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Ann Marie Vail receives her doctoral hood from Law Professor Emerita Mary Ferrari at the School of Law Commencement on May 10. Vail was among 113 graduates who heard speeches from Harold Koh, Sterling Professor of International Law, Yale Law School; Professor of the Year Alexander Meiklejohn; and Erica Rocha, JD ’15. Watch a webcast of the ceremony at www.quinnipiac.edu/commencement
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Stay True to Yourself, says Michael Sam
Gay athlete shares experiences since coming out

Michael Sam, the first openly gay player to be drafted by the NFL, emphasized the importance of being true to oneself when he visited campus in March.

“I am who I am,” Sam told about 1,900 students who attended his talk. “You need to take the time to get to know someone before you judge them.”

Sam made history last year when the star college football player came out as gay ahead of the NFL draft, making him the first openly gay player to be drafted in any major American sport. He told a story about the cousin of a teammate who was gay and twice tried to commit suicide. The young woman thanked Sam for his courage and vowed to never again hurt herself. “That really hit home for me,” Sam said. “If you can save one life, you have already won.”

His visit was a collaboration among Quinnipiac’s athletics, campus life, and multicultural and global education departments as well as the University’s Gay, Lesbian and Straight Supporters student organization and the Interfraternity Council. Sam appeared on this season of ABC’s “Dancing with the Stars,” and his dance partner, Peta Murgatroyd, came to QU to hear his talk.

“Remaining true to himself, despite the adversity he faced growing up, Michael Sam models the way for our students,” said Stefano Fasulo, associate director for campus life.

During his Texas childhood, Sam experienced the deaths of three siblings, homelessness and physical and mental abuse from family members. “I wouldn’t be here without football,” he said.

Sam came out to his teammates at the University of Missouri prior to his senior season at the urging of then-boyfriend Vito Cammisano, now his fiancé. Sam was selected by the St. Louis Rams in the seventh round of the 2014 NFL Draft, then cut at the end of training camp. He was on the Dallas Cowboys practice squad before being waived. Playing in the NFL remains his career dream.

“I’m not the only one in the NFL who is gay,” Sam said. “I’m just the only one who is out. Hopefully, there will be a day when it won’t matter,” he said.
SHARK SIGHTING
Daymond John, a cast member of the popular ABC entrepreneurial show “Shark Tank,” will visit Quinnipiac for a public lecture at 7 p.m. Oct. 6 in Burt Kahn Court on the Mount Carmel Campus. As one of the “sharks,” John and four other executives listen to business pitches from everyday people hoping to launch their company or product to new heights. Investing his own money in every project, John becomes partners with the entrepreneurs.

Jeané Coakley ’01, anchor on SportsNet New York, has covered the New York Jets, reported from the Super Bowl, March Madness and the Indy 500. “Tim Tebow, Mark Sanchez, Rex Ryan, I covered it all,” she said. “I’m getting paid to do what I love—I found my passion.”

Coakley felt confident as a female in a male-dominated reporting field. “I watch as much film. I study the game just as well as they do. I can ask just as many questions,” she said.

Irish Harper Inspires Arrangements
George Sprengelmeyer’s interest in Turlough O’Carolan’s work started with a girl. “As an undergrad in art school, I met a girl who really loved the music of O’Carolan, and she gave me some arrangements of his pieces to play on the guitar,” said the associate professor of music. “Right then, I thought the melodies were beautiful.”

This sparked an interest that has lasted more than two decades, including a quest to find a transcription for the guitar that was true to the original music of the legendary 18th-century Irish composer and harper.

Sprengelmeyer discussed the musical works of O’Carolan and also performed at Ireland’s Great Hunger Museum last semester, playing five pieces on the guitar—all his own transcriptions. He is the only second person to earn a doctor of musical arts degree in guitar performance from the Peabody Conservatory of Johns Hopkins University.

“I started to search for the best arrangements I could find, and struck out time after time. Then I decided to make my own arrangements,” Sprengelmeyer said.

He spoke to professionals about the string structure of O’Carolan’s Baroque era-harp, attempting to solve the mystery of unexplained chromatic pitches within his melodies.

Sprengelmeyer visited Ireland to study the original manuscripts of O’Carolan’s music, all transcribed by Irish noblemen as O’Carolan traveled the countryside to perform. He found some answers and heard story after story of O’Carolan’s travels.

GRADUATION SPEAKERS SPAN MANY FIELDS
Graduates were informed and entertained by a variety of Commencement speakers, from entrepreneur Stew Leonard Jr., proprietor of the farm store that bears his name, to actor Kal Penn.

Leonard spoke at the morning graduate ceremony May 9 for the Schools of Business, Communications, and Education, while Dr. David Katz, an authority on nutrition and disease prevention, performed that role at the afternoon graduate ceremony for the College of Arts and Sciences, School of Health Sciences and School of Nursing.

The following day, Yale Professor Harold H. Koh addressed School of Law graduates.

In an effort to make Undergraduate Commencement more meaningful, three smaller ceremonies were held on May 17. New York Times columnist Adam Bryant addressed graduates in the School of Business and School of Communications, while prosthetist Kevin Carroll (see story on p. 6), gave the afternoon address for health sciences and nursing.

“House M.D.” actor Penn spoke at the evening ceremony for the College of Arts and Sciences.
Grey Nuns Nursed Sick Famine Immigrants

Ireland’s Great Hunger Institute at Quinnipiac University is hosting a yearlong exhibition, “Saving the Famine Irish: The Grey Nuns and the Great Hunger,” in the Arnold Bernhard Library on the Mount Carmel Campus. The exhibition tells the story of the religious order in Montreal whose members cared for Irish immigrants arriving on their shores during the summer of 1847, many of them seriously ill with typhus.

Christine Kinealy, history professor and director of the institute, said thousands of people fled Ireland during the Great Hunger and immigrated to Canada. Besides being sick, Famine immigrants to Grosse Isle and Montreal were among the poorest of the poor. Montreal was the main Canadian port of debarkation for Famine immigrants who hoped to start a new life. Instead, thousands found an early grave.

In 1847 alone, 75,000 landed in this city of 50,000 people. To cope with this influx, 22 fever sheds were erected along the waterfront. Several religious orders, including the Grey Nuns, worked tirelessly to help the ailing.

Regardless of the sacrifice and the efforts of these women, as many as 6,000 Famine immigrants died in Montreal in addition to an estimated 13 priests and 17 Catholic nuns (including seven Grey Nuns).

“The story of the Grey Nuns, and of the other religious orders who helped the dying Irish immigrants, is one of kindness, compassion and true charity,” Kinealy said.

