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The women's basketball team made QU history in March when it defeated the St. Francis (PA) Red Flash to become the 2013 Northeast Conference champion and head to the NCAA tournament for the first time after a spectacular 30–2 season. The season was cut short during the tournament's opening round when the No. 13-seeded Bobcats lost to the No. 4-seeded University of Maryland Terrapins, 72–52. Head Coach Tricia Fabbri was chosen NEC coach of the year.

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Netter School of Medicine Makes Healthy Move Forward

Prospective students with penchant for primary care field return for a second look

The Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine is on its way to welcoming its inaugural class in August. The school’s Office of Admissions has finished interviewing candidates and has sent acceptance letters to fill the 60 spots. In April, prospective students returned to campus for a “Second Look Weekend” when they toured the “smart” classrooms, examination rooms and anatomy lab. They also toured St. Vincent’s Medical Center in Bridgeport, Conn., the Netter school’s primary clinical partner.

The 145,000-square-foot medical school building in the Center for Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences on the North Haven Campus is on target to open late summer. The administration moved into new offices there in March. The building has 16 exam rooms, a gross anatomy lab, clinical skills assessment rooms, two simulated operating rooms, study rooms, a library, a fitness center and an auditorium.

Dr. Bruce Koeppen, founding dean of the School of Medicine, was named a “Healthcare Hero” by Business New Haven. Koeppen was praised for his work overseeing the development of the School of Medicine facility, its innovative curriculum aimed at training future primary care physicians, and its founding faculty members.

The school continues to attract top faculty, including Dr. Barbara R. Pober, an internationally recognized geneticist. Pober comes to Quinnipiac from Harvard Medical School, where she was a professor of pediatrics and a geneticist at Massachusetts General Hospital. Dr. Abayomi Akanji, a professor of medical sciences, will teach clinical chemistry and endocrinology. Akanji previously was a visiting professor of metabolic medicine at the Warren Alpert Medical School at Brown University.

The School of Medicine also launched its Anatomical Gift Program. Body donations will serve a critical role in helping students learn the complex human anatomy. Families benefit from this affordable alternative because the School of Medicine pays for transporting the body and cremation. To learn more, contact James Casso, director of the program, at 203-582-6587 or email james.casso@quinnipiac.edu.
Dancing with the QU Stars

Nine couples shook, twirled and glided in the spotlight as they rehearsed for the second annual “Dancing with the Quinnipiac Stars” competition, hosted by the Ballroom Society. The event on April 12 raised money to send two families to Camp Sunshine, a getaway for children with life-threatening illnesses and their families.

Faculty and staff paired with students to form the dancing couples. Taking on the cha-cha were Tara Rothman, adjunct professor, and her partner Nick Barrios ’16, and Thomas Martin, assistant professor of biomedical sciences, and his partner, Danielle Martin ’13. Louise Howe, director of marketing communications for admissions, and Sean McCarty ’15, as well as couple Joseph Woods, professor of biology, and Aidan Tatar ’13, performed the rumba. A swing dance was performed by Robin Guisti, assistant professor of nursing, and Alex Diaz ’14, as well as dancing pair William Jellison, instructional technologist, and Kuwabo Mubyana ’13 demonstrated their foxtrot skills. Kathy Cooke, professor of history, and Ethan Pandolfi ’16 performed the tango while Sean Duffy, associate professor of political science, and Joann Cazorla ’14 did the salsa.

MAGAZINE MAKEOVER

Quinnipiac Magazine is sporting a new look with this issue, from the cover to an expanded alumni section that features “Beginnings,” a page with photos of your weddings and new family members. As always, you’ll find news there of a personal and professional nature about fellow alumni from all eight schools.

We’ve added a Q&A and a Zoom-In section to spotlight more stories about people making news on our three campuses. Tell us what you think at www.facebook.com/quinnipiacuniversity.

ADDING PROGRAMS

ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT, SPORTS JOURNALISM, MSW BEGINNING

Classes begin in May for a new anesthesiologist assistant program in the School of Health Sciences. Students will learn pharmacology, physiology and patient monitoring in the 27-month program that will lead to a master of health science degree.

In the fall, the School of Communications is debuting a new master’s in sports journalism, which will make Quinnipiac and Indiana universities the only ones in the nation to offer such a degree.

Geographically, the University is situated in an arc that includes ESPN, MSG, NBC Sports, CBS Sports, YES, SNY, MLB Network, NBA TV, NFL Films and more, providing access to industry professionals and work experiences.

Also in the fall, the College of Arts and Sciences will launch a master of social work program and the School of Health Sciences will introduce an online doctor of occupational therapy degree, pending state approvals.

MEDIA’S SENSITIVITY IMPRESSES TROOPER

In almost four decades in law enforcement, Lt. J. Paul Vance of the Connecticut State Police had never seen anything like the murder scene at Sandy Hook Elementary School on Dec. 14, 2012.

“It breaks my heart, to this day. I’ll probably never get over it,” he said, delivering the Distinguished Lecture in Public Relations on campus in late March.

He said the media descended on Newtown from all over the world. They were doing their jobs, but he had a job to do as well that involved rescuing survivors, reuniting families, handling two shooting scenes, informing the families about the latest developments first and then keeping a “hungry and thirsty” media both informed and in control while protecting valuable information about the crime.

To accomplish that, Vance decided to use nearby Treadwell Park as the site for his many press conferences. As sole spokesperson, he was able to convey a clear and consistent message hour after hour.

“I told the media that only I would have authentic information and would disseminate it there. If you missed it, there would be no second bite of the apple,” he said. And he asked them to leave victims’ families alone.

“The press got it. I was impressed with their understanding of the situation and their sensitivity.”

Lt. Paul Vance
A team of diagnostic imaging professors and students spent a March day X-raying the remains of Fortune, a black man who died in 1798 and who was the legal property of Preserved Porter, a Waterbury, Conn., bone surgeon.

Professor Gerald Conlogue, MHS ’77, led the anthropological study of Fortune’s skeleton, which will be buried in May. Fortune, his wife, Dinah, and their three children lived and worked on Porter’s farm. They determined that Fortune was in his mid- to late-40s when he died.

“If you look at his bones, you can tell he did not have an easy life," Conlogue noted.

After Fortune’s death (historians say he drowned in the Naugatuck River), Porter boiled his remains but preserved his skeleton to serve the study of anatomy, according to staff at the Mattatuck Museum, where the skeleton had been displayed. The team found that Fortune’s rugged bone structure suggests he was a powerful man accustomed to rigorous farm work.

Other team members were Natalie Pelletier ’08, MHS ’10, clinical assistant professor of diagnostic imaging; Robert Lombardo, an adjunct professor; Jaime Ullinger, assistant professor of anthropology and co-director of the Bioanthropology Research Institute; and Richard Gonzalez, a forensic anthropologist and assistant professor of medical sciences in the Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine. Juniors Julianna Lupo and Milad Ziyadeh used the experience to prepare for their X-ray certification exams in May. Ullinger used a 3D scanning camera to produce data that can be used for a facial reconstruction.

“People can really identify with something you can put a face to,” Conlogue said.
Theater Ensemble Makes Waves with Words

Using poetry, rap and a touch of wit and rhythm, five artists from the First Wave Hip Hop Theater Touring Ensemble performed the spoken word production of “Kingdom Bequeath” at Quinnipiac in February. They dove into a dialogue about civil rights, power, purpose and respect, particularly among young people. The performance was part of the University’s Black History Month celebration.

The ensemble, which numbers 60 students, is the touring arm of the University of Wisconsin-Madison’s Hip Hop Learning Community, which operates out of the Office of Multicultural Arts Initiatives. The group of students raises awareness of social and political issues through modern and artistic endeavors on stage.

Other Black History Month events included a conversation about the stereotypes associated with skin complexions; a discussion on the origins of the month; and a screening of “Red Tails,” a film about the Tuskegee Airmen, the first African-American combat unit to serve in World War II.

HEALTH AND SPIRITUALITY CONNECTED

Three members of the University community blended their expertise to lead a discussion on “Health, Healing and Spirituality” in early April. Cynthia Barrere, a professor in the School of Nursing, discussed “Spirituality & Meditative Interventions to Promote Health & Healing.” Anna-leila Williams, assistant professor of medical sciences in the Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine, talked about “Barriers to Meditation,” and Tami Reilly, associate director of fitness and wellness, discussed “Meditation and the Quinnipiac Student.” The event was part of the University’s Scholarship Across the Disciplines series.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

A spate of Campus Cross Talk programs provided much fodder for discourse among students and faculty and a farmer’s market of fresh food on the quad during the spring semester.

Lively discussions followed the screenings of several documentaries. “Food, Inc.” examines the food industry and how current approaches to growing, processing and marketing food affect health, sustainability and the lives of animals raised for consumption. School of Law professors Linda Meyer and Gail Stern led the February discussion.

In March, Biomedical Sciences Professor Tom Brady and instructor Kristen Wolfe led a Q&A after the screening of “Call of Life: Facing the Mass Extinction.” April featured a talk by Mary Ann Cordeau, assistant professor of nursing, on “Houses of Death: Ethical Implications of Health Care During the American Civil War.”

An Earth Day Celebration on April 18 featured a farmer’s market with eco-friendly vendors. In May, members of Campus Cross Talk’s bioethics group will join University staff in offering information on complementary and alternative health care therapies as well as preventive health strategies to the University community.
MOVING TO MAAC
HOCKEY STAYING IN ECAC

Quinnipiac will leave the Northeast Conference to join the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference effective July 1, with competition slated for the 2013–14 year.

“We are delighted to be joining the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference, which will continue to advance us both athletically and academically,” said President John L. Lahey.

Current MAAC membership includes Canisius College, Fairfield University, Iona College, Manhattan College, Marist College, Niagara University, Rider University, Saint Peter’s University and Siena College.

Quinnipiac previously played in the MAAC Hockey league from 1998 until 2005, when it joined ECAC Hockey, and the men’s and women’s ice hockey teams will remain there.

“In evaluating potential new member schools, the MAAC membership has sought to maintain a brand that stresses excellence in academics and athletics, and Quinnipiac University fully meets that criteria,” noted Richard J. Ensor, commissioner of the MAAC.

PRODUCER VISITS

Jeffrey Chernov ’74, executive producer of the upcoming movie “Star Trek Into Darkness,” spoke with students about what it takes to make it in Hollywood when he visited campus in late March. Chernov’s latest project is “Tomorrowland,” a film starring George Clooney.

Irish Musicians Bring Joy to Great Hunger Museum

Ireland’s Great Hunger Museum at Quinnipiac is normally a quiet place where visitors reflect on the Great Hunger as they take in the paintings and sculpture depicting that tragic period in Ireland’s history.

In the past few months, however, Irish musicians have livened the mood with free community concerts. Irish fiddler Marie Reilly and an accompanying guitarist presented songs from her new album, “The Anvil,” in late January. Reilly, from County Longford, performs with a unique and distinctive Leitrim fiddle style passed down through eight generations. Danny Quinn, an Irish and American folk musician, entertained in March. Quinn, who accompanies himself on guitar, is also an accomplished songwriter with more than 40 songs to his credit. He has shared the stage with or opened for such renowned artists as the Clancy Brothers, Tom Chapin, Peter Yarrow, the Makem & Spain Brothers and Tommy Makem.

In February, John Kelly discussed his book, “The Graves Are Walking,” and signed books afterward. Desmond Egan read some of his poetry, including poems from the acclaimed collection “Famine,” in March. On May 2, Famine historian Christine Kinealy will present a lecture titled, “A Labor of Love: Private Charity During the Great Hunger,” at 5:30 p.m. Space is limited, and reservations are required. Please call 203-582-6500 or emailigham@quinnipiac.edu. The museum is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursdays; and 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays. Admission is free.

