Stratford, CT, where she lives. She was invited to join the National Trial Lawyers Top 100 Litigators for 2014. She is working with some of the best lawyers in America on low testosterone litigation.

Courtney E. Gengler, JD/MHA of North Haven and Waterbury.

Daniel R. Gibson of Cromwell, CT, is a partner at Cantor Colburn. He coordinates and manages global utility and design portfolios for large- and medium-sized international corporations. He is also co-chair of the design patent practice group and is a named inventor on a patent and on multiple applications directed to beverage container technology.

Bryan Weber of Delray Beach, FL, married Bianca Machin in Sarasota, FL, in October 2013. He is assistant general counsel at SBA Communications, a wireless telecommunication company based in Boca Raton, FL.

Michael T. Clear of Fairfield, CT, has been promoted to partner at Wiggin and Dana. He is a member of the firm’s private client services department and focuses his practice on estate planning, estate and trust administration, probate litigation and business succession planning. He was named a New Leader in the Law for 2013 by the Connecticut Law Tribune, is a co-chair of the Probate and Estates Section of the Fairfield County Bar Association, and is a member of the board of directors for the Connecticut chapter of the Exit Planning Exchange.

Christopher J. Dunne of New York, NY, recently was elected one of nine new partners at Sullivan & Cromwell. He represents leading global companies and financial institutions in complex securities and commercial litigation, regulatory enforcement matters and corporate internal investigations.

Lauren (Autore) McCann ’05 and Brian McCann ’05 welcomed a daughter, Emma, on May 23, 2013. Lauren is an attorney at Freshman & McGlynn, in Westport, CT. The family lives in Trumbull, CT.

Mareesa L. Torres of Savannah, GA, is an associate at Ellis, Painter, Ratterree & Adams in Savannah, practicing in the area of civil litigation with a focus on insurance defense. She also was staff counsel for two insurance companies in Connecticut.

Katharine S. Gillespie, BA ’03, JD ’06, of Berlin, CT, is a senior principal at the law firm Dzialo, Pickett & Allen in Middletown, CT. She joined the firm in 2004 as a law clerk while attending Quinnipiac University School of Law. She practices in the areas of family law, real estate law, probate litigation and estates.

Tara Lynne Liscombe, JD/MBA ’06, married Hugh Benjamin Hodge, JD ’03, on Oct. 12, 2013, in Stony Creek, CT. The two met in October 2006 while attending the 40-hour mediation training sponsored by the Quinnipiac School of Law Center on Dispute Resolution. They live in Milford, CT. (See photo p. 46).

Rudwin Ayala of Boca Raton, FL, was appointed a member of the board of directors for the Puerto Rican Bar Association of Florida. He will serve as regional vice president for the Fourth District. He also serves as the Region VIII representative for the young lawyers division of the Hispanic National Bar Association.

Casey (Burak) Healey of Cheshire, CT, was nominated by judges in the New Haven Judicial District for her pro bono work. She was recognized for her efforts at the Law Tribune’s Honors Night in June. Since 2011 she has volunteered on a pro bono basis with the Volunteer Attorney Program run by the Judicial Branch. Through this program she helps self-represented people navigate foreclosure dockets in New Haven and Waterbury.

Marie (DeSanto) Schweitzer and her husband, Michael Schweitzer, welcomed a daughter, Olivia Marie, on Sept. 5, 2013. Olivia joins big brother, Jacob Michael, 3, at the family’s home in Berlin, CT. Marie is a staff attorney and research analyst at the House Republican Office in Hartford.

Emily Graner Sexton and her husband, Jay, announce the birth of twin sons, Burke and Reid, on Aug. 31, 2013. She is an appellate prosecutor at the Connecticut Chief State’s Attorney’s Office. They live in West Hartford, CT. (See photo p. 47.)

Amy (Drega) Markim received the 40 Women for the Next 40 Years award from the Connecticut Women’s Education and Legal Fund in May. The award honors “women who will help pave the way as women leaders for the next 40 years.” Amy is an associate at Hinckley Allen.

Justin Rindos is vice president and head of structuring services—Americas at Partners Group (USA). Partners Group, a global private market investment manager, is based in New York City, where he lives.