The exhibition is open to the public through March 18, 2016. Hours are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.

FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR

Sujata Gadkar-Wilcox, assistant professor of legal studies, will travel to India this fall on a Fulbright Award to continue her research on the framework of the Indian Constitution. “My interest in understanding the pluralism informing the drafting of the Indian Constitution relates to my own experience of being raised in the United States by immigrant parents who instilled in us an appreciation and understanding of our own Indian cultural heritage,” she said.

MONEY TALKS

Eighteen experts from the world of finance discussed such topics as quantitative easing of the money supply and “currency wars” raging around the world when they spoke on the first day of the Quinnipiac Global Asset Management Education (G.A.M.E.) V Forum in March in New York City. Attendees hailed from more than 140 colleges and universities representing more than 40 countries and 39 states.

Emanuella Enenajor, senior Canada and U.S. economist at BofA Merrill Lynch Global Research, was among several new keynote speakers this year. She said the most important issue right now in the global economy is disinflation. When decreased consumer demand causes prices to fall, Enenajor said it becomes more tempting for businesses to lower or freeze wages to stay competitive.

Other speakers included Guy Adami, Jon Najarian and Joseph Terranova, CNBC contributors; Abby Joseph Cohen, senior investment strategist and president, Goldman Sachs; and Robert Johnson, director of economic analysis, Morningstar. The 2016 forum takes place from March 31 to April 2.
Racial profiling was the topic of several discussions this past semester. The first, in February, explored the cases of two black men killed by police in Ferguson, Missouri, and on Long Island. Profiling continued to make news when riots erupted in Baltimore in April after a local man died in police custody.

A second program at the School of Law, coordinated by law professor Marilyn Ford, took place in April. The public discussion, titled "Community Criminal Justice Reform: from Fairfield to Ferguson," also featured the Rev. Marilyn Kendrix, an authority on criminal justice reform. Keith Kountz, WTNH News 8 anchor, moderated the first program, during which Lt. J. Paul Vance of the Connecticut State Police said, "We demand that troopers respect the people we protect and serve. Do we make mistakes? Yes." He said Connecticut strives to recruit a diverse police force, and 35 percent are officers of color.

Several panelists and audience members shared that a level of distrust exists in the citizen/police officer relationship, noting that black citizens often experience a "different reality" than white drivers stopped for minor traffic violations.

Black lives are treated differently, said panelist Tanya Hughes, executive director for the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities. "Eric Garner's crime should not have been a life-threatening response. The policemen who shot Michael Brown and put Garner in a chokehold lived to go to trial, while the ‘black lives’ did not live to be heard.”

Victoria Richards, associate professor of medical sciences at the Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine, attended the program. She said she wished the panel had more than the allotted hour to go deeper with its discussion. "There is anger, suspicion, mistrust, and it was not really explored. Sure there have been changes in 40 years, but it’s the same old thing at the surface … and it’s so important to do more than skim the surface.”

Sociology professor and panelist Donald Sawyer commented that people shy away from honest discussions “because we are afraid of the place that makes us uncomfortable. We have arguments on race but not dialogue. But from that place that you feel uncomfortable, you grow.”
Kevin Carroll has one heck of a fish story. He is vice president for prosthetics at the Hanger Clinic, which specializes in orthotic and prosthetic solutions. He gained fame for developing an artificial tail for a bottlenose dolphin whose story was told in the film “Dolphin Tale.” He also helps countless people—from children to veterans. Carroll visited campus recently to speak at the School of Health Sciences and School of Nursing Commencement on May 17.

Q. What got you interested in prosthetics?
A. I grew up in County Tipperary, Ireland, alongside a hospital for intellectually and physically challenged children. I took an interest in the kids. That kind of led me to rehabilitation and prosthetics.

Q. What is it like to help a child with limb loss?
A. Recently, I had a 7-year-old boy come in, sitting in his wheelchair. Both his legs are gone below the knee. His 1-year-old brother was up and walking, and he was not. His parents were distraught. I’ve spent enough time with him now to get him walking. That does a person’s heart good. It’s incredible to do what we get to do every day. I see a lot of veterans, too, people who lost limbs in Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan. It’s great to be able to give back to such heroes.

Q. In 2006, you and Hanger Clinic partner Dan Strzempka developed an artificial tail for a dolphin named Winter in Clearwater, Florida. What was that experience like?
A. I saw the story on the news and called the aquarium to say, “We put arms and legs on people, why not a prosthetic tail on a dolphin?” It took us the better part of a year to come up with a prosthetic tail. As our work progressed, someone wrote a book (“Winter’s Tail: How One Little Dolphin Learned to Swim”). Before we knew it, Hollywood was knocking on the door.

Q. How did you feel about Morgan Freeman playing Dr. Cameron McCarthy, a character based on both you and Dan Strzempka, in the film?
A. It was a great honor to have such an incredible, internationally known actor portray our work. We got to work alongside him and hang out on the set. It was amazing. It was an uplifting movie for kids and adults, and it showed not only our work with Winter, but also our interaction with soldiers.

Q. Is it true that WintersGel prosthetic liners were developed from your experience with the dolphin?
A. It is true. WintersGel [a silicone gel sleeve] is now worn by thousands of amputees around the world. Patients love the feel and comfort of it.

Q. The Hanger Clinic is headquartered in Austin, Texas. Your personal office is in Oklahoma City, and you live in Orlando. That’s a lot of frequent flyer miles.
A. We have close to 800 offices across the U.S. I spend a lot of time on the road educating our staff, educating patients, and keeping patients informed about new technology. You get to learn about the needs that are out there. I also lecture all over the world.

Q. You, Dan, and your wife, Mary, are very involved in Camp No Limits, a nonprofit organization that operates camps for children with limb loss. What do you like about the program?
A. We see a lot of kids who need that type of social encounter with their peers. You can live in one of the biggest cities in the country and you may not know another amputee. It’s a very small community. When we bring them to Camp No Limits, they have peer support. They can interact with other kids just like themselves and build lifelong relationships. It’s also great for the parents.

Q. Were you excited to learn that Quinnipiac will, for the first time, be a host site for Camp No Limits July 8–12?
A. Yes. In fact, we are sending the 7-year-old boy I mentioned to your camp. He’s extremely excited. We also have another child who has lost both arms and legs who will attend. We’re expecting fabulous things. Hopefully, the children will see there is a big world out there and be motivated to attend a university like Quinnipiac.

Q. You worked with QU students at similar camps in Maine and Florida. What was that experience like?
A. The Quinnipiac students were off the charts. They were genuinely concerned about the kids and their future.