POLLING SNAPSHOTs

OBAMA AND COLBERT GIVE SHOUT-OUTS

In his State of the Union Address in February, President Barack Obama cited the Quinnipiac Polling Institute’s findings about voters’ views on background checks for gun buyers. The poll also was featured on the Feb. 25 “Colbert Report,” the satirical political late-night show on Comedy Central starring Stephen Colbert. The poll found that 92 percent of voters in Virginia, New Jersey and Pennsylvania support background checks for gun buyers.

In an early look at the 2016 presidential race, New York State voters backed former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton over New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie 59–32 percent in a mid-March poll. And a late March poll found that if the 2016 presidential election were held that day, Clinton would win Florida if she were to run against Gov. Jeb Bush or U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio, with that poll showing double-digit leads over them.
Right Foods Help Maintain Loss

Ever wonder why the weight you worked hard to lose usually comes back?
Norbert Herzog, a professor in the Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine, shares why in a recent episode of Medical Discovery News, the syndicated radio show he produces with David W. Niesel ’75. The show airs at 6:40 a.m. Tuesdays on Quinnipiac’s AM 1220 WQUN.

Citing a study conducted at Boston Children’s Hospital, Herzog explains that while calorie restriction is important, what we eat determines whether the weight stays off.

The study compared three popular diets: low carbohydrate, low fat, and low glycemic. A group of overweight adults who had lost 10 percent of their body weight were placed on one of the three diets, but all ate the same number of calories. At the end of 10 weeks, people on the low-carb diet had the fastest metabolism and burned the most calories while at rest, but they also had high levels of the stress hormone cortisol, which can lead to diabetes, and they had high biochemical markers like CRP, associated with inflammation and heart disease.

The low-fat diet led to the lowest metabolism and produced the hormone leptin, which can stimulate hunger and cause weight gain.

In contrast, the low-glycemic diet using “fiber-right” foods such as beans, fruits and vegetables, whole grains, lean meats and nuts led to stable blood sugar and metabolism levels without spikes in stress hormones and other negatives.

THE OFFICE OF MULTICULTURAL AND GLOBAL EDUCATION HOSTED A FORMAL GATHERING FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS, AS WELL AS STUDENTS IN CULTURAL AND FAITH-BASED STUDENT GROUPS.

GOOD CHOICES FOR A BETTER WORLD

Individuals often think their singular actions won’t make a difference, she said. She imagines a world where people make choices that do the least harm and the most good.

She encouraged people to know what they need, and not just get what they want. The demand for the newest electronic gadgets, for example, creates mountains of outdated and toxic equipment in our trash, she explained.

Well advised people to “live by their epithet” and consider what they are doing to make the world a better place. Quoting Mahatma Gandhi, she said, “My life is my message,” adding that the way we live is the message we leave for the world.

SPEAKING OF COMMENCEMENT
Josh Elliott, news anchor for ABC’s “Good Morning America,” will address graduates of the School of Communications, School of Health Sciences and School of Nursing at the second of two Undergraduate Commencement ceremonies May 19. The morning ceremony, for graduates of the School of Business and College of Arts and Sciences, will feature Jessica Jackley, co-founder of KIVA.org, which combats poverty by making small loans to borrowers around the world.

On May 12, Denise D’Ascenzo, Eyewitness News anchor for WSFB Channel 3, will be the speaker at the morning Graduate Commencement, while Justice Dennis G. Eveleigh of the Connecticut Supreme Court will address law school graduates later that day.
Gibson Book Strikes Historic Chord

Health Law Professor John Thomas has a flip side. He’s a self-described guitar geek. In between teaching and research, he wrote a book about the women who built Gibson’s World War II-era guitars. He’s also executive producer of a movie adaptation of the sci-fi novel, “Buddy Holly is Alive and Well on Ganymede.”

Q. What sparked your interest in Gibson guitars?

A. I’ve been playing guitar for years and admire early blues artists like Robert Johnson and Skip James from the 1920s and ’30s. Many of them played battered old Gibsons. I began acquiring guitars like the ones my musical heroes played. Before long, I had a collection of about 20, mostly Gibsons, from 1904 to the World War II era.

Q. How did the book come about?

A. I came across an intriguing photo of a large group of women sitting in front of the Gibson Guitar factory in the mid-1940s. Company lore had it that Gibson had ceased guitar production during the war. That photo began to haunt me. What were these women doing? Did they build guitars? I set out to find at least one of them. I eventually found 12, interviewed them in person and wrote the book. I discovered that Gibson employed this nearly all-female workforce to build thousands of wartime guitars, each marked with a small, golden “banner” displaying the slogan “Only a Gibson is Good Enough.” The banner appeared on the guitars made by women and those made by men before and after the war. I worked with QU professors Shelley Giordano ’97, MHS ’08, Tania Grurich ’98 and Natalie Pelletier ’08, MHS ’10, to X-ray them. We found that the women’s work was more refined, all of the parts were slightly thinner, indicating more time and care had gone into the crafting and sanding. We collaborated on two articles for the journal of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists and another in a music magazine.

Q. What is the X-ray project?

A. I was curious about any differences that existed between the guitars made by women and those made by men before and after the war. I worked with QU professors Shelley Giordano ’97, MHS ’08, Tania Grurich ’98 and Natalie Pelletier ’08, MHS ’10, to X-ray them. We found that the women’s work was more refined, all of the parts were slightly thinner, indicating more time and care had gone into the crafting and sanding. We collaborated on two articles for the journal of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists and another in a music magazine.

Q. What did you do with the X-rays?

A. They were framed and became my art show, “Vintage Steel: the Art and History of the American Steel String Guitar” at the River Street Gallery in New Haven last year. The show will become part of the permanent collection of the National Guitar Museum.

Q. The book’s foreword is by crime fiction author Jonathan Kellerman. How do you know him?

A. A few years ago, Kellerman contacted me to compliment me on something I’d written for a music magazine. He’s taken quite an interest in my work, including the book and my X-ray project.

Q. What is your role?

A. I was brought in as executive producer for music-related issues, including music licensing and organizing recording of the score. I worked with the MPL Company, which stands for McCartney, Paul & Linda, to license Holly’s songs. Paul McCartney owns Buddy’s catalog.

Q. You perform from time to time. Who would your dream duet be with?

A. That’s easy: with the great Mississippi Delta Bluesman, Robert Johnson. Alas, he died in the 1930s, but I have had some close encounters with some of the world’s greatest musicians. A couple of years ago, while embedded as a journalist with the Jackson Browne tour, I got to play backstage with Jackson and his lead guitar player, David Lindley.

Q. You write for Fretboard Journal and other music magazines. What have you been working on?

A. I am finishing up a piece on Dhani Harrison, George’s son, who has a band called thenewno2. He’s a very creative songwriter and guitarist who looks exactly like his father.—Janet Waldman
Law professor John Thomas and his guitar collection
Hockey Season Bursting with Historic Feats

Bobcats claw way into record books, amping up school spirit and captivating fans to the bitter end

Senior men’s ice hockey captain Zack Currie and his teammates returned to their bucolic university in the shadows of Sleeping Giant April 14 just a win shy of scaling the NCAA mountain at the Frozen Four in Pittsburgh.

The wounds from Quinnipiac’s 4–0 loss to Yale in the NCAA Division I national championship game the night before were still fresh. “We were one game away from the ultimate goal,” Currie said. “We were devastated.”

But it didn’t take long for the players to reflect on the season that catapulted the QU community and helped put Quinnipiac athletics on the sports map. About 750 alumni and friends attended game watches for the semifinal against St. Cloud April 11 at 12 sites around the country, and 150 attended a pregame reception in Pittsburgh. During the final game April 13, 250 gathered at a Pittsburgh reception, and alumni cheered for the Bobcats at 24 game watch parties, coast to coast.

“From teachers to students to alumni, everybody has been absolutely amazing,” said Currie, a defenseman. “After we lost, it’s unbelievable how many people sent texts and emails or said in person how grateful they are for the ride we were able to take them on.”

Quinnipiac won the most games in program history (30–8–5), ripped off a 21-game unbeaten streak during the regular season, climbed to No. 1 in the national polls for the first time and advanced to the Frozen Four in just its second NCAA Tournament appearance.

The defeat, however, did not diminish what the Bobcats accomplished on the ice this season. Led by goalie Eric Hartzell, a Hobey Baker Award finalist, the Bobcats won their first ECAC Hockey regular-season championship. They skated into the Frozen Four as the No. 1 overall seed with wins over Canisius, Union and St. Cloud State, and earned a spot in the title game against ECAC foe Yale, a team they had beaten three times during the winter.

Quinnipiac out-shot Yale 36–31, but the Bulldogs rode the hot goaltending of Jeff Malcolm to earn the shutout victory. “Obviously, the ending stings, and its hard to get over,” Currie said. “There were so many firsts for the program and University, and I am grateful I was a part of it.”

Emotional was the word Head Coach Rand Pecknold used to label the locker room after the game. “I can’t even describe the scene. Guys were crying. It was awful.”

The coach pointed out that time will heal the wounds. “We did have a great year. We set the benchmark for Quinnipiac hockey and probably Quinnipiac athletics. We have to be proud of that. Certainly, we’re disappointed that we didn’t win the national championship, but what we accomplished this year was truly amazing.”

Pecknold guided the Bobcats to their first NCAA appearance since 2002, when Quinnipiac lost to Colgate in the first round. The coaching veteran of 19 years knows how hard it is to qualify for the NCAA Tournament, let alone make it to the Frozen Four and advance. In addition to Hartzell and Currie, Quinnipiac will lose nine seniors, including points leader Jeremy Langlois. Among those returning will be talented junior twins Conner and Kellen Jones and sophomores Matthew Peca and Jordan Samuels-Thomas.

“I’m not going to say it’s a once-in-a-lifetime thing, but it’s extremely difficult,” Pecknold said. “We’ll be good, but you’ve got to get a special group to be able to do what we did at the national level.”

—John Pettit

Eric Hartzell Signs with NHL’s Penguins

Goalie Eric Hartzell’s brilliant college career ended in Pittsburgh, but his professional exploits have already begun with the NHL’s Pittsburgh Penguins.

The senior from White Bear Lake, Minn., inked a one-year, $925,000 contract with Pittsburgh on April 14. The free agent signing came a day after the Bobcats’ loss to Yale in the national championship game.

Head Coach Rand Pecknold is confident Hartzell will create plenty of winning memories in his return to CONSOL Energy Center, home of the Penguins. “He had the best individual season any player ever had in the history of Quinnipiac,” the coach said. “I thought he was the best player in college hockey.”

Hartzell was an AHCA/CCM All-American, a Hobey Baker Award finalist and the ECAC’s Player of the Year. He joined the Pens for their April 17 home game against the Montreal Canadians. A business major in his final semester, Hartzell intends to complete his degree, Pecknold said.

The effervescent netminder has a strict pregame routine to relieve stress. “I juggle three tennis balls in the locker room. It’s good training for your brain, and it’s definitely good for hand-eye coordination and focus.”

He became the fourth player in QU history to sign a pro contract, joining former Bobcats Reid Cashman, Justin Eddy and Jamie Holden. “A couple of Reid Cashman’s years were unbelievable for us, and some other guys were great, but I think Hartzell staked his claim as perhaps the best player to ever play at Quinnipiac,” Pecknold said.