Sylvia Rutkowski received the 40 Women for the Next 40 Years award from the Connecticut Women’s Education and Legal Fund in May. The award honors “women who will help pave the way as women leaders for the next 40 years.” Sylvia is an associate at Dzialo, Pickett & Allen.

Sean P. Barrett of New Haven was the recipient of the Anthony V. DeMayo Pro Bono Award. Sean is a partner at Billings & Barrett in New Haven. He has been a supporter of the Connecticut Veterans Legal Center through both fundraising and pro bono representation. He also was honored by the Connecticut Bar Association at the “Celebrate with the Stars” ceremony in April.
he idea for his fifth start-up business took shape when Stephen J. Goldner, JD ’82, was attending a funeral for his best friend’s mother. There he met a robust young man with a medical problem. He blinked excessively.

Goldner, whose undergraduate degree is in chemistry, had been a toxicologist supervisor in the New York City morgue years before, working on more than 18,000 autopsies. He recognized that the young man had an inherited, degenerative eye disease that would probably blind him within a decade. In a matter of minutes, Goldner was able to research and locate a clinical trial in the man’s hometown of Boston for an experimental medication that might offer hope for a cure. The young man’s father said: “Great, now do that for everyone.”

“In that moment, I accepted the challenge, and my life and thoughts expanded,” Goldner said. “I saw many different paths to a solution, and I resolved to create something to help people and bring real value to the medical community.”

In 2012, he founded CureLauncher, a business he calls a “dating service” for pharmaceutical companies and patients who have exhausted conventional treatments. He is chairman and CEO of the Bloomfield Hills, Mich., company.

CureLauncher is funded by pharmaceutical companies and is free to patients seeking clinical trials. It usually takes only 10 minutes for the company’s patient advocates to find a U.S. medical trial that addresses a patient’s condition.

“I was just speaking with the medical staff at the third-largest drug company on the planet, and they are thrilled to have new patients who are looking for cures for leukemia, breast cancer, colon cancer and asthma,” he said.

Goldner credits some of the lessons learned at Quinnipiac for his success. He recalls taking Criminal Law with Martin Margulies, now professor emeritus. “From him I learned that in every encounter, it is important to be prepared, honest, diligent and creative,” Goldner said. “It has served me well.”

Among Goldner’s successes are the invention of urine tests that screen for illegal drugs and the formulation of the oral liquid dose of methadone, which the FDA approved in the 1970s. His career brought him to Unilever, where he worked to get drug approvals from the FDA. Unilever paid for him to attend law school.

Goldner now serves as an FDA consultant for the National Institute of Health. He is also president of Regulatory Affairs Associates, which has successfully earned FDA approval for 230 medical devices and 12 medications. Last year he invented a drug to eliminate pain from diabetic neuropathy and expects that will be his sixth start-up business, after CureLauncher “goes public” and he can leave the company to others to manage.

Goldner, 66, says he takes no medications, swims at least two miles a day and has “enviable blood pressure.” He credits his good health and positive outlook to Buddhism, which he has practiced for 40 years. The father of two has no plans to retire.

“My daughter recently got married and she told me my next career is supposed to be as Grandpa,” he said. “But I told her there is a prerequisite to that job—which I don’t have—and that’s a grandchild.”

—Claire LaFleur Hall
Frank S. Ganz of Waterbury, CT, passed the February 2014 Florida Bar Exam.

Robert Godzeno is a partner at Mead, Bromley & Bishop in Stamford, CT, where he lives. Prior to joining the firm, he spent the first four years of his practice at Sullivan & Cromwell in New York City. Robert plans to continue practicing in trusts and estates, probate and residential real estate.

Timothy A. Smith is an associate at Hassett & Donnelly. He lives in Berlin, CT.

Danielle Robinson Briand received the 40 Women for the Next 40 Years award from the Connecticut Women’s Education and Legal Fund in May. The award honors “women who will help pave the way as women leaders for the next 40 years.” She is an attorney at the Esperanza Center for Law and Advocacy in Bridgeport, CT.