Q. How did you choose the topic for your Commencement speech?
A. I wanted to talk to the graduates about long-term commitment for their field. Before we even get into college, we think about what we want to do with our lives. Those who go into health care are excited about taking care of people, but sometimes they can lose sight of that as the years go by. People will take different paths, but I will suggest that they always remember their roots—why they got into the field in the first place. They did it to help people.

—John Pettit
March Gladness
Harmonious quintet consistently played to win

Women's basketball seniors Gillian "Boo" Abshire, Shaina Earle, Samantha Guastella, Jasmine Martin and Nikoline Ostergaard have given future Bobcats something to shoot for.

The QU quintet graduated in May as the winningest four-year class in the program’s 40-year history.

“We knocked off the king of the conference in Marist this year, and that was really special,” said head coach Tricia Fabbri.

“Returning to the NCAA Tournament was a goal for the entire team. It’s like getting called up to the big leagues. It’s March Madness. That’s where you want to be in March.”

Guastella, a forward, said nobody on the team wanted to be average. “We all put extra time in working on our game. Coach Fabbri set the tone for us to all row in the same direction, and everyone bought in.”

The Fab Five, plus Michigan transfer and graduate student Val Driscoll, significantly raised the bar, accounting for 81 percent of the team’s scoring punch. Guastella, Martin and Driscoll each averaged 12 points per game, while Abshire led the nation in assist-to-turnover ratio (4.15).

They were part of an unprecedented four-year run that included a record 104 career victories, three straight conference championships game appearances, a Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference title and NCAA Tournament berths in 2013 and 2015.

“Every single one of them has led this program to a national level and made us a power in women’s mid-major basketball,” Fabbri said. "They have done it right on the court, in the classroom and in the community.”

This past season, the Bobcats finished 31–4 overall, good for the most single-season wins in program history, including a 23–0 record against MAAC opponents. Quinnipiac knocked off nine-time defending champ Marist in the conference title tilt.

Fabbri’s team earned a No. 12 seed and suffered a high-scoring, 111–84 loss against fifth-ranked Oklahoma in the first round of the NCAA Tournament at Stanford University in Palo Alto, California. In 2013, Quinnipiac was defeated by Maryland 72–52 in the NCAA tourney.

Fabbri’s roster was so deep that she used two five-person units during the 2014–15 season. The second unit, known as the “Gold Rush” line, consisted of capable reserves Jen Fay, Sarah Shevan, Brianah Ramos, Adily Martucci and Maria Napolitano. They are all back next season.

Those kids all played meaningful minutes and helped us win 31 games,” Fabbri said. “They are prepared to take the next step up and be in the spotlight.”

Fabbri also will introduce a freshman class that includes Brittany Martin (Jasmine’s younger sister), Aryn McClure and Edel Thornton. “We have a tremendous class who knew how to win, and our expectations won’t change.”

“Those kids all played meaningful minutes and helped us win 31 games,” Fabbri said, adding that the philosophy for QU basketball is: recruit daily or perish.

“It’s fun to put the general manager’s hat on, but recruiting is a grind. It takes up a heck of a lot of time if you’re doing it right. Based on our success, we’ve been able to recruit bigger, better and stronger players.”

Napolitano said the returnees and new recruits plan to keep the winning tradition alive. “The seniors did not really talk about leaving a legacy,” she said. “I think they allowed their actions to speak for themselves. They were a class who knew how to win, and our expectations won’t change.”

Neither will Fabbri’s. “We always want to be the best and have the target on our back,” she explained. “I also think we play our best when we have a chip on our shoulder.”

From the outside looking in, Fabbri figures people are probably thinking Quinnipiac graduated all its starters. “But I can honestly tell you the program is poised to stay exactly where we’ve been. Our goal is to win another MAAC championship and win two games in the NCAA Tournament. There is no doubt in my mind we have the players and team in place to do it.” —John Pettit

WOMEN’S TENNIS TOPS CONFERENCE
The women’s tennis team ended a stellar season in early May when nationally ranked No. 2 North Carolina defeated the Bobcats in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. The loss brought several memorable careers to a close, including that of senior Jacqueline Raynor, Quinnipiac’s all-time leader in wins. Co-captains Michelle Dassa and Ariana Launie played in their final collegiate matches as well. The team was unblemished at 8–0 in conference play. This was the team’s eighth appearance in NCAA play in program history.

MEN’S HOCKEY FALLS AT REGIONALS
The men’s ice hockey team lost to North Dakota, 4–1, in the 2015 NCAA Division I West Regional game in Fargo, North Dakota. With the loss, the Bobcats season ended with a record of 23–12–4. The team made its third consecutive NCAA Tournament appearance and fourth in the program’s history.

ANGOITIA LEADS SOCCER TO TITLE
Men’s soccer enjoyed an extremely successful 2015 campaign, finishing its second MAAC season with an undefeated 7–0–3 conference record and its third regular season conference title in three years.

Senior goalkeeper Borja Angoitia was selected men’s soccer player of the year after a dominant season in goal and a phenomenal career as a Bobcat. Angoitia was named MAAC goalkeeper of the year for the second consecutive season after posting an 8–4–5 record, nine shutouts and a .852 save percentage. In the Bobcats’ ninth game of the season against Niagara, Angoitia recorded four saves in a 3–0 victory to become Quinnipiac’s all-time wins leader with his 27th career victory.
Junior guard Adily Martucci drives for the basket in the NCAA game against Oklahoma.
Widening the Circle
Honors program exposes students to “the other side of New Haven”  By Janet Waldman

Whether it’s kicking up their heels at English country dancing or hiking the New York City High Line, students in the University Honors Program are all about expanding their horizons.

One such student is junior Gerard Lisella, a math and drama double major. He is one of about 310 honors students whose intellectual curiosity prompts them to seek out deeper learning experiences, even if it means more challenging readings, more writing, or making time for curricular and co-curricular “signature” experiences.

Recently, history professor Kathy Cooke, who founded the honors program in 2005, added another component called “The Other New Haven.” The goal is to provide the most rich college experience possible—not just for honors students but any students not apt to explore New Haven’s extensive cultural scene on their own. Although many Quinnipiac students have seen the inside of the ever-popular musical venue Toad’s, The Other New Haven took them this past semester to Yale’s historic Woolsey Hall, where they attended a New Haven Symphony performance and a glee club competition. They also saw “The Caucasian Chalk Circle” at the Yale Repertory Theatre.

When Lisella heard the group would be trying English country dancing at the Neighborhood Music School in New Haven, he asked Cooke if experience was required. “She said no, and I said, ‘why not try it?’ It sounds cool, I had some free time, and I can’t stand still,” he said.