Goalie Eric Hartzell learned the meaning of pressure during the team’s 21-game unbeaten streak.
Sophomore Jordan Samuels-Thomas goes after the puck in semifinal game against St. Cloud University, which the Bobcats won 4–1.
While teaching economics at Chittagong University in Bangladesh, Muhammad Yunus invested $27 to help 42 neighboring villagers repay their debts to loan sharks. He wanted to unburden them from the 500- to 1,000-percent interest rates charged.

“If you can make so many people so happy with such a small amount of money, why don’t you do more?” he asked himself. This act of kindness kindled the idea to give the poor and unemployed small loans—now called microlending—to start small businesses, which traditional banks would not do for people with no collateral or credit history. Not only did his neighbors avoid exploitation by payday lenders, many climbed out of poverty. Yunus, author of “Banker to the Poor” and “Creating a World without Poverty: Social Business and the Future of Capitalism,” shared his story at Quinnipiac in March. He spent a day participating in panel discussions, speaking with students and giving a public lecture.

Since his first loans in 1976, some just a few dollars, millions of people around the world have benefited from microlending, which has become popular in many impoverished regions. When he could not find banks to give loans to the poor, he founded Grameen Bank. Today, the bank has 8.5 million borrowers, 97 percent of whom are women.

“Poverty is not created by poor people. Poverty is imposed on them,” Yunus explained. Looking out at the students filling Burt Kahn Court, he said, “Poverty is created by the system we created. We made the system, we can change the system.”

He described the bankers who scoffed at the idea of lending to the poor, saying they would not pay back the loans.

“You lend money in such a peculiar way,”
he told one bank manager. “The more money they have, the more you want to give. This is totally illogical.”

The bankers’ argument was that the poor would just “eat up” the money and not be able to pay it back. Yunus stepped in as the guarantor, but found people quite capable of repaying their loans.

Grameen Bank, whose board members are borrowers themselves, lends $1.5 billion in tiny loans. Of those borrowers, 98 percent repay and get in line for larger loans to grow their businesses. The bank also gives loans for education.

Comparing the poor to a bonsai tree, he explained, “There is nothing wrong with their seed. Simply, society never gave them the space to grow as tall as everyone else.”

As more evidence of this, he gave small, $12–15 loans to 100,000 beggars to purchase merchandise to sell as they begged. The toys and trinkets they offered proved popular. Yunus joked that their sales divisions were doing so well, “they closed down their begging divisions.” More than 25,000 loan recipients stopped begging completely.

Yunus and the Grameen Bank received the Nobel Peace Prize in 2006 for their efforts to improve economic and social development. Quinnipiac honored him with the Albert Schweitzer Humanitarian Award. Yunus has agreed to be a member of the Albert Schweitzer Institute’s honorary board.

While some critics claimed microlending could not work in Western countries, Grameen America has 11 branches from New York to California and lends loans averaging $1,200 to 14,000 borrowers. It has a 99.6 percent repayment rate.

A key component to success is providing borrowers with education about business development and management, said Buck Harris ’09, vice president of microlending for the Connecticut Community Investment Corp. in Hamden. Harris joined Yunus on a panel about microlending, and described some of the successes of the CCIC, which provides loans for small businesses that do not qualify for a bank loan, but need more than a traditional microloan. As a consultant for the Quinipiac Microcredit Program, he also guides students through the lending process during the annual trip to Nicaragua. The students assist Nicaraguan entrepreneurs who receive microloans through the program.

Yunus’ ideas of microloans and social business struck a chord with students, said Mohammad Elahee, professor of international business, who helped bring Yunus to campus. “Today’s young people are global in their outlook and much more conscious about societal ills than the previous generations,” Elahee said. “They are hungry for innovative actions to make the world a better place. Naturally our students found Dr. Yunus’ efforts to mitigate societal problems through social business very appealing.”

Italo Alves, a sophomore international business student at Quinnipiac, was ecstatic to meet Yunus, who he says “leads by example.” The government in his native Brazil has used microlending programs to get tens of millions of people out of poverty. “I saw my community changing because of microlending,” said Alves, who is interested in starting social businesses.

Yunus continues to develop social businesses that respond to societal problems. He founded a company that sells solar energy systems for homes in Bangladesh that the municipal electric grid did not reach.

Too often, people think making money is the only incentive in economics, Yunus explained. “Making other people happy is an incentive, too. You can make money and at the same time, you can solve problems,” he said.

Yunus, encouraging young entrepreneurs in the audience, said, “We can create a world where not a single person will be unemployed.”
The unspeakable tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School in which a gunman killed 20 first-graders and six adults hit especially close to home for Chris Canetti ’92, president of the Houston Dynamo professional soccer club. “Like everybody else across the country, I was feeling pretty down about what happened in Newtown,” said Canetti, a Guilford, Conn., native and father of two young children. “I sat around thinking, ‘This is terrible. What can we do?’”

Three days after the shooting, Canetti called Quinnipiac men’s soccer coach Eric Da Costa ’01, MBA ’09. “I had one question for him: ‘What kind of soccer town is Newtown?’” Canetti recalled.

“It’s a big soccer town,” Da Costa responded. With that, Soccer Night in Newtown, a collaboration between Quinnipiac University soccer, Major League Soccer and CFC Azul, was born. A venerable who’s who of professional soccer, including Landon Donovan, Mia Hamm, Kristine Lilly, Cobi Jones, Alexi Lalas and Brian Ching, volunteered their time at the Newtown Youth Academy Sports & Fitness Center in January. “We wanted to bring smiles to the faces of kids in Newtown and give them a diversion from some of the awful reali-
First, he secured commitments from five members of the Dynamo. MLS commissioner Don Garber then pledged his support. “The ball really started rolling downhill from there,” Canetti said. Soon, 40 of professional soccer’s biggest names, as well as 25 members of Quinnipiac’s men’s and women’s soccer teams, were on board.

“The soccer community is vast, but it’s a great lesson for all of us to learn.”

Canetti, however, said the star players, as well as the Newtown community, deserved all the attention. “I don’t care where you’re from or where you live, watching that tragedy unfold and seeing it on the news was absolutely crushing,” he said. “I’m thrilled with the way Soccer Night went. To see the smiles on everybody’s faces made it a really special night. It couldn’t have gone better.”

town community will continue to have the support of the soccer community.”

Quinnipiac’s athletes volunteered in different ways. Senior goalie Jill Kelley helped pass out soccer bags. “We’re just trying to make sure the kids are happy,” Kelley said. “It was such a tragedy, but seeing all the soccer stars who came in to sign autographs and take pictures is an uplifting feeling that there is still a lot of good in the world.”

Newtown residents Joe and Denise Sullivan knew seven families directly affected by the Sandy Hook massacre. They brought their three young children, Owen, Katelyn and John, to Soccer Night in Newtown.

“These families lost the most important thing to them and did nothing at all to deserve it. No one deserves what they are going through, and I think that the love and support of others can help them through this difficult time,” said Ashley Alcott, a sophomore advertising major who spearheaded the event.

Memorial Run Raises $3,700
Erin Nemeth ’13, a public relations major from Newtown, Conn., organized the Strides for Sandy Hook Memorial Run that raised nearly $3,700 for the Newtown Park Gift Fund on Jan. 19.

“Knowing how much of a focus our class placed on social media, my friends and I raised awareness about our event through Facebook & Twitter,” she said.

Originally, they had planned an official 5K run/walk, but the 5,000-plus responses they received made them realize that a race of that magnitude would require more planning and resources. Nemeth is hoping to host the larger 5K next year and is working with police on a date.

Groups Contribute Funds for Grief Counseling
The Muslim Student Association and Branches Campus Ministry raised $3,403 for grief counseling for Newtown families affected by the mass shooting with a benefit dinner in early January in Branford, Conn.

“This is just huge as a pick-me-up for the community,” Joe Sullivan said. “It allows the kids to get back a little bit of a sense of normalcy. It kind of takes their minds off everything that has happened here.”

Owen Sullivan said the soccer stars promised that “they are here for us and they’ll never forget this.” He delighted in meeting Donovan, Lilly and Hamm, who was perhaps the biggest draw at the event.

“Not only as a player of this game, but as a mom and member of a community, I’ve been impressed with the strength and impressed with just how everyone is taking care of one another,” Hamm said. “I think it’s a great lesson for all of us to learn.”

Hamm had additional praise for Canetti and Quinnipiac. “You never forget where you’re from,” she said. “That says a lot about who Chris is as a person. This event is wonderful.”

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Thorough Questioning Can Trump Invasive Tests

Netter School of Medicine students will practice diagnostic skills with real patients in the first year

By Ken Valenti

Expensive, high-tech procedures such as MRIs and CT scans have their place in medicine but they can’t take the place of time-tested detective work by doctors.

In many medical cases, returning to a patient's bedside after a physical examination, or initial diagnostic workup, to ask a few more questions about his or her symptoms or medical history can pinpoint the problem without the need for costly and often invasive procedures, said Dr. Todd Cassese, assistant professor of medical sciences and director of the Clinical Arts and Sciences course at Quinnipiac's Frank H.
Netter MD School of Medicine. The school is scheduled to open in August 2013.

Conversing with patients can lead to better care and save money, which is especially helpful as medical costs rise.

"It's a question of doing everything versus doing what's really in the best interest of the patient—and then also thinking about cost in that equation," Cassese said. He was the lead author of a study pertaining to the topic.

Some 70 percent of diagnoses are made solely by learning patients' medical history, Cassese said. That is part of the routine process, but doctors need to know how to use their judgment in employing it.

Less-experienced doctors can take longer to diagnose an ailment when they follow by rote the steps they were taught—first ask the patient about his or her symptoms and medical history, behaviors such as alcohol use and family history. Then comes the physical exam, and if that doesn't reveal the problem, doctors often turn to the expensive and invasive procedures, Cassese noted.

"There needs to be a little more fluidity in how that process unfolds," he said. "Doctors who are less expert, and certainly those who are learning, probably feel less comfortable with deviating from the order because it isn't the way that they learned it."

Medical students at Quinnipiac will develop that comfort by working with patients from the start, using primary care physicians who partner with the school, Cassese said. They also will work with "standardized patients," or actors trained to mimic people with various ailments.

Cassese is familiar with the benefits of the more flexible approach. His study looked at how doctors diagnosed a rare autoimmune disease in a 49-year-old woman suffering from paralysis by asking her about specific symptoms after her diagnostic workup and treatment regimen were well underway—a sequence out of the usual order.

This patient had previously experienced dry, itchy eyes and a dry mouth, discomforts so rarely associated with paralysis that it would not have made sense for doctors to look for them in their initial questioning. By revisiting the medical history, out of sequence, identifying these symptoms led to the diagnosis of her problem as Sjögren's syndrome, a rare autoimmune disorder.

After being treated with potassium and bicarbonate supplements, the patient’s weakness and muscle pain improved, and she was able to walk unassisted on her fourth day in the hospital. "Normally, the paralysis would have led to a lot of invasive testing, and expensive testing," Cassese said. "It turned out all she really needed was somebody going back to the bedside and asking a few additional questions."

—Dr. Todd Cassese

Cancer Survivor Raises Awareness, Finds Support

Sophomore Katie Winkle was 13 when she was diagnosed with acute myelogenous leukemia. The overwhelming support she received from friends and neighbors in her hometown of Orange, Conn., helped her get through chemotherapy and blood transfusions.

When she arrived at Quinnipiac, Winkle was surprised to find not only support, but also fellow students fighting cancer. "I didn't think I'd meet many survivors at college, but I've met a handful," said Winkle, who has been in remission for five years.

Nowhere is that support more visible than at Quinnipiac’s Relay for Life, a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. Winkle is one of five chairs for this year’s event on April 19. Quinnipiac had more than 100 teams aiming to reach a goal of $70,000. The teams will continue to collect donations through the spring.