Jason M. Maur is treasurer of the Monroe Democratic Town Committee, in Monroe, CT, where he lives. He is the founder of the Law Offices of Jason Maur and Associates. His focus is on education law, contract law, alternative dispute resolution and negotiations.

Robert B. Shepherd Jr., JD/MBA, of Austin, TX, is a senior adviser at Durbin Bennett Peterson—Tax Advisors in Austin. His focus is on estate, gift and income tax planning for high net worth individuals. He recently passed the final part of the Uniform Certified Public Accountant examination.

Nyree A. Ramsey of Brooklyn, NY, received an award celebrating her achievements and wisdom at the sixteenth annual awards ceremony of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Bronx alumnae chapter.

Andrea Moffitt of West Hartford, CT, is an associate at Halloran & Sage. She is a member of the insurance and litigation practice groups. Her practice focuses on insurance coverage, defense litigation, and advising and representing insurers with regard to first-party and third-party coverage disputes and claims.

Kathryn A. Phillips is an associate at Nusbaum & Parrino in Westport, CT, focusing on cases involving divorce, custody, child support, asset protection and equitable distribution issues. Before her current position, she was an associate with another law firm in Westport and also a clerk and case flow coordinator for the Regional Family Trial Docket in Middletown, CT, where she assisted Judge Lynda B. Munro and Judge Gerard I. Adelman in docket management.

Daniel Schofield of Bridgeport, CT, has joined Lynch, Traub, Keefe and Errante in New Haven as an associate.

Alyssa Swaniger of Southbury, CT, is an associate at Halloran & Sage. She is a member of the workers’ compensation practice group. Her practice focuses on the defense of employers, insurance companies and third-party administrators in workers’ compensation claims.

Jason Balich ’13 joined Axinn, Veltrop & Harkrider as an associate in the Hartford office. He is working in the IP practice group, spending most of his time on representing generic drug companies as they bring their generic drugs to market.

Stefan Savic ’13 of New Haven is an attorney at Balestrieri Fariello in New York, NY. He is a certified mediator in Connecticut.
ALUMNI CONNECT
AT VARIETY OF RECENT EVENTS

1. From left, Kim Witteman Doheny ’96, MAT ’98, Paula (Rembac) Miller ’96, Graceann Pisano, JD ’01, and Alyssa Nargi ’00 at the 51st Annual Alumni Championship Golf Tournament.

2. Mike ’70 and Lucy Rister at the Red Sox spring training alumni event in Florida in March.

3. Anthony Cervone ’88, left, Joy Cervone and friend Kevin Williams at the QU vs. Brown men’s ice hockey pregame reception in Providence, RI, in February.


5. LeeMarie Kennedy ’05, left, and Amanda Mazzola ’04 at the QU vs. Harvard pregame reception in February.


7. From left, Catherine Santangelo ’14, Chloe Ambler ’13 and Andrea Barone ’14 gathered with fellow Boston-area alumni and QU business students at a reception at Googleplex in Cambridge, MA, in March.

8. At the GAME IV conference in March in New York City, from left: Marissa Bogris ’14, Samantha Batista ’12, Jessica (Karam) MacIntosh ’04 and Ben Wald ’11.
CONGRATULATIONS!


2. Tara Lynne Liscombe, JD/MBA ’06, married Hugh Benjamin Hodge, JD ’03, on Oct. 12, 2013, in Stony Creek, CT.


4. Marissa Burek ’07 and Robert DiGregorio ’06 were married on Sept. 21, 2013, in Staten Island, NY.

5. Kristie Lianos ’06 and Jared Kohlepp ’06 were married on July 13, 2013, in Hartford.

6. Michael Foster ’02 and Jenna Marcoccio were married on Oct. 19, 2013, in Seekonk, MA.

7. Dana Meisberger ’08 married Christopher Piccoli ’08 on Aug. 3, 2013, in Little Falls, NJ. Included in the wedding party were Robert Piccoli ’05, Lindsay Martineau, Sean O’Dowd, Chad Papson, Michael Sullivan, and Ryan Weaver, all Class of 2008.
ALL IN THE FAMILY