If not for the program, Lisella said he would not have ventured there. Upon arriving, the “caller” invited the QU group of about 10 to dive in and learn the steps.
“Learning about things not related to your studies is actually a useful distraction and a stress buster.”
—Ayah Galal, freshman journalism major

Lisella was pleasantly surprised to have live music provided by a flutist, piccolo player and violinist. As he caught others’ expressions in the mirrored walls as they danced by, he could see that everyone was having a good time, including the regulars who seemed bemused at the QU invasion.

“We went down the line in rings of four, with the ‘ones’ doing this move and the ‘twos’ doing another move, and the moves had names like ponies and figure eight. It struck me that this type of dancing is very intimate and made me think about what courtship must have been like in another time period,” said the veteran of several QU Theater in the Community productions.

Lisella said Cooke jumped in along with the students. “Kathy has this energy, this spunk to her. She gets you excited about whatever you are doing.”

Ayah Galal, a freshman journalism major, visited the Yale University Art Gallery in the fall semester with fellow honors students. “I like being able to do things that are unrelated to the stress of everyday college life and tests,” she said, noting she prefers discussion-based classes to lectures.

“Learning about things not related to your studies is actually a useful distraction and a stress buster,” she added.

The Other New Haven program offers fun, mind-expanding, not-for-credit experiences. Conversely, the “signature experiences” involve a work component. These can consist of taking an honors-level course (which often has a smaller teacher-to-student ratio and enriched curriculum) or choosing to participate in experiential programs offered outside class. One such experience occurred in mid-April, when Cooke and Constance Cranos, an adjunct professor in the School of Business, accompanied 16 students and a School of Nursing alumna to the High Line, a public park built on a former freight rail line elevated above the streets on Manhattan’s West Side.

Before going, students completed three to four hours of readings about the history of the park and what public spaces and parks mean to society. They also wrote reflection pieces upon returning.

Cooke characterizes honors students as being highly motivated and innately curious. “They want to be in classes with others who also are curious, and to look at the source of ideas and where they started instead of just digesting how the textbook explains them,” she says. “They prefer reading Plato to reading about him.”

In addition to teaching two honors courses each fall, she plans more traditional honors courses as well as signature experiences, eight of which are required to graduate with honors. She also coordinates the annual overnight retreat in January, when students gather in the honors suite in the Echlin Center, the Student Center piazza, and the Ledges residence hall to plan future outings and build community.

Lisella said the program made his freshman year special. “I lived in Ledges with the rest of the honors students. We got to know each other, and I enjoyed knowing I’d see them at our events.”

He explained that the honors courses are not necessarily harder, but the teaching environment is different, more discussion based. “We are different in that we want to be engaged with the material, we want to challenge ourselves, we tend to take more out of the course, and are passionate about new learning opportunities,” he said.

Students apply to the program once they are accepted as freshmen, and professors also make referrals for first-year students. Cooke said not everyone is a straight-A student, but a minimum B+ average is required.

Ali Luchini, a freshman nursing major, has found that honors classes stimulate her inner nerd.

“Not to be corny, but learning is exciting,” she said with a smile.
Priscilla Farlow of Hamden suffered a serious fall that led to a facial injury. With no health insurance, she thought she had nowhere to turn.

“When you don’t have insurance and you don’t have money, it’s a tough position to be in,” she said.

“You figure, ‘There is nothing I can do about it. I’ll just let the injury go, and if it gets worse, it gets worse.’”

Luckily, Farlow was referred to Community Access Imaging, Quinnipiac’s free diagnostic imaging program.

“Quinnipiac took me, even when they knew I had nothing,” she said.

The program is the brainchild of Dr. Ramon Gonzalez, director of the radiologist assistant program at Quinnipiac. It is funded by the University and the Seedlings Foundation of Branford, Connecticut, which supports programs that tend to the physical and mental health of children and families and foster an educated and engaged citizenship.

Gonzalez and a dedicated team of students, faculty and staff from the School of Health Sciences’ sonography, radiologic sciences and physician assistant programs, along with students from the University’s Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine, offer free medical services including ultrasounds, CT scans, MRIs, X-rays and bone density tests.

About 400 patients from the Greater New Haven area have taken advantage of the program since its inception 1½ years ago. Diagnostic imaging is done on Fridays at the Center for Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences.

The team has diagnosed conditions such as cerebral aneurysm; lung, thyroid, ovarian, and renal tumors; and congenital, skeletal and neurological malformations.

“They come for all kinds of pathology—from head-to-toe,” said Gonzalez, adding that patients must be referred from the Fair Haven Community Health Center.
New Haven or Project Access, a partnership of physicians, hospitals and community organizations that work together to provide donated specialty health care for low-income, uninsured individuals in the Greater New Haven area.

“Most of our patients are undocumented people with no insurance,” Gonzalez said. The program has a Spanish translator, and clients also are offered free services from the School of Law’s Legal Clinic. Gonzalez would like to add a social services component.

The program benefits students as well as patients. “What they have learned most is that these are real people,” he said.

“There is so much you can do with technology, but that’s just the smallest part and the easiest part. Interaction with the patients is the most important part. No matter what you do—whether you are a physician assistant student or medical student—if the patient doesn’t trust you or connect with you, it doesn’t matter what tests we do.”

Kathryn Scionti ’15, a diagnostic imaging major, said volunteering with the program has taught her not to take her health care for granted. “It’s nice to know you are giving back to the community,” Scionti said. “These people can’t just walk into the doctor’s office when they are sick. Most of the patients we see have problems because they’ve gone their whole life without getting medical care.”

Patricia Landino ’11 has a degree in diagnostic imaging and works doing CT scans at Yale-New Haven Hospital’s Saint Raphael Campus. She is enrolled in Quinnipiac’s radiologist assistant program and participates in the free diagnostic imaging program.

“We are the first step toward helping them,” Landino explained. “It’s a very rewarding experience to be able to contribute to their health care.”

Farlow is certainly appreciative. “There are a lot of people without insurance who are struggling,” she said. “Quinnipiac is doing a very important service. I’m so thankful, I could kiss all the doctors and nurses.”

ZOOM IN

WAGES AND GENDER

U.S. Sen. Chris Murphy visited the University in April to discuss a report that male nurses out-earn female nurses by an average of $5,000 per year. Calling it a matter of concern, the Connecticut senator met with Jean Lange, dean of the School of Nursing, and Nicholas Nicholson, assistant professor of nursing, as well as several nursing students. Murphy’s visit was prompted by a recent Journal of the American Medical Association report on pay inequalities.