Winkle said she was impressed by the "classmates and friends who came out and helped me fight my battle and raise awareness." As a nursing major, she plans to enter the field of pediatric oncology to help other families grappling with cancer.

Health Professions Career

In March, Quinnipiac’s Career Development office hosted the fourth annual Health Professions Career Fair on the North Haven Campus. Representatives from more than 60 companies and health care organizations participated, including Middlesex Hospital in Middletown, Conn., Sports Therapy and Rehabilitation in Branford, Conn., and the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York City. Bob Moore '83, CEO of Moore Physical Therapy, was among the alumni present. Students had an opportunity to speak with professionals about career paths and jobs.
PICTURE THIS

THAT'S A STRETCH!

Kickline, a 29-member spirit group that entertains at Bobcats basketball games, was invited to perform during halftime at the Brooklyn Nets game in the Barclays Center recently. In front are Shannon Fusco and Michelle Gomez. The captains of the self-taught group are Nicole Meringola, Alyssa Hackman and Paige MacLeod. Forty minutes of stretching is required before the squad attempts the high-precision kicks in their thrice-weekly practice sessions.

Photograph by John Hassett
WASHINGTON, D.C., IS THE ULTIMATE VENUE FOR MOVERS and shakers, policy makers and opinion shapers. Its blend of power and history serve as a magnet compelling thousands of young people to launch careers there.

Twenty-one Quinnipiac students felt that pull during a 10-day seminar leading up to President Barack Obama’s inauguration. It was the very essence of what college can provide—life-changing experiences for those open to them.

If touring Wolf Blitzer’s red, white and blue Situation Room at CNN with QU alumni who work there wasn’t enough to put stars in students’ eyes, then standing on the National Mall while Beyoncé performed and Obama spoke was.

Political Science Professor Scott McLean led the Inside Washington course coordinated by The Washington Center and attended by 420 students from colleges around the country. Students met many former interns now working in various jobs in D.C., the majority of them arranged by TWC. All touted D.C. as “the place to be.”

BY JANET WALDMAN
Photography by Cardoni
From left, Danielle Susi, Phillip Nobile and Elizabeth Walker capture themselves in front of the U.S. Capitol during their Inside Washington course in January.
Six students tell what impressed them most about their D.C. experience. Watch at www.quinnipiac.edu/DC

video by Kyle Gravitte ’13

Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform; and the co-chairs of the Commission on Presidential Debates—Frank Fahrenkopf Jr. and Michael McCurry. Journalists included Susan Page, USA Today Washington Bureau chief; Brian Lamb, president of C-SPAN; and Tavis Smiley, host of a PBS show. Rodell Mollineau, president of American Bridge 21st Century, discussed the impact of “super PACs” on American politics, and Cornell West, Princeton University professor emeritus, joined Smiley for a discussion about race, poverty and social policy in the second Obama term.

MAKING IT REAL

Politics’ polarizing effect on Americans was an oft-discussed subject, both by seminar speakers and in McLean’s group sessions. Fahrenkopf, former chair of the Republican party during the Reagan presidency, said, “Washington is broke in my view.” He said the 24/7 news cycle and networks that seem to work for one party or another share responsibility for the “great polarization” the country experiences today.

News on demand, initiated by CNN in the 1980s, created a “feed the beast” mentality where networks compete to fill air time with content—breaking news or not—and endeavor to capture a share of the audience with partisan commentary.

Visiting CNN the following day gave the students a chance to reflect on this. There they met Greg Clary ’08, assignment editor, and Eric Marrapodi ’03, producer and Belief Blog author. Both had internships there, as did Megan Grant ’06, now a publicist for “State of the Union with Candy Crowley.”

The students were happy to spy Wolf Blitzer, the network’s diminutive, silver-haired, bearded anchor in his office, and waved. Continuing down the hall, they happened upon senior national correspondent John King. He stopped to chat and offer his take on the TV news business.

Competition to report news first sometimes trumps accuracy, he said. “And extremes make a fight, which makes great TV.” But the concept that news must be thrust on air or online before being properly vetted results in no checks and balances, no gatekeeping, according to King, a view USA Today’s Ullmann echoed in his speech at the National Press Club the following day.

After the CNN visit, McLean gathered the students in the dining hall of historic Union Station for a discussion on the differences between reporters and commentators. “They seem to live on different planets and even disagree on the facts themselves,” he noted, asking, “Do we even need commentators?”

Alan Johnson, a freshman film, video and interactive media major, thought that the passion expressed by news analysts on partisan networks such as Fox and MSNBC amounted to a lot of loud opinions, but was entertaining. Dylan Wingard, a senior political science major, thought commentators at least give voters views to parrot. “No commentators would lead to more voter apathy,” he thought.

But overanalysis is dumbing down America, according to Danielle Susi, an English major. She said Fox and MSNBC “cater to American ignorance and apathy, making people less inclined to research issues on their own.”

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Fahrenkopf and McCurry analyzed last fall’s three presidential debates during their presentation. McCurry, who gave daily press briefings for six years during the Clinton presidency, said the 2012 debate format gave viewers a strong sense of what Romney and Obama were like because they talked to each other versus the McCain-Obama debates of 2008, when McCain addressed the audience instead of Obama.
Senior Mary-Caitlin Harding asked the pair which candidate in recent history was the best debater. She’d like to work on a campaign in the future. McCurry said Clinton was the most relatable and well-versed on policy. Fahrenkopf said, “Reagan and Clinton go through a camera lens like butter, but great leaders like Bill Bradley, a former GOP candidate, hit the lens and bounce off.” He noted it’s the same for Al Gore, John Kerry and George H.W. Bush. “They don’t get through the net to the voter.”

Andrew Landolfi, a freshman journalism major who hails from Storm Sandy-affected New Jersey, listened intently to a panel of journalists discuss the ongoing gridlock in Congress. He asked them why Congress was taking so long to pass a storm aid bill, given the devastation. “Politics is the answer,” said Janet Hook, Wall Street Journal political reporter. “That, and the fiscal cliff, and Speaker John Boehner.”

C-SPAN’s Lamb chose gun control as the topic of his session, running about the room with a microphone to let students’ remarks fuel the forum. The vast majority thrust their arms in the air when the C-SPAN chief asked whether their parents owned a gun or they had ever shot a gun. Looking at the sea of hands, Lamb said, “That may be the most interesting thing you learn today.”

Contributing to the discussion, sophomore political science major Matthew Bowser told Lamb that he had no problem with registered gun owners having weapons for hunting, but added, “There is no reason to have an assault rifle like the police possess,” countering the comments of another student who suggested that citizens need the most advanced weaponry made.
A BALL AT THE MALL

Attending the inauguration on Martin Luther King Jr. Day was a high point of the trip, despite the cold, the crowds and the 4 a.m. walk to the National Mall to stake out a vantage point.

“To see hundreds of thousands waving miniature flags on the mall is something you do not fully comprehend the power of until you see it with your own eyes,” said Landolfi, who now is pondering a political internship.

“If you asked me that before this trip, I wouldn’t have thought that I’d want to do that. This trip changed me,” he said.

Before the trip, students had requested the formal-looking inaugural invites from their various House and Senate representatives, but on the Thursday before the event, many had none. A visit to Connecticut Sen. Chris Murphy’s office turned up none, so several groups of students embarked on a door-to-door ticket hunt at the Dirksen office building. McLean had doubts that such a search would be fruitful but was delighted when students appeared...
at the National Press Club event that night, tickets in hand and bursting to tell how they secured them from such states as South Dakota.

“I had told them it’s a town where things get done in person,” McLean quipped. He has taken students to D.C. a dozen times, and also to political conventions and on the New England campaign trail.

Elizabeth Walker, a junior political science major, said McLean’s enthusiasm for everything rubbed off on the students. “I appreciated his willingness to answer all questions, his drive for us to distinguish ourselves as a school and as individuals, and his support for our personal goals and dreams.”

Visiting the Newseum was her favorite part of the trip. She has been considering a second major and will try a journalism class. In true journalistic fashion, during the visit to the Indian Embassy, Walker asked Pranay Verma, counsellor political, to comment on the two incidents of young women being raped on buses in that country. He said that while the government is dealing with the mass anger and the outcry to take judicial action to assure the safety of women, the incidents speak more to the conscience of the nation.

Michael Kwasnicki, a freshman majoring in political science and math, enjoyed the trip to the Center for Strategic and International Studies. “Global warming and energy, and issues confronting the Middle East, China and Africa are interesting to me.”

While some found Norquist over the top, Wingard appreciated his charismatic nature and had his photo taken with him. “He was fun to listen to and had a bunch of points he backed up, even though he’s an extreme Republican.” Norquist is a lobbyist, and Wingard aspires to that position. “I want to get my feet wet with a local internship before heading to Washington,” he noted.

Rebecca Carlone, a psychology major who plans on attending law school, was surprised to learn that partisanship and a divisive atmosphere are not a new concept, nor are they particular to this Congress. “It’s just humanity,” she said. At the inauguration, she felt that partisans came together to celebrate American democracy. “It wasn’t one party or another, but how great our country is,” she said.
Graduate student Lauren Gastall teaches yoga, spinning and other fitness classes.
On one peak of Sleeping Giant Mountain, Tami Reilly led a Quinnipiac group through a series of yoga poses. Each deep breath was an effort to clear their minds, cluttered with responsibilities and to-do lists, and to listen to their bodies. It was an opportunity to appreciate the colors streaming from the sinking late afternoon sun as well as the view of the Mount Carmel Campus below. It also was an exercise in "being in the moment."

“Our students, faculty and staff play so many roles,” says Reilly, associate athletic director of fitness and wellness. “You are doing one thing and thinking about another. We're really not good about being in the moment.”

Reilly joined Terri Johnson, director of academic affairs, to change that. The duo created the “Hike to Yoga” series to get students, faculty and staff involved in an activity that exercises the mind, body and spirit.

At the beginning of each event, participants begin at the foot of the mountain with a moment of guided meditation. The group then hikes the mountain alongside a guest speaker, who discusses a topic related to the Giant, such as poetry or natural science. At the peak, participants practice yoga, and the afternoon concludes with reflective journaling about the experience.

The activity gives participants a chance to step back from their busy lives, Reilly explains. At the end, Reilly noted, “No one grabbed a phone. They were really respectful of the whole thing. It was really beautiful to see people appreciate the reflective piece.”

Between 15–20 people participated in each of the four Hike to Yoga events in the fall, as well as a day of community service helping the Sleeping Giant Association clean the park. More hikes are planned for late spring, including one in which Ben Page, professor of philosophy, will lead a discussion on Albert Schweitzer’s philosophy of Reverence for Life.

Participants say the stresses seem to tumble off the side of the mountain like pebbles. “They are surprised by how relaxed they feel when they are up there,” says Kristen Richardson, laboratory instructor of biological sciences. In October, she led a discussion during the hike about the geological history of Sleeping Giant, describing the view during the Ice Age, when the campus was covered with half a mile of ice. Her talk offered a way for students to better understand and connect with the rocks beneath them.

“We underestimate how much stress all our devices are adding to our daily routine,” Richardson explains. “Our brains are not hardwired for that. We need to get out there and connect with nature.”

Vincent Contrucci, director of community service and an avid hiker, joined the organizing team to share his expertise of the state park.

For many students, hiking Sleeping Giant is a right of passage, Contrucci explains. At some point, they each want to reach the peak. He wanted students to explore more of the mountain than what they would find on the commonly used tower trail.

“It was important to me that every member of the campus community be more cognizant of the Giant and all that it offers,” says Contrucci. He selects routes that complement the speaker's discussions. During the poetry hike, Contrucci made sure the route passed by ponds that were referenced in the poem. He says Hike to Yoga encourages students to learn outside the classroom.