1. Landon Knox, son of Tamara (Duggleby) Waldrupe ’05 and her husband, Brian, was born on March 15, 2014.

2. Brennan, 1, and Kieran 4, are the sons of Christopher Melvin ’02 and his wife, Alicia.

3. Cameron Jacob was born on Nov. 8, 2013, to Trevor Rank ’06 and his wife, Amanda.

4. Nora Catherine was born on Feb. 16, 2014, to Elizabeth (Hamlin) McVety ’05 and Brian McVety ’06, MAT ’07.

5. Emily Graner Sexton, JD ’07, with her husband, Jay, and their twin sons, Burke and Reid, who were born on Aug. 31, 2013.

6. Maya A. Shah was born on Aug. 7, 2013, to Betsy (Girard) Shah ’05 and her husband, Aakash.

7. Jaxon Egan was born on April 30, 2014. He is the son of Patrick Egan ’06 and Angela (Citino) Egan ’07.
With a shy smile, Mina Djukic coyly motioned the two stars of her film, “The Disobedient,” to join her up front. I couldn’t believe how intimate it all was. There I sat, having just viewed her amazing independent film at the 2014 Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah, and then I listened as the writer/director and the two main actors described what they thought of it.

In a gorgeous Serbian accent, Djukic revealed how this film was a dramatic adaptation of her life experiences. She recounted a drunken night out with the lead actress that led to her writing in a particular character quirk. As a film, video and interactive media major and an aspiring screenwriter, I was enthralled. She was so authentic, and it came through not only in her talk, but also in her writing. She showed me that weaving yourself and your experiences into your work could make it something special. This is just one bit of advice I know will help me in my future film career.

I attended the festival as a member of the Quinnipiac Film Society. As both an admirer and a creator of film, this trip was educational because each film I viewed challenged the storylines of mainstream cinema. In addition to Djukic’s film, my favorites included “White Bird in a Blizzard,” directed by Gregg Araki, and “Only Lovers Left Alive,” directed by Jim Jarmusch. They all left me thinking long after the lights came on.

Sundance’s motto this year was, “Because we all seek something more than the same old story.” Mainstream films contain entertaining, yet sometimes hollow, crowd-pleasing antics. I rarely leave any Hollywood blockbuster having learned or experienced something new.

After “The Disobedient” was over, I recall being dumbstruck. The film gives the viewer a glimpse into another culture in its own language. The character-driven plot featured two recently reunited childhood friends who embark on a spontaneous bicycle trip across a gorgeous countryside, engaging in behaviors that could test the comfort level of some audience members. It didn’t have a tidy ending, and that surprised me. At first I was disappointed because I’m so used to being spoon-fed a solid resolution. But when you think about it, our lives don’t have satisfying resolutions, so why should every film have one? I found this to be true with a lot of other films at Sundance. I think it’s refreshing.

It was amazing to see someone, like Djukic, standing in the exact spot I’d like to be someday. A lot of these films are produced and funded by the people who make them, scraping together life savings to bring their stories to life. The heart that goes into these films makes them far more special to me than something produced from the endless pockets of Hollywood.

Artistically, emotionally and intellectually, Sundance helped open my eyes to new possibilities, techniques and expression in film. That is why it is so important for me to be part of the organizing committee to ensure that a new group of Quinnipiac Film Society students attend this festival next year to be inspired, as filmmakers, to create something more than the same old story.
When David Altschuler ’72 wants to calculate ROI for his business, Altschuler & Company, he uses high-tech analytics. But he only needs a few moments with the recipients of his endowed scholarship to understand his ROI at Quinnipiac University.

The son of a World War II veteran, David now helps the children of today’s veterans by investing in their education and future.

To learn how you can endow a scholarship and start reaping big returns, call the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs at 877-582-1929 or visit www.quinnipiac.edu/endowments.
To register and view a full schedule of events: [www.quinnipiac.edu/parentsweekend](http://www.quinnipiac.edu/parentsweekend)

Advance registration is required by Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2014. Registrations cannot be accepted after that date.

Be sure to book your lodging early. For nearby accommodations: [www.quinnipiac.edu/lodging](http://www.quinnipiac.edu/lodging)