“There have been a lot of studies—not just in nursing, but in finance, engineering, medicine, social work and education—where there is a consistent pattern of inequality,” Lange said. “It doesn’t matter if it is a male-dominated profession or female-dominated profession, the pattern seems to persist.”

To help even the playing field, the School of Nursing instructs students in resume-writing, job-interviewing and wage-negotiating skills.

CONFLICTS EXPLORED

Possible cures for conflicts that arise in the delivery of health care were explored in March at the Ninth John A. Speziale Alternative Dispute Resolution Symposium. The Connecticut Bar Foundation hosted the event at the School of Law for the eighth time.

Keynote speaker Robert A. Burt, the Alexander M. Bickel Professor of Law at Yale University, discussed conflicts between clinicians and patient surrogates about ending treatment and the unjustified rush to litigation in the medical system’s struggle to deal with these conflicts, among other topics. Panelists included Debra Gerardi, RN, MPH, JD, a health care conflict engagement specialist who provides coaching and mediation services.
SPRING IN THEIR STEP

Professor Kathy Cooke, front, and students from the University Honors Program walk the High Line in New York City in April after studying its transformation from a commercial rail line to public park. Following Cooke are Gina Trovato '13, a former honors student, left with camera; and students Melissa Boucher, Jeanette Cibelli, Jordan Mendelson, Kaelin Miller, Caroline Millin, and friend Stephen Kender. (See related story p. 10.)

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While working for the General Accounting Office in Washington, D.C., Patrick J. Healy ’66 participated in several studies that made the front page of the Washington Post, earning him rapid promotions within the agency. Despite his success in analyzing the cost effectiveness of federal programs, Healy was frustrated by his work at the GAO. One report about the Pentagon still galls him.

“Congress got the report, I got promoted, and the Pentagon went right back to doing what they were doing,” recalls Healy, senior vice president for finance, who is retiring this June. “People just didn’t care.”
Pat Healy has controlled the purse strings, helping to engineer Quinnipiac’s tremendous growth for the past 43 years.
So in 1972, Healy left Washington and took a position as controller at his alma mater, then a small college with potential. As he had in Washington, Healy worked hard at Quinnipiac and was promoted. But now he could see for himself what he was accomplishing.

The college's campus at the time consisted of a few buildings and some muddy fields. The transformation Quinnipiac has undergone since—from a small regional college to a major university with three distinctive campuses—owes much to Healy and to the partnership that developed between him and the dynamic young president hired 15 years after Healy arrived. According to Joe Rubertone ’67, former associate vice president of facilities, “John Lahey would have the vision, and Pat would help figure out how to pay for it. They were a team.”

Looking back over their years working together, Lahey says, “Pat has been a trusted adviser, confidante and partner for virtually every important University initiative during the past 28 years.”

ROCKY START

Not all those initiatives began auspiciously. In 1992, Healy and Rubertone trekked to the top of a property known as Rocky Top to take a look at a 50-acre parcel that the owner, Bill Johnson, hoped Quinnipiac would buy. After a steep climb up a dirt road, all Healy and Rubertone found was dirt, rocks and Johnson’s isolated home. There was little inside the tiny dwelling, Healy recalls, aside from a large telescope through which Johnson would peer into the Quinnipiac River Valley below.

“It was a terrible site,” says Healy. “Nobody on earth would buy it. In fact, we turned it down the first time it was offered.”

Years later, with Quinnipiac about to join ECAC Hockey, Healy and Rubertone once again considered Rocky Top. This time they were looking for at least 100 acres where the University could build a state-of-the-art hockey and basketball arena. By then, Johnson had partnered with the owner of an adjacent site, creating a large enough parcel to be of interest to Quinnipiac. Healy negotiated a deal and within six months had acquired a third parcel on that site, which allowed construction of an access road up to what is now the York Hill Campus.

It took vision, hard work and a considerable financial investment to transform the Rocky Top site. But one thing Healy had learned from his work at the GAO was how to determine whether or not an investment was cost effective. Creating the TD Bank Sports Center and the rest of the York Hill Campus passed that test, not least because Healy understood the long-term value of the project.

“I always say we have a 100-year time horizon,” notes Healy. “In this case, it’s actually a lot longer than that, since the York Hill Campus will be here as long as the University exists.”

‘JUST GET IT DONE’

From the moment he started at Quinnipiac, Healy dedicated himself to making things happen. People who have worked for him consistently speak with pride about how hard they worked and how well they all worked together, across departments, to achieve concrete results. “The motto we all lived by was, ‘Just get it done,’” says Anna Spragg ’93, ’02, MOL ’13, now director of student affairs at the Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine.

“Pat pushed you to your limits,” recalls Spragg, who worked for Healy for 23 years. “It wasn’t always easy, because he expected the best of you every day. And his staff always gave 110 percent.”

Some found Healy’s gruff exterior and get-it-done attitude intimidating at first. Lucille Marottolo ’88, MBA ’92, JD ’00, was not one of them, in part, she laughs now, because she didn’t really know him when she began in the University’s accounting office in 1988, quickly moving over to become Healy’s full-time secretary and then rising to her current position as associate vice president for finance.

Throughout this time, Healy encouraged Marottolo and his entire staff to continue their studies and strive to do their best every day. He followed his own advice by earning a doctoral degree while working full time as chief financial officer.

“Pat Healy is hands down the best boss I have ever had,” said Dan Johnson, associate vice president for finance/controller. “He is very demanding and incredibly fair.” Johnson also remarked that Healy “always puts his people first and allows his people to put their families first.”

LEGAL ADVICE

Quinnipiac’s acquisition of a law school was the reason Healy and Rubertone scaled Rocky Top in 1992. Several other sites were considered as well, but the final decision was to locate the new facility among the other academic buildings on the Mount Carmel Campus.

That decision marked the conclusion of a long and dramatic episode in Quinnipiac’s history, in which Healy once again played a key role. In 1991, with the University of Bridgeport facing bankruptcy and the prospect of an alliance with the Rev. Sun Myung Moon’s Unification Church, the dean of the UB law school paid a visit to Quinnipiac. Not long after, the law school faculty voted unanimously to leave UB and affiliate with Quinnipiac.

Then the fireworks began. The UB board and several powerful politicians opposed the law school’s move from Bridgeport; another university made a counter offer; and a media frenzy erupted on the Bridgeport campus. Weeks of high stakes negotiations followed. At one point, after negotiating all night, Lahey and Healy flew out early in the morning to confer with the American Bar Association.