“It gives faculty and staff a new way to engage with students,” adds Contrucci. It’s an environment that is new territory for many participants. Some have never been on these hiking paths; others have never practiced yoga.

Many participants were unaware of the benefits of yoga, says Justine Salerno, a freshman diagnostic imaging major who has been on two hikes. She said she enjoys the Hike to Yoga events because they get people out of their comfort zone, whether that is learning something new or doing something new. Salerno appreciates the wildlife the groups have encountered on the trails and practicing yoga outdoors.

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Television entertains, educates and shapes our culture—and some Quinnipiac alumni are working to shape TV

BY ALEJANDRA NAVARRO
ILLUSTRATION BY SEAN MCCABE
From top: Hayden Panettiere and Connie Britton from “Nashville”; Jillian Michaels from “The Biggest Loser”; Dr. Mehmet Oz; Alec Baldwin and Tina Fey from “30 Rock”; and Billy Campbell from “Killing Lincoln.”
More networks are developing original fare than ever before, from dramas and talk shows to reality programs and movies. Five graduates making magic happen on the small screen share how they broke into the TV business.

TELEVISION TRENDSETTER

In 1998, Howard Owens, JD ’95, traded his legal practice for a job in the William Morris Agency mailroom. Sorting and delivering letters turned out to be a shrewd move. He learned about the talent agency from the inside—a job that launched his career in the entertainment industry. Today, the Bridgeport, Conn., native stands at the helm of National Geographic Channels U.S., which includes National Geographic Channel and Nat Geo Wild.

As president, Owens is guiding the Washington, D.C.-based company into a new era, working hard to contemporize and expand the boundaries of what the channel brand stands for while staying true to the core values and principles of the National Geographic Society. And it is paying off. The networks just had their best year ever in 2012, and are off to a record start in 2013.

National Geographic Channels has created popular series such as “Doomsday Preppers,” “Wicked Tuna” and “Inside Combat Rescue.”

Creating a powerful network requires strong, varied content, explains Owens, who works on more than 100 “proof of concepts” or pilots annually.

“We’re still telling stories about subcultures, about the natural world and interesting people in hard-to-get-to places who we think are somewhat misunderstood, but are actually surprisingly relatable,” Owens explains. “We like to tell stories about people who are iconoclasts and who are breaking boundaries, and the audience has responded.”

Recently, the network has begun developing feature-length films, including “Seal Team Six: the Raid on Osama Bin Laden.” Owens calls it “factual drama,” blending documentary elements with cinematic style. National Geographic Channel’s premiere of “Killing Lincoln,” based on the book of the same name by Bill O’Reilly and Martin Dugard, drew an average of 3.4 million viewers. It was a network record.

Owens’ clear gift for unearthing talent and successful story lines was apparent to producer Benjamin Silverman, who hired Owens as an assistant and helped him become a talent agent at William Morris. Eight months later, Silverman tapped Owens to co-found Reveille Productions.

They developed “The Restaurant” starring celebrity chef Rocco DiSpirito, a show completely financed by advertisers, as well as “Nashville Star.” Owens was the first to spot Miranda Lambert, a former contestant who has become a country sensation. “It’s hard to take too much credit for not being tone deaf,” he jokes. “You knew she was going to be a star.”

He attributes some of his success as an agent to his “good eye and interesting taste.” “When I see something I like, I tell people about it and get them enthused about it.”

KEEPING IT REAL

Adam Kaloustian ’02 really appreciates the creativity of working in the TV industry. “Making a TV show is fun no matter what the content is,” says Kaloustian,
“Once you get your foot in the door, and you’re willing to work twice as hard as the other guy, someone is going to take notice.”
—Adam Kaloustian ’02
BEHIND THE SCENES

In an industry that is all about gaining viewers and visibility, Jamin Bricker ’07 strives to be invisible. As an assistant editor on the hit-drama “Nashville,” Bricker’s work goes mostly unnoticed.

“When people watch an episode where there are no bumps, they are not thinking about the editing. They are enamored with the story,” explains Bricker, a Wallingford native who now lives in LA, where the show is edited.

Collaborating with one of the show’s three editors, he is among the first to work with the film, selecting shots to create emotion and action and weaving together scenes that best reflect the script. The director and producers then refine and edit the scenes.

“We build the foundation and then the team works together to make it stronger and better. It’s a lot of responsibility,” explains Bricker. He previously worked on the series “Damages” and edited the film, “We Made This Movie.”

“Nashville” has some superb actors who can repeat a scene with consistency and fluidity that makes it easy to piece together shots, says Bricker. He has had the opportunity to edit scenes independently, which has been a great learning experience. In this fast-paced industry, Bricker says, you learn by diving in.

He recalls his first solo-assignment: finish editing an episode of the NHL series, “Day in the Life,” by 7 p.m., using Avid editing software. Bricker was a “Final Cut Pro guy,” but thought, “How different could it be?”

“By 3 a.m., I’m making calls for help. The client was there, staring at the back of my head,” recalls Bricker. “I hadn’t figured out the last step, outputting to tape. You could slice the tension in the room with a knife.” By morning, he got help, and the client walked away with the tape in hand, happy.

“It got hot, but I tried to stay cool and calm the whole time,” says Bricker. “I love what I do. I give everything when I can.”

His drive landed him a job editing a documentary on the history of the music video for Lux Digital Pictures in LA. He just finished the project, selecting cuts from 330 music videos from Queen to Michael Jackson. For this former rock band member, it was a return to his first love, music.
“The challenge was showing the iconic images of these music videos in a short amount of time,” he explained. “It was a process of discovery, finding those magic moments. That’s what I love doing.”

THE LAUGH CAREER TRACK

For Ashley Wigfield ’08, some of the most memorable moments working on the set of “30 Rock” could have been scenes in the Emmy award-winning sitcom. She recalls the day when actress and show creator Tina Fey charged into executive producer Robert Carlock’s office, still in a Princess Leia costume from the episode where Fey’s character gets married. She plopped on the couch and began outlining an idea that would eventually become a hilarious scene.

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She’s living in LA and has lined up lunches with former “30 Rock” colleagues to look for work. “The majority of the people in the business are willing to help someone starting out because everyone in the industry has been there before,” she said.

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“It was amazing being in the room when Tina is pitching an episode and you get to see it from start to finish,” says Wigfield of Fey, the show’s head writer. “It’s awesome to work with people you respect so much.”

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1963

Sandra (Emmons) Smith is a landscape oil painter who maintains a studio in Killingworth, CT, where she lives. She exhibited her paintings at the Killingworth Library, Liberty Bank in Clinton, CT, and at the Lyme Art Association’s Annual Associate Artist Exhibition. Her landscapes have won several awards in juried art shows and are found in private collections across the country.

1966

Ann (Crowder) Herrick of Eugene, OR, released her latest young adult novel, “Trading Faces.”

1968

Ollie Davis of Edison, NJ, retired in 2010 from her position as an affirmative action manager with the New Jersey Turnpike Authority. She wrote “Branches of the Vine: The Price of Admission,” which was released in January 2013. The late Leonard J. Kent did the first edit of the book.

1970

David Furtak of Wallingford, CT, retired after working 27 years as an FBI special agent. He is a senior consultant for BLUELINE Risk Mitigation Group based in Windsor, CT.

1974

Harold Leonard III of Santa Fe, NM, was named general manager of Hilton Santa Fe Buffalo Thunder and Homewood Suites by Hilton Santa Fe-North. He oversees the day-to-day operations of the 395-room golf resort and casino, as well as the 79-suite hotel. Before this, Harold was vice president of lodging and property management with Utah’s largest ski resort, Canyons, where he oversaw the operations of three properties.

1977

Michael Kessler is a certified public accountant. He founded his own public accounting firm in Stamford practicing in both Connecticut and New York after more than 20 years of heading small businesses, including local divisions of multibillion dollar public entities. Michael lives on Long Island with his wife, Karen. They have three sons and two grandsons.
Kevin Byrne participated in the annual St. Baldrick’s Foundation charity head-shaving event for the past four years to help raise funds for research to find a cure for children’s cancer. He is a senior business analyst/project manager for GE Capital’s treasury department in Stamford.

David Director is owner and president of Connecticut Lighting Centers, which was recently awarded the Residential Lighting Industry Leadership Award. He is a certified lighting consultant and serves on the board of Liberty Bank along with several other nonprofits. He lives in Cromwell, CT, with his wife, Carol (Vecchiolla) Director ’82, and their children.

Michael Coughlin has been named the new chief executive officer of Rehabilitative Resources, the second largest provider of services living with developmental disabilities. Michael lives in Cape Elizabeth, ME, with his wife, Zuzka Sladek, and their daughter, Elizabeth.

Ronald Agostini of Wakefield, RI, a physical therapist, owns Physical Therapy of Mystic, where he has worked for the past 15 years. Ron is also an instructor for Cranial Fluid Dynamics and Being Human workshops.

Robert Engle, MPS ’87, of Southbury, CT, is an international business professor at Quinnipiac. He and his co-authors, Nikolay Dimitriadi, of Rostov State Economic University of Russia, and Ekrem Tatoglu, of Bahcesehir University of Turkey, recently received the Best Paper Award from Stockholm School of Economics for their paper, “Intent to Become an Expatriate: An Application of Ajzen’s Theory of Planned Behavior and the Role of Gender in the United States, Russia and Turkey.” Their research study explored the motivations that might contribute to a person’s willingness to take a job in a foreign country.

Angela Mattie of East Haven, CT, is an associate professor of management and chair of the health care management and organizational leadership department at Quinnipiac. She attended the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellows 2012 Alumni Retreat held in Washington, D.C., the nation’s most prestigious learning experience dealing with health science, policy and politics.

Catherine Risigo is the chief executive officer and owner of Therapy Unlimited in Oakville, CT. The company’s Family Junction program is the state’s first day care program accessible to special-needs children. She lives in Watertown, CT, with her children.

Patrick Marchand is the director of global training at IPC in Fairfield, CT. He lives in Plantsville, CT, with his wife and son, Aidan.

Lisa Marie Paonessa-Charney, a bilingual ultrasonographer, was named a Worldwide Who’s Who Professional of the Year in diagnostic medical sonography in 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013. She was recognized for outstanding achievement and demonstrating excellence and longevity in diagnostic ultrasonography. She lives in Wilton, CT.

Donato Biceglia, MBA ’90 of Hamden, is an IT consultant and educator.

Clark Yoder of Fairfield, CT, is COO at WESTMED Practice Partners in Purchase, NY.

Darryl Balaski is a senior instructor at Oracle. He lives in Salem, CT, with his wife and daughter.

Kristi (Gounaud) Bothur started Naomi’s Circle in 2010, a ministry for parents who have experienced pregnancy loss or early infant death. She lives in Columbia, SC, with her husband and their two children.

Make Plans With Us

April 25
Poetry Reading. 2 p.m., Carl Hansen Student Center, Room 119, on the Mount Carmel Campus. Vivian Shipley, editor of the award-winning journal, “Connecticut Review,” will read her poetry.

May 12
Graduate Commencement. 10 a.m., TD Bank Sports Center, York Hill Campus.

May 12
School of Law Commencement. 3 p.m., TD Bank Sports Center, York Hill Campus.

May 19
Undergraduate Commencements. 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., Quadrangle on the Mount Carmel Campus.

May 16
Bill Mecca Roundball Open Golf Tournament. Laurel View Country Club and The Tradition Golf Club (Hamden and Wallingford, Conn.).

June 2
3rd Annual QU Day at the New York Yankees. Bronx, N.Y. Watch the Yankees take on the Boston Red Sox.

June 21–23
Reunion 2013. For all alumni, with milestone reunion celebrations for classes ending in “3” or “8.”

June 22
Alumni Games. Men’s baseball alumni will play their annual Baseball Alumni Game and mark the 30th anniversary of the 1983 team’s appearance in the College World Series. Men’s and women’s tennis also will play their annual alumni matches during Reunion 2013.

July 15

August 24
Men’s Ice Hockey Alumni Game. High Point Solutions Arena at the TD Bank Sports Center, York Hill Campus.

November 16
Homecoming 2013—Come back to Quinnipiac for Homecoming featuring a men’s ice hockey game vs. Dartmouth University and a pregame reception, and the 2013 Distinguished Alumni Awards reception. Visit www.quinnipiac.edu/events or call 203-582-8610 or toll free 877-582-1929.
Lee Burrows is the owner and founder of LD Distribution Services, a global export company that warehouses and sells wholesale candy, grocery, snack and beverage products to more than 20 countries on six continents. He lives in Mansfield, NJ, with his wife, Claudia, and their two daughters: Loren, 8 and Devyn, 6.

Susan Scoopo of East Haven, CT, is a library aide at Tuttle School. She coordinates programs to help motivate students to read. She has been an active volunteer in the community for the past 18 years, serving on the PTO and assisting with Little League and youth cheerleading groups in her hometown.

Theresa Jakubowski ’95, MBA ’99, of Wallingford, CT, joined Real Living Wareck D’Ostillo Real Estate. She previously worked for 12 years in pharmaceutical sales and occupational therapy services.

Matthew Johnson of Somerset, MA, is vice president of accounts at Hill & Partners, where he has worked for more than seven years. As part of the company’s leadership team, he focuses on the continued development of client-centered policy and procedures, and fostering client and partner advocacy in all phases of the branded environment experience.

Michael Woods ’97, MAT ’99 has been named the new principal of Dodd Middle School in Cheshire, CT. Michael was the assistant principal at Saxe Middle School in New Canaan, CT, for the past five years. He grew up in Cheshire and currently lives in Madison, CT.


Marci Hahn is a staff development coordinator at the Agency on Aging of South Central Connecticut. She earned a master’s in social work in 2004 from Southern Connecticut State University. She lives in Middletown, CT, with her husband, Benjamin, and sons, Simon and Tyler.

Thomas Mulligan has been an athletic trainer with the NHL Tampa Bay Lightning for the past 10 years. He worked with Team USA at the 2008 World Championships in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and again in 2012 in Helsinki, Finland. Thomas lives in Tampa, FL, with his wife, Kellie (Charbonneau) Mulligan ’96, and their three children: Tyler, 9, Zachary, 6, and Abby, 4.

Karen Plomitallo married Joshua Gonillo on July 14, 2012. Doug Plomitallo ’03, brother of the bride, was a groomsman, and Alice (Lo) Plomitallo ’03, MPT ’05, was a bridesmaid. The couple lives in Stamford.

Dawn Cummings announces the birth of a baby girl, Kaylee Rose DeAngelo, on Sept. 21, 2012. She was welcomed by her big brother, Matthew. The family lives in East Haven, CT.

Amanda (Quinto) Pipenbacher of Middletown, CT, was married on Nov. 3, 2012. She is a long-term disability case manager at Liberty Mutual in Wallingford, CT.

Michael Baglio ’02, MBA ’03, of Hoboken, NJ, is director of business technology risk management at TD Securities in New York City.

Jennifer (Alansky) Brody ’02, MAT ’03, and her husband, Alan, welcomed a baby girl, Samantha Jean, on Jan. 8, 2012.

Stefanie Della Rocca ’02, MBA ’04, and John LoPinto announce the birth of their son, Luke Bernard, on June 1, 2012, in Staten Island, NY.

Danielle Drimmer married Norman Kilarjian on Oct. 13, 2012, in Newport, RI. The couple lives in New York City. Danielle is a senior talent manager at NYU.

Chris Mercurio ’02, MBA ’04, was featured on the debut season of the VH1 reality show, “Making Mr. Right,” which aired Jan. 6, 2013.

Eric Yutzy of Zionsville, IN, announces the birth of a baby girl, Mya Mariella, on Sept. 7, 2012.

Erin (Giroux) Antonelli and her husband, Brian, announce the birth of their daughter, Eleanor Marion, on March 29, 2012. The family lives in Belmont, MA.

Lauren (Carmody) Grenier of Southington, CT, joined Adams & Knight in Avon, CT, as director for public relations.

Rachel Hecht married Joseph Shola on May 26, 2012, at Café Escadrille in Burlington, MA. Bridesmaids included Jennifer (Culyer) Abbott ’03, Andrea Penke ’03, and Amy (Tritt) Aguilar ’03, MPT ’05.

Viktoria Sundquist ’03, MS ’06 of Bethany, CT, has been named investigations editor for both The Register Citizen, which serves Litchfield County, CT, and The Middletown Press.

HELP US RECOGNIZE OUR BEST

Every two years at Homecoming, the Quinnipiac University Alumni Association honors outstanding graduates who make remarkable contributions to their professions and communities.

The Alumni Association invites you to nominate alumni for the Distinguished Alumni Award, Alumni Service to Quinnipiac Award, or the Recent Alumni Award, which will be presented Nov. 16 during Homecoming 2013.

Read award criteria, review prior recipients and submit your nominations by visiting www.quinnipiac.edu/alumniawards. Nominations must be received by May 31, 2013.
Bart Miller ’93
Finding his Calling
Former WQAQ host taps new technology to build customer satisfaction

In 2008, Bart Miller ’93 knew the name of each of his 200 employees at Centrinex, the call center company he began three years earlier with just seven employees. And he wanted them to know him. He’d give out gift cards to people who remembered facts about him, such as the name of Miller’s dog, Pepper, who occasionally accompanied him to work.

Today, it’s more challenging to know each of the 500 employees who work at his 47,000-square-foot calling center in Overland Park, Kan., as well as in centers in Costa Rica and Panama. Most of his original team members are still with him and have advanced as the company has grown.

“I try to teach people to take as many chances as possible and make a ton of mistakes—and then learn from them.” With a hint of pride, Miller adds, “The first employee I ever hired at the call center is the brand manager for our largest client.”

Cetrinex has become an industry leader in providing call center services, primarily for financial institutions. Within five seconds of a customer applying online for a loan, Miller’s people are on the phone to verify information. Miller uses new technology to document the productivity of his employees and flag calls that need assistance. Speech analysis software monitors voices for tone and vocabulary that signal possible problems and sifts through millions of calls to pull those that need review to improve service.

“We want to make quick changes on the fly and make the customer experience as good as possible,” he says.

In addition to his dedication to his employees and clients, he supports several nonprofit groups and chaired a committee that helped raise $1 million in two years for Community LINC, which offers transitional housing for people who have lost their jobs and/or their homes. Miller is a member of QU’s Charter Oak Society.

He and his wife, Diana, are the parents of four—Reece, Griffin, Ivy and Miranda. Despite his busy schedule, Miller makes time to coach his sons’ baseball teams and his twin daughters’ basketball team. He encourages them to be team players. They don’t have to be heading for the major league to enjoy the game, he says.

The accounting major looks back fondly at his days as WQAQ general manager and host of the Friday night “Bart Miller Rock Theater.” “Battle of the Bands—that was the high point,” Miller recalls.

On the field, in the call center or on the air, Miller says, “The big thing for me is just to have fun.”—Alejandra Navarro
Ghizlane (Ezziani) Badawi, MS ’04, of Austin, TX, was named to the Top 40 Under Forty list by Airport Business magazine. She is a business process consultant senior with the business assurance division at Austin-Bergstrom International Airport. She is in charge of the airport’s customer service survey programs with Airport Council International.

Christian Contreras ’04, MBA ’10, of Newport Beach, CA, is a business analyst in software engineering at Wipro Technologies in Cypress, CA.

Gregory Glynn and his wife, Cindy, announce the birth of their daughter, Kelsey, in December 2011. Greg is an account executive at Nancy Marshall Communications in Augusta, ME. He also broadcasts football and hockey championship games in Maine and New Hampshire.

Samantha (Smith) Court of Stow, MA, graduated from the University of Massachusetts School of Law-Dartmouth in 2009 and passed the Massachusetts Bar that same year. Samantha practices collection law.

Elizabeth Frenna ’06, MPT ’08, and David Roque were married on Feb. 23, 2013, in Saint James, NY. Elizabeth, a physical therapist, and David, a senior research analyst with the FX Channel, met as sophomores while working for the Quinnipiac Poll.

Michael Zavodsky has been named to SportsPro Magazine’s Top 10 Executives under 30 list. Michael started as an intern and worked his way up through the Nets organization. He is now the senior vice president of corporate sponsorships for Brooklyn Sports & Entertainment.

Joseph Bisognano and Julie Wilson wed on July 21, 2012, in Boston, where they live. Julie is a registered nurse at New England Baptist Hospital and Jay is a real estate developer.

Jed Breed of Cambridge, MA, is the senior manager for relationship and business development at TrueLens, a Cambridge-based start-up company.

Jamin Bricker of Los Angeles, CA, is on the post-production team for ABC’s new show “Nashville,” which premiered in October 2012.

Eric Lind of Vancouver, WA, accepted a position with the City of Vancouver as a performance analyst after completing his master’s degree in France. Previously he worked at AT&T Global Network Services as a lean six-sigma project manager.

Michelle O’Hara of Canton, MA, recently accepted a position at Texas Children’s Hospital in Houston, TX, as the hospital’s first-ever certified therapeutic recreation specialist. She is creating the therapeutic recreation program for the newly opened inpatient rehabilitation unit.

Kelly Rider of Boston accepted a position at Neumann University in Aston, PA, as assistant women’s ice hockey coach.

Kevin Sokolski ’07, MS ’09 is the director of women’s basketball operations at Quinnipiac University. He is in charge of video coordination, mailings, travel plans and recruiting for the team and summer camps.

Scott Wormser and Danielle Bruen ’07 were married on Sept. 2, 2012, in Rockleigh, NJ. The newlyweds live in Manhattan. Dana (Owen) Turczak ’07 and Diane Hirsch ’05 were bridesmaids. (See photo p. 46.)
Carley Shimkus ’09

Imus is her Boss

Fox internship leads to job as associate producer for popular morning program

The early bird may catch the worm, but Carley Shimkus ’09 is not looking for worms when she arrives at Fox Business Network in Manhattan between 3:30 and 4 a.m. weekdays.

Instead, she awaits the arrival of her boss, Don Imus, whose syndicated “Imus in the Morning” radio show is simultaneously televised on FBN. Shimkus escorts him to makeup, grabs him black coffee with two shots of espresso, and anything else he needs including background info on guests. It’s all part of her job as associate producer.

The journalism major began as a production assistant with the infamous Imus when Fox picked up his show in Fall 2009. An internship with Fox News in Washington, D.C., during her junior year led to Fox Business hiring her after graduation.

“I am learning a lot from Imus. He’s an expert interviewer who listens to his guests when they talk and asks questions others might miss,” she said. Shimkus also admires Connell McShane and Dagan McDowell, the show’s news anchor and business correspondent, respectively, who treat her like a younger sister.

During the live broadcast, Shimkus works in the studio and control room. Some of her duties include serving as a WABC radio liaison, collecting graphics to make the show visually interesting and helping editors assemble weekend “Best of Imus” shows. Recently, she was field producer for the program’s new “Man on the Street” segment.