Healy clearly remembers the day when an agreement was finally reached—March 18, 1992, because he and Lahey stopped in Bridgeport on their way back from the St. Patrick’s Day Parade in New York City to sign the papers. As part of the accreditation process that followed, ABA representatives visited the Mount Carmel Campus to judge for themselves if Quinnipiac could provide a suitable home for a law school.

“As soon as they saw the campus, everything changed,” he recalls. “Now they knew we had the financial resources to make the new law school successful.”

The Rocky Top site once again was considered when the time came to create a new graduate campus for the School of Health Sciences.
and other programs to come. But when the Anthem-Blue Cross property in North Haven became available, Healy analyzed the situation. “I realized that we could buy the whole Anthem campus, 105 acres and 600,000 square feet of space, for less than it would cost us to build a single, 120,000-square-foot structure on York Hill,” he said.

Healy concluded that even after paying to completely renovate all the buildings in North Haven, the acquisition of the Anthem-Blue Cross property was clearly a significant and strategic step for Quinnipiac’s future. And, it became the second home of the School of Law in 2014.

### CHECKS AND SAVINGS

Healy notes that every check issued by Quinnipiac has borne his name since 1980—an aggregate amount of several billion dollars. Under his tenure, the University’s endowment has grown from less than $1 million to more than $400 million today.

Asked what he is most proud of, Healy points to an achievement little noticed outside the realm of university presidents and CFOs. A team of business and economics experts at Chapman University researched the financial performance of the 250 highest-rated, most financially secure private schools in the country, including Ivy League universities, and published the findings in the November 2013 issue of Business Officer magazine.

The study measured the average annual return on net assets for a 10-year period between 2000 and 2010. In essence, net assets are what would be left over if a school’s total assets were used to pay off all its liabilities.

Measuring net assets can offer a reliable picture of a school’s financial well-being and its ability to support new programs and services. Quinnipiac was ranked No. 1 in the country.

John Meriano ’81, MBA ’88, associate vice president for auxiliary services, noted Healy is most responsible for the early adaptation of the “declining balance” meal plan program, which allows students to use a debit card to buy food when and how they want. This resulted in better food choices and converted the dining hall from a limited-hours food operation to a daylong social experience.

“We are consistently admired by other schools for the breadth of our program and have been visited frequently by others hoping to adopt our program,” he added.

Meriano has worked for Healy for 34 years. He describes him as a man who knows what he wants. “And you always know where you stand with him. He always supports decisions we make, and with his guidance, they prove to be wise.”

While Healy’s track record of financial leadership is remarkable, it’s his dedication to QU that makes him a truly valued member of the community, according to Mark Varholak, associate vice president for budget and financial planning. For example, in 1985, Healy and eight Board of Trustees members played a leadership role by founding the Charter Oak Society, the University’s major giving society.

Calling his approaching retirement “bittersweet,” Healy expressed mixed emotions about leaving Quinnipiac and beginning the next phase in his life. Rubertone isn’t too concerned for his long-time friend and colleague.

“It took me about two weeks to adjust to retirement,” he laughs. “Pat and I were always saying to each other, ‘Let’s just get through this next bit; it’ll be tough but then as soon as it’s done, we’ll relax.’”

Rubertone adds wryly, “We never relaxed.”
TO THEIR CREDIT

MEN’S ICE HOCKEY TEAM ALSO MASTERS NOTABLE ACADEMIC GOALS

BY DONALD J. WEINBACH
Soren Jonzzon cracking the books in the locker room of the TD Bank Sports Center. He is pursuing a master’s in biomedical sciences.
ATHLETES FIND COMPETITIVE NATURE USEFUL IN WORKPLACE

Mike Glaicar ’12, MBA ’13, and Yuri Bouharevich ’11, MBA ’12, arrived at Quinnipiac in 2009. Serving as prototypes for future players was a by-product of their academic ambitions.

“I traveled from my home in Kamloops, British Columbia, on two official fly-ins,” explains Glaicar. The first was to Cornell and the second to Quinnipiac. The former Bobcats defense- man made his decision three weeks after visiting QU. “It just felt comfortable,” he said. He received his undergraduate degree in health sciences and earned his MBA.

“Yuri met with the MBA director during our junior year because we had accumulated enough credits to graduate early, but still had another year of (hockey) eligibility left. She helped us map out the courses we needed for the MBA, so Yuri said, ‘Let’s jump in.’”

Now a management consultant with New Jersey-based MJH & Associates, Glaicar spends his time scaling a steep learning curve in the medical publishing business. “The transfer of skills from sports to business is incredible,” said Glaicar. “Our company specifically looks for athletes because they are disciplined, competitive and know how to work in teams. It really is a microcosm, sports and life.”

After excelling at St. Paul’s School in Concord, New Hampshire, Bouharevich was hoping to attend an Ivy League school. “Dartmouth was interested, but wanted me to play another year of junior hockey. The best decision I ever made was going to Quinnipiac. Glaics (Glaicar) and I were very competitive academically, and that sense of competition now helps me in business.”

Bouharevich, a Montreal native, earned his BS degree in health sciences. He attained a 3.9 grade point average in both programs and graduated first in his MBA class.

“I took a few courses in the summers and spoke to advertising and marketing professor Brian Jones, an academic adviser for many of the hockey players. He suggested either doing a double major or the MBA,” said Bouharevich, who played in the East Coast Hockey League before becoming a commercial real estate broker in Houston.

Mike Bourogen ’09, MBA ’11, and Steve Kampl ’08, MBA ’10, arrived at Quinnipiac in 2008. Serving as prototypes for future players was a by-product of their academic ambitions.

“I felt comfortable,” he said. He received his undergraduate degree in health sciences and earned his MBA.

“What is really amazing is that of 30 graduates from our program in the past three years, 10 have master’s degrees, all completed in four years,” explains Pecknold, who just finished his 21st season behind the Bobcats’ bench.

Pecknold has built a culture that is counterintuitive. “Some coaches think we are nuts for giving our players the ability to graduate early. They say we are opening ourselves up to guys leaving early to play professional hockey. The fact is, if they are good enough, they are going to leave, degree or no degree. My job is to set our guys up for success in life,” he says.

Bryce Van Brabant ’14 is a case in point. He joined the Calgary Flames in Spring 2014 after three successful seasons at QU, both on and off the ice. Van Brabant left during his junior year, but only needed a few credits, completed this past summer, to earn his degree in finance.

Winger Soren Jonsson, who will enter his senior year this fall, is an aspiring surgeon. The Mountain View, California, native envisions a career in medicine and is using hockey as a means to get there.

“The most important thing that attracted me to Quinnipiac was the campus,” says Jonsson. “I knew I wanted to major in health sciences, so it was impressive to see the state-of-the-art technology. I went on two recruiting trips, one to RPI and one here at Quinnipiac. RPI is a fantastic engineering school that has health sciences. Quinnipiac is a fantastic health sciences school with engineering.”

Jonsson entered in Fall 2012 with 40 advanced placement credits, a total hard to achieve for even the brightest students at the most elite schools in the nation. His goal was to complete the five-year entry-level master’s program in biomedical sciences.

“I figure my application to medical school might stand out more
if I have a master’s degree,” says Jonzzon, a soft-spoken, intellectually curious student. “And since I had the AP credits, it seemed like a good idea to finish in four years rather than five.”

Jonzzon has not given up the idea of playing professionally. “My dad is a native of Sweden, so I have dual citizenship,” he said. “I would like to perhaps play professionally in Sweden after Quinnipiac. But I don’t want to be one of those guys still trying to make it four or five years after graduation with no clear career path.”

Jonzzon is only one course shy of his undergraduate degree and recently took the Medical College Admission Test. His senior year will be composed of all graduate courses and a comprehensive exam—impressive for someone who spends six days a week on the ice, travels to away games and is a regular in the strength and conditioning center.

Some, like Jonzzon, enter with transfer credits while many others choose to get ahead with summer courses while on campus to train during that time of year. Remarkably, the men’s hockey team does not have a staff tutor. Pecknold notes that only one player on the current 27-player roster has required academic help from the University’s Learning Center.

Graduating seniors Matthew Peca and Danny Federico, co-captains this past year, agree that Pecknold has been responsible for a culture that rewards hard work in the classroom. “Rand definitely makes it clear during the recruiting process that academics are important,” says Peca, a center from Petawawa, Ontario, and a 2011 Tampa Bay Lightning draft pick now playing for the Syracuse Crunch in the AHL. Peca is on course to earn an MBA in 2016, while Federico will complete his MBA this fall.

“If you are really disciplined, you can leave with both degrees, which is a great start to your career,” says Lisa Braiewa, director of the MBA program. She notes that athletes from other programs, including basketball, baseball, women’s ice hockey, soccer, rugby and lacrosse, have chosen to avail themselves of the BS/MBA Fast Track program.

“We all help one another,” says Federico, the team’s unofficial math tutor who was signed by the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins. “There is a lot of competition on the team academically.” Last season, the Bobcats placed 96 percent of the team on the ECAC All-Academic Team while posting an impressive cumulative grade point average of 3.47.

“There are some programs that subscribe to the motto ‘2.0 and go,’ meaning that as long as players maintain the NCAA minimum 2.0 grade point average, the coach is ready to go,” says Pecknold. He encourages a competitive culture both on the ice and in the classroom.

“We had 24 of our 27 players with GPAs of 3.0 or higher,” he notes.

Rather than worrying about eligibility issues, Pecknold believes his time is better spent thinking of constructive ways to make the program excellent.

Jonzzon, who currently carries a lofty 3.91, says it wasn’t always cool to be the guy in the locker room with good grades: “In high school if you excelled in academics, you were a nerd. It’s the opposite here. If you miss a class, the coaches want to know why.”
ENGINEERS
BRIDGE
TECHNOLOGY
& INNOVATION

STUDENTS PREP FOR CAREERS AS THE NATION’S FUTURE PROBLEM SOLVERS
BY ALEJANDRA NAVARRO
Junior engineering major Kyzer Gardiola performed a stress test on a bridge he created by adding weights until it failed.
Several years ago, a research team at the Biothermal Lab at UC Berkeley was advancing a technique that could kill cancerous cells without harming healthy tissue. The idea was to place electrodes in tumors and deliver electrical pulses that caused the cells to die.

The method—non-thermal irreversible electroporation—is being developed as a minimally invasive alternative to chemotherapy.

Mary Phillips, then a doctoral student in mechanical engineering at Berkeley, was on that team.

“When you say you’re a mechanical engineer, people think of designing cars or making an airplane component. There are so many applications that are less obvious,” said Phillips, assistant professor of mechanical engineering at Quinnipiac and expert in thermal analysis and tissue engineering. “The biomedical field is a huge area for engineers.”

The work is as rewarding as it is plentiful. Last year, Phillips received a letter from a woman who was looking for information on surgeons who could do the procedure in Europe.

“People are interested in this technology and are seeing it as a way that can potentially be their treatment method when other methods have failed,” she said. “That’s very exciting.”

Engineers have been the backbone of most groundbreaking innovations. Several years ago, the National Academy of Engineering released “The 14 Grand Challenges for Engineers in the 21st Century.” The list includes making solar energy economical, providing energy from fusion, increasing access to clean water, advancing health informatics and improving cyber security, to name a few. These obstacles are today’s most pressing problems, but for future engineers, they are interesting opportunities to make progress.

“Engineers solve the world’s problems, whether it’s designing new mechanisms or software, building newer, safer buildings or creating new technology for military defense,” said Matt Sanchez, a sophomore civil engineering major. “And that’s cool.”

Next year, Quinnipiac alumni will join the ranks of engineering problem solvers. In two years, Sanchez will be one of them.
ENGINEERS IN DEMAND

Quinnipiac welcomed its first class of engineering students in Fall 2012 and will have its first graduates in May 2016. Now part of the School of Business and Engineering, plans are in place to establish a separate school in 2016 and gain full accreditation the following year, explained Justin Kile, associate dean of engineering.

Quinnipiac has developed four programs in some of the fastest growing fields: civil, industrial, mechanical and software engineering.

“Engineering graduates have really good job prospects given the number and diversity of engineering jobs out there,” Kile said.

The U.S. will need 250,000 new engineers through 2023, a growth of about 11 percent, according to Kelly Services Engineering Employment Outlook. Software engineers alone will have nearly 100,000 job openings in 2015, according to Glassdoor, a career website. Those who design, develop and maintain software make a base salary of $96,000.

Computer software has evolved swiftly. Over the past three decades programmers have moved from using stacks of paper punch cards that stored computer commands to tiny chips in a cell phone. “It’s mindboggling how rapid that area has changed and has become a part of who we are and what we do,” Kile said.

Recent high-profile cyber attacks on Target and Sony Pictures Entertainment, and now President Barack Obama’s emails, illustrate the dire need for people with the expertise to protect electronic data, such as software engineers. They also are in demand in education, particularly to develop teaching and learning applications on different types of hardware, from tablets to the ubiquitous cell phone, said Jonathan Blake, professor of computer science and director of the software engineering program.

“As a way to increase access to more students, we need to be incorporating technology in the education process,” he said. Health care management is another growing field for engineers.

“So much of what engineers do affects health care, both directly and indirectly,” said Blake, who specializes in computational biology.

Many of the most impressive engineering achievements are so integrated into everyday life that they are taken for granted. That is especially true for industrial engineers who look at the interconnection of people, process and products and design ways to create more efficiency.

“If an industrial engineer does his or her job really well, you don’t know what happened, you just know things are better,” Kile said. “That is what industrial engineering is about: making systems better, faster and with fewer mistakes, while reducing costs.”

Regardless of their specialty, engineers can find a career niche in almost any industry. Mechanical engineers research, design, develop and test tools, engines, machines and other mechanical devices and are in the broadest field. Their projects range from designing mechanical pencils to prosthetic arms or aerospace equipment.

Civil engineers—in one of the oldest disciplines—design, construct and repair structures. The field includes specialties in structural design, water resources, transportation and geotechnical engineering, as well as environmental engineering. Civil engineering is expected to grow more than 20 percent through 2022. These professionals make a median salary of $80,000.

Future civil engineers will have the daunting task of modernizing our crumbling infrastructure. The 2013 American Society of Civil Engineers’ Report Card gave America’s infrastructure—from roadways and bridges to sewage and clean water systems—a grade of D+. Sanchez and his classmates are up for the challenge. When he sees that iconic New York City skyline of towers and bridges, it reminds him of the impressive work by civil engineers. “They deserve a lot of respect,” he said.

HANDS-ON TRAINING

Sanchez got an initial taste of bridge building in his Fundamentals of Engineering Mechanics and Design course, during which he and a partner built a miniature bridge out of balsa wood. They used formulas to predict how much weight the bridge could carry and where the bridge would break first.

On the day of testing, students silently held their breath as Sanchez gently placed weights on a hanger attached to the bridge resting between two tables. He exhaled deeply each time his bridge held. When the structure succumbed to the weight at 16 pounds, crashing to the floor, the entire class gasped. Picking up the broken bridge, he could see the weak members of the bridge that broke first.

“It’s part of the whole imprecision of engineering,” said Lynn Byers, professor of mechanical engineering, who taught the course. While some got close, no one was spot on.

“They are learning how to analyze it and apply their analysis to the design,” she said. “They see it’s not just cut and dry, and there are a lot of factors to take into account. It’s an engaging thought process. Can they take what they are learning, which is very analytical and driven by equations, and translate that into real life? That’s the challenge.”

In the classroom and on the job, students are proving that they can.
Quinnipiac students get a careful balance of theoretical work with hands-on application in class projects, research opportunities and internships. Civil engineering students, for example, have interned for North Haven’s town engineer and the director of public works.

“At Quinnipiac, we require that the students do an internship. When they graduate, they already have work experience,” Kile said. “They understand what it means to be at a company.”

Gabriela Gualpa, a junior industrial engineering student, was excited to be a consultant for MidState Medical Center in Meriden, Connecticut, as part of a class project (see sidebar). She also spent time at the FedEx warehouse in New Jersey—one of the largest distribution facilities in the Northeast—where she learned how the company processes more than 30,000 packages in three hours for delivery in the Greater New York City area.

“It was amazing how they orchestrated every detail,” she said. She recently used her new expertise to develop a better customer survey system for Comcast, where she works part time.

Gualpa originally enrolled in the biomedical sciences degree program, but found engineering more appealing. Now she is part of a collaborative health care research project, working with Phillips, A. Corey Kiassat, assistant professor of industrial engineering, and Juan Garbalosa, clinical associate professor of physical therapy in the School of Health Sciences. The team is developing a mechanism that can measure the flexibility of feet to determine if flexibility correlates to risk of injury.

Opportunities for collaborations with other disciplines on campus are many. Kiassat has presented in psychology and occupational therapy courses, emphasizing where the disciplines overlap. Software engineering and computer science students assisted elementary school children with robotics projects at an event in March. School of Health Sciences professors have asked about the possibility of engineering students designing equipment for children with limb loss who are participating in Quinnipiac’s Camp No Limits.

“It’s incredibly exciting. Especially given what we are learning, there’s just so much we can do,” said Gualpa. “We’re told to go for it.”

### WISDOM FROM WORKING

In addition to sharing a passion for engineering, faculty bring impressive professional experience into the classroom.

Following her position at the Biothermal Lab, Phillips worked for a company developing a self-contained vaccine dispenser that could be used multiple times by changing the needle, instead of using individual syringes. This equipment is cost-effective and ideal for rural regions.

Kiassat was on a team that designed a transportation program that taught garbage truck drivers in a Canadian city driving techniques...
that lowered fuel costs, increased efficiency and thus minimized the pollutants released from the trucks. It won the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators Willis Award for Innovation.

“By modifying their behavior, the gas mileage can improve by as much as 20 percent,” he said. “For a commercial fleet, with many large vehicles that are used many hours a week, that’s a lot.”

Traditionally, industrial engineers worked in manufacturing and automation, increasing efficiency in assembly lines. Today, more industrial engineers work in the service sector in health care, transportation, banking and entertainment, such as theme parks.

John Greenleaf, assistant professor and program coordinator for civil engineering, has worked on projects giving populations in India and Honduras access to clean water. The issue will become increasingly relevant as California, and other parts of the country and the world, endure historic droughts, said Greenleaf, who has a PhD in environmental engineering.

“That’s just going to be more of a challenge as populations increase and as climate changes,” Greenleaf said.

New engineers also need to be aware of the social issues surrounding problems and understand how to incorporate them into solutions.

“Environmental issues and sustainability are huge,” Greenleaf said. “The traditional design concern was economics; now people are considering other issues.”

At one time, for example, projects aimed to find the cheapest land and supplies, and place roads in the most convenient places, he explained. “They never considered that you might be dividing a neighborhood or that we’re taking someone’s land, or that you are going through a wetland,” said Greenleaf.

Social responsibility resonates with some students.

“I hope to be a part of some structural projects that use environmentally sustainable building practices,” said Paige Wilber, a sophomore civil engineering student. She entered the field following in the footsteps of two uncles and her grandfather, who were engineers. “I think it would be really cool to create something new while reducing the environmental impact as much as possible.”

Byers is pleased to see the students exploring the opportunities in the different fields of engineering. One of their first and most important engineering feats might be building a new engineering community on campus.

Byers said, “It’s a fun group of students who are excited to be engineering pioneers at Quinnipiac.”

PUTTING THEORY INTO PRACTICE

The last thing a nurse wants to learn is that he or she doesn’t have a piece of equipment required