One of her favorite roles is shaping the experience for guests who appear on the program, from makeup and green room to post-interview. “I find out if there is anything specific they want to talk about. Sometimes they are nervous, but they usually leave beaming because they had a great time talking to Imus, and it’s nice to be a part of that process,” she said. On Imus.com, some of her behind-the-scenes interviews are posted with Bill O’Reilly, Gov. Chris Christie, Hulk Hogan, Ron White, Neil Cavuto and Tony Danza.

“I feel lucky because I get to laugh out loud every day, and I often hear great bands performing in studio while I’m plugging away,” she said.

—Janet Waldman
James Ransford ’77

Vintages Vary
Owner of CT Beverage Mart monitors annual California grape harvest

When it comes to wine, James Ransford ’77 knows his grapes. He’ll tell you that 2007 and 2009 were stellar years for California cabernets. He’s worried lately because poor weather the past few years has affected the quality and supply of grapes.

As co-owner of CT Beverage Mart, Ransford stays current on all varieties of wine, although he admits to favoring the California wines. His favorite is the Robert Mondavi Reserve Cabernet, which sells for $125 a bottle.

He had planned to go into his family’s restaurant business, but while visiting relatives in California the summer following his junior year of college, he fell in love with the San Francisco area, especially the vineyards and the wine shops in Napa Valley.

“In hindsight, that is the best thing to ever happen to me,” he said.

Originally from upstate New York, Ransford earned a bachelor’s degree in health services administration, then worked briefly as a bartender before opening a package store in New Britain in 1980. The store—a 10,800-square-foot facility—was the largest package store in the state at that time. The industry was on the brink of change, Ransford knew, and he was planning ahead.

Recycling was just getting started in Connecticut. And pricing, previously fixed, was becoming more flexible. Ransford needed the space to carry larger inventories.

Between 1980 and 1996, three more stores followed—in Middletown, Newington and Wallingford. Getting his business off the ground took patience and hard work. He also attributes his success to the support of his wife, Kathie, a registered nurse. The two married in 1983. They have four boys: Derrick, 27; Brendan, 26; Ryan, 24; and Carson, 22.

Wine makes up the largest percentage of sales, followed by beer and liquor. “Riesling is really growing in popularity, but the largest growing group is Malbec, an Argentinian wine, which is moderately priced and has a full flavor,” Ransford said.

“Each year presents us with the anticipation of a great vintage or an inferior one, which will yield different wines and excitement or disappointment,” he said. When the New England weather turns warm, Ransford cuts back on his work hours and golfs at least twice a week. A two handicap, he was the 2012 senior alumni champion at the 49th annual Quinnipiac Alumni Championship.

—Donna Pintek

James Ransford ’77
knows his wines.
Kyle Yermalovich, MBA ’07, is a senior associate with Hodgson, Pratt, Pratt & Saunders. He recently passed the certified public accountant exam. He lives in New Bedford, MA, with his wife, Stephanie.

Aaron Byron of Wrentham, MA, is a military intelligence officer stationed at Fort Carson, CO. He was a former Army 35M human intelligence collector (Airborne) with a deployment to Iraq and attended officer candidate school in summer of 2012.

Frank DeAngelo of Shelton, CT, is a police officer for the town of Derby. He began his 24-week training at the Connecticut Police Academy in January 2013.

Katherine Doyon of Wayland, MA, received her doctorate in veterinary medicine from Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine in May 2012. During her senior year, she earned the Abbott Animal Health Award for excellence in emergency and critical care medicine. She started a small animal internship specializing in emergency and critical care medicine and surgery at New England Animal Medical Center in West Bridgewater, MA.

Jessica Fine, MS ’08, married Adam Sowalsky on Aug. 19, 2012. The couple lives in Natick, MA. She works at Boston University’s School of Communications as a senior media technician. (See photo p. 46.)

Christopher Lopresti has been named WFAN’s Jets reporter. He named WFAN’s Jets reporter. He

William Piper, MHA ’09, of Meriden, CT, is chief executive officer of Waveny Care Network in New Canaan, CT.

2010

Heather Bacci ’10, MS ’12, of Kendall Park, N.J., joined Creative Marketing Alliance where she is responsible for team communication and project execution.

2011

Casey Farricielli opened Couture Fitness, a fitness studio in Milford, CT, which promotes self-confidence and empowerment through daily fitness motivation emails and life coaching seminars.

Brett Whitmarsh, MS ’11, of Wells, ME, is the social media coordinator and tech correspondent for the NBC affiliates WCSH 6 in Portland and WBLZ 2 in Bangor.

2012

Jacinda (Dunbar) Arnold of Carteret, NJ, is the new assistant women’s basketball coach at Southern Connecticut State University in New Haven.

Christopher Gambella of Huntington, NY, accepted a position at Franklin Templeton Investments located in New York, NY, as an associate in their Management Training Program.

Thomas Cannata, EDL ’12, of Southington, CT, is principal of Wesley School in Middletown, CT. He was previously a math / science instructional leader for all elementary schools in Plainville, CT.

Kevin Mahoney is a junior account coordinator at Mills Public Relations in Boston. He lives in Saugus, MA.

Brittney Migacz of Wolcott, CT, passed all parts of the CPA exam. She is an assurance associate at McGladrey in New Haven.

Rich Scinto of Fairfield, CT, is the police reporter for the New Haven Register.

Two Professors Emeriti Pass Away

Vincent DeAndrea, a professor of economics emeritus, died on Feb. 9. He joined Quinnipiac in 1968 as a lecturer in the economics department. A favorite among students, his Economic History class is still discussed at alumni events. He retired from Quinnipiac in 2006. Kenneth McGearry, a professor of biology emeritus and the husband of Signia McGearry, associate professor of occupational therapy emeritus, died on March 2. He began at Quinnipiac in 1971 and officially retired in 2007, but continued to teach part time in the QU Seminar Series until recently. He was known for his passion for teaching undergraduate anatomy and physiology and his ability to introduce future teachers to the wonders of marine biology in the MAT program.

IN MEMORIAM

2010

Elizabeth (Hughes) Jolly ’36
Claire Mathews, JD ’88
John Malone ’62
Charlotte (Heermans) McCurdy ’39
Joan (Hennessey) Wright ’49

2011

Vera-Jean (Clark) Brown ’76
Carol (Kavanaugh) Jennette ’73
Dorothy (Rundbaken) Lamale ’39
Gloria (Sutton) Mallory ’41
Joy (Flickinger) O’Brien ’63
Sidney Snayer ’49
John Tierney ’43

2012

Danny Bouchotte ’07
Maryann (Gresh) Campanella ’78
John Cannon Jr. ’48
Mary (Howarth) Cass ’36
Luanda Cavaco, JD ’04
Gennaro “Gene” DeLallo ’60
Anna (Scharf) Delehant ’47
Donna D’Eugenio ’73
Patricia (Voneida) Dewalt ’91
Dolores (Ezzo) DiGiovanni ’42
John Paul Dudra ’90
Patricia (Morse) Lowrey ’38
Matthew Lyons ’50
Jeanette (Bradley) Marsted ’40
Ralph Mas ’56
Arthur Mioline Jr. ’53
Richard Nankin ’57
Thomas O’Brien ’62
Louise (Cofrances) Pellico ’50
George Pooulos ’54
Joseph Reilly ’64
Edward Schmitt Jr. ’61
James Sheehan Jr. ’73
Mary (Schuster) Stebbins ’73
Robert Tierney ’48
Lynne (Presney) Tomascak ’78
Richard Vaccaro ’65
Gerald Zitser ’48

2013

Roger Bundy ’70
Diane (Sousa) Hurst ’79, ’91
Sandra-Lynn (Henrickson) Knell ’76
Detra MacDougall ’63, ’84
Alan Wasserman ’63
Richard Watterworth ’61
Betsey (Brown) Wynne ’41
Anthony Cervone is a personal injury trial lawyer who was selected as one of the “Top 100 Trial Lawyers” by The American Trial Lawyers Association. He lives in Cranston, RI, with his wife, Joy.

Howard Pierce opened his own law practice, Mueller Pierce, located in West Hartford, CT, where he lives. The firm focuses on cost containment matters for health care and property/casualty industries.

Anthony Slimowicz of Gillette, NJ, was invited to speak at the 2013 Claims and Litigation Management Alliance annual conference in April. He will discuss the topic, Environmental & Toxic Tort—Emerging Risks—Anticipating and Managing the Latest Emerging Risks. He serves as counsel to the Northeast-based law firm of O’Toole, Fernandez, Weiner, Van Lieu, specializing in the areas of environmental, asbestos, insurance specialty lines, employment and corporate litigation. He is also the chief operating officer of AJS Capital Holdings.

Kevin Curseaden is a partner in the law firm Carroll, Curseaden and Moore, based in Milford, CT, where he lives. He was promoted to lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve. His new assignment is instructing Army Reserve and National Guard staff officers at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. He also was recently elected chairman of the Connecticut Regional Water Authority Representative Policy Board.

John Meuser, BA ’91, is director of human resources & administrative operations at Baker Botts in Houston, TX, where he lives.

Steve Samson of Sandy Hook, CT, is executive vice president of MidCap Business Credit, a nationwide commercial finance company providing asset-based loans to businesses requiring credit facilities from $1 million and up. Steve is responsible for risk and operation functions.

Anthony Kornacki is vice president and associate general counsel at Allied World Assurance Company in Farmington, CT. He lives in Old Lyme, CT, with his wife, Lee Ann.

Jason Welch is a Connecticut state senator for District 31, serving the towns of Bristol, Harwinton, Plainville, Plymouth and Thomaston. He lives in Bristol, CT, with his wife, Elizabeth, and their seven children.

Abdul Abdurahman of New Britain, CT, and Ryan Bausch ’04 of West Hartford, CT, founded the Law Offices of Bausch and Abdurahman, which offers legal services with a focus on international law and immigration. The two are opening a practice in war-torn Somalia. They will be handling oil and gas law, maritime law, international trade and writing legislation.

Justin Callow of Richboro, PA, is a partner at Adelson, Testan, Brundo and Jimenez, working in the Berkeley Heights, NJ, office. He was named a Rising Star in the practice area of workers’ compensation in the 2012 New Jersey Super Lawyers Magazine.

Daniel Gibson of Cromwell, CT, has been promoted to counsel at Cantor Colburn intellectual property attorneys in Hartford. His practice areas include patents, opinions and strategic IP portfolio development. He coordinates and manages global utility and design portfolios for medium-large international corporations, and provides opinion work pertaining to non-infringement, invalidity and guidance.

Ryan Poe-Gavinski and her husband, Jonathan, announce the birth of a daughter, Harper Marie, on Nov. 22, 2011. The family lives in Kearneyville, KY.

Steve DeMoura of Bethel, CT, is an associate at Pinney Payne in Danbury, CT. He and his wife, Kathryn, welcomed their first child in December.

Kori (Termine) Wisneski was chosen by Middletown Mayor Dan Drew to be the deputy city attorney for the city of Middletown, CT, where she lives. She is a lawyer at Robinson & Cole in Hartford.

Alan DePeters of Amherst, NY, is a partner at Kenney Shelton Liptak Nowak in Buffalo, NY. An associate at the firm since 2007, his practice focuses on commercial and civil litigation, as well as transactional and corporate law.

Lauren James-Weir, an associate with the Gibbons law firm, was invited to present on the topic of “Media Law 101 for Reporters” at the New Jersey collegiate press seminar and awards luncheon in April. She represents news organizations as well as nonmedia clients in matters involving free speech, defamation, invasion of privacy, the Freedom of Information Act, the Reporter’s Shield Law and other legislative initiatives affecting the media. In 2012, she was honored as a New Jersey Super Lawyers Rising Star/First Amendment. She lives in Rockaway, NJ.

Matthew Lowe, JD/MBA ’07, is an associate at the law firm of Armstrong Teasdale in the St. Louis office. His focus is on preparation and prosecution of domestic and international patent applications. He lives in Owensville, MO.
Jon Stanley, JD ’93

Timely Treatment
Law alumnus advocates for people with severe mental illness

Jon Stanley, JD ’93, was diagnosed with bipolar disorder in 1988 following a manic episode that had him running from imaginary secret agents through New York City streets for three days. It ended when police brought him to a psychiatric hospital.

“God bless those cops,” Stanley said. “They had the legal justification to arrest me but not—silly as it sounds—to bring me for a mental health evaluation under the laws at that time. They still did. They did what was right and obviously needed.”

Stanley received medication to control his disorder. Since earning his law degree, he has made it his life’s work to help others. He is a founding board member of the Treatment Advocacy Center, a national nonprofit in Arlington, Va., dedicated to reforming commitment and involuntary treatment laws to eliminate barriers to the timely treatment of people with severe mental illness. He now lives in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., but remains on the TAC Board.

“It’s a delicate subject because we are talking about making people do something they at least say they don’t want to do. Our take is that we need to change laws so we can get help for that group of people we’ve just left adrift in psychosis in our communities with no way to help them.”

Stanley served as TAC’s assistant and eventually interim director from 1998 to 2008. He has been instrumental in improving treatment laws in 18 states.

“We are 100 percent for full and voluntary choices for treatment, but when someone is so sick that he is not taking his treatment because he thinks his doctor is a CIA agent handing him poison—that’s not a decision that should be respected,” Stanley said.

E. Fuller Torrey, a renowned psychiatrist and schizophrenia researcher, began the Treatment Advocacy Center in 1998. “Jon came on board shortly thereafter,” Torrey said.

“He was instrumental in improving the laws in many states and especially in New York, where Kendra’s Law probably would not have passed without his efforts.”

That 1999 law has allowed courts to order psychiatric care as a condition for living in the community for thousands of people with serious mental illnesses in obvious need of care and whose previous noncompliance with treatment has resulted in either violent acts, incarceration or multiple hospitalizations, Stanley noted.

“I can confidently say I had a hand in getting treatment for 20,000 or more people with severe mental illness who were not being treated,” Stanley said.

—John Pettit
Remembering David Rosettenstein

David Rosettenstein, the Carmen Tortora Professor of Law, passed away on Feb. 19 after a long battle with cancer. He began teaching at the School of Law in 1981 when it was located in Bridgeport. Before that, he taught law in London and Tennessee.

David taught family law, labor law and remedies. He was a prolific scholar and a popular and highly respected teacher whom the Class of 2012 chose as its Professor of the Year. He greatly enjoyed hearing from alumni, many of whom consulted him about complex family-law issues encountered in practice. He enjoyed travel and sailing and he and his wife, Abbie Baker, were well known for their rescue and care of an army of injured birds, feral cats and other animals. David’s good friend and colleague, Professor Alexander Meiklejohn, remembers David in the following piece...

David and I joined the faculty of the University of Bridgeport School of Law in the fall of 1981. I had been practicing law in Vermont, and he had been teaching at the University of Tennessee College of Law. We became friends, and I depended on him for advice on many aspects of my new job. I remember calling him after I gave my first practice exam in contracts, asking him what to do with the answers the students had turned in. He explained how to score the answers and then how to translate the scores into grades. I’ve followed his advice ever since.

Ten years later, in Fall 1991, the poor financial condition of UB became public knowledge. David and I were members of the law faculty’s executive committee, and in that capacity we helped to plan and implement the transfer of the law school from UB to (then) Quinnipiac College.

David’s role was pivotal. The UB trustees agreed to the transfer a few days before an American Bar Association meeting. Well in advance of that meeting, David had worked out critical aspects of the transfer, including smooth transitions for students who were receiving financial aid from UB. He had drafted an affiliation agreement, to be executed by the law school, UB, and Quinnipiac. If that draft had not been ready for an all-night negotiating session with UB’s and Quinnipiac’s lawyers immediately before the ABA meeting, the transfer would not have taken place.

Throughout that critical period, David’s dedication to the welfare of our students and our graduates made him determined to protect the law school. Their professional success was always uppermost in his mind.

During the summer after our first year teaching at UB, David and I went to Vermont and New Hampshire to visit friends and family of mine. We drove a decrepit Ford Mustang that I had bought for $400 a few months earlier, a car that Law Professor John Morgan described accurately in his environmental law class as an “excellent example of a moving source of pollution.”

David, who had flown gliders, told me at the beginning of the trip that he wasn’t worried about our ability to stop quickly because he assumed that, if necessary, the loose parts of the fenders could be deployed as air brakes.

David didn’t fly gliders after moving to Connecticut, but he did buy a boat. Sailing, and even working on the boat, gave him the serenity that he formerly had found in gliding. Out on the Sound with Abbie on a breezy, clear summer day, he was truly content.
Nicole Fernandes, BA ’08, an associate at Goldman Gruder & Woods, which has offices in Norwalk and Greenwich, CT. She practices in the firm’s health care law and litigation practice groups.

Gregory Pategas, MS ’06, of Sandy Hook, Conn., spearheaded a fund drive to enable the Newtown High School Marching Band and Guard, educators and members of that town’s fire and police departments to march in the New York City St. Patrick’s Day Parade in March as a way to show unity for the town and those groups after the shooting tragedy there on Dec. 14, 2012.

He lives in Sandy Hook with his wife, Dianna, and two sons, who attend Newtown schools.

Sean Hamill joined Carter Mario Injury Lawyers as a litigation attorney working in the firm’s North Haven office. He lives in Milford, CT, with his wife.

Andrea Moffitt of West Hartford, CT, is an associate at the law firm Trendowski & Allen. She practices in the areas of family law, personal injury, insurance law and real estate. She also handles residential and commercial real estate transactions, foreclosures and debt consolidation.

Team Aces Regional Competition

A team of students from the School of Law’s Mock Trial Society defeated 16 teams to claim the New York Regional Championship of the Ninth Annual American Bar Association Labor and Employment Law Trial Advocacy Competition in November.

The team of second- and third-year students Amita Patel, Philip Brown-Wilusz, Robert Shrage and Alexandra Byrd prevailed in the final round over a team from George Mason University Law School. They were coached by alumni Isaias Diaz, JD ’07, an associate with Dressler Strickland, and Tushar Shah, JD/MBA ’07, an associate with Fazzano & Tomasiewicz.

While at Quinnipiac, Diaz, the former treasurer of the school’s Mock Trial Honor Society, made school history as a member of the first team to win the Northeast Regional Championship of the Texas Young Lawyer’s Association. Shah served as coach on that team and was vice president of competitions for the Mock Trial Honor Society.

“It’s only the second time Quinnipiac was involved in this, so to advance this far, so fast, in an ABA competition is extremely impressive,” Shah said. “The strong trial skills and natural instincts they showed should make them good litigators when they are out in the real world,” Shah added.

The case involved an age discrimination lawsuit brought by a former security guard against an aquarium. The complaint alleged the plaintiff was unlawfully terminated because of her advanced age. During the competition weekend, each law school team tried the case twice on Saturday, once as plaintiff’s advocates and once for the defendant. Several practicing judges and attorneys, including members of the National Labor Relations Board, served as scoring judges. The Quinnipiac plaintiff’s advocates successfully tried the case twice again on Sunday in the semifinal and final rounds.

The victory took them to the national finals of this competition late January in Dallas, where a split decision in the final bench resulted in Quinnipiac’s team finishing second to the University of Pennsylvania.
CONGRATULATIONS!

1. Scott Wormser ’07 and Danielle Bruen ’07 were married on Sept. 2, 2012. Many QU alumni were in attendance.

2. Michelle Santiago ’03 married Andrew Gabrell ’03. Pictured (from left): Christian Furey ’02, MPT ’04; Anthony Shrout ’03; Santiago; Sarah (Fitzsimons) McInnis ’04; Maddy Santiago ’11, MHS ’13; Sarah Taggart ’11, MOT ’12; Gabrell.

3. Lyla Tortora, born Nov. 14, 2012, daughter of Matthew Tortora ’05, MOL ’11, and Ashley (Langley) Tortora ’08, MOL ’11.


8. James Greenwood ’02, his wife, Melissa, and their son Luke at the women’s hockey team open skate.

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ALUMNI CONNECT
AT VARIETY OF RECENT EVENTS

1. & 2. More than 600 alumni, parents and other members of the QU community cheered on the men’s ice hockey team during game watches in 18 spots across the country on Feb. 22 for the game against Yale. Terry Harris ’01 and Toya Harris came out for the Dallas reception while Fairfield fans included, from left: Anthony Cacchiani ’10, Katie Devlin ’10, Matt Magda and Jill Cimminello ’03, MBA ’07.

3. At the men’s basketball alumni game in December, from left: Frank Berretta ’87, Jim Freund ’81, men’s head basketball head coach Tom Moore, Al Carfora ’80 and Dan Gooley ’70.

4. & 5. Alumni and members of the Quinnipiac family prepare to march in the New York City St. Patrick’s Day Parade.

6. Greg Doucette ’04, MPT ’06, and Dana (Cosegli) Doucette ’04, MAT ’06, Rhode Island alumni chapter president, at the Brown game reception.

7. Devon Gibney ’12 and Matt Keough ’11 at the QU-Harvard ice hockey reception.
Online course experience surprises MBA candidate

Rebecca Neal, MBA ’13, says the forum discussions and video lectures bring the classroom dynamic to her living room

When I began my venture into Quinnipiac’s MBA in health care management program more than a year ago, I had to adjust to the learning style of a virtual classroom. I had always enjoyed “in-person” class discussions when earning my BA in psychology from the University of Hartford, and being able to meet professors and classmates face-to-face.

I wondered if an online education would be comparable to attending lectures in a traditional classroom and if my tuition dollars would be shortchanged by online classes. I even wondered whether an “online degree” would hold the same prestige as a traditional one.

As the semester unfolded, I got my answers.

I was pleasantly surprised that online classes were quite similar to traditional courses. One of my first was Business Decision Analysis with Michael Stone, assistant professor of economics. I was concerned that reviving my knowledge of statistics would be difficult online, but my worries were quickly erased.

Professor Stone’s PowerPoint presentations were not only thorough and informative, but they also had voiceovers. This brought them to life, and made me feel like I was in a classroom, when in reality I was sitting in my pajamas on my living room couch.

Being able to “attend class” when it is most convenient is great. Even though I only live 30 minutes from Quinnipiac, I save time and money by not commuting as much. My online classes also are just as challenging as my on-campus classes, if not more so because of their accelerated pace. When I learned that I could graduate more quickly if I took advantage of the blended curriculum of both traditional and online classes—the best of both worlds—I was sold.

The virtual setting also encourages diverse opinions from my online peers; my classmates are located all over the U.S., and each of them brings an incredibly wide range of personal and professional experiences that deeply enrich discussions and group work.

Most important, I have become more comfortable with telecommunication tools, such as group video conferencing, a necessary skill in today’s workforce.

My professional experience has been primarily in quality assurance within the health care industry. My goal is to re-enter that same field more qualified and knowledgeable after graduation this summer.

Straying from tradition is not always easy, but the ability to adapt to change is a significant skill in itself.
Meet the Challenge: Help a Student

When Quinnipiac alumni join together to give $500,000 toward the Alumni Endowed Scholarship, the University will match the combined giving, dollar-for-dollar.

This means a $1 million increase to the Alumni Endowed Scholarship and an additional $50,000 in annual scholarship awards for Quinnipiac students.

Student scholarships recognize academic excellence and help reduce the debt burden that many Quinnipiac students carry as they graduate and become alumni.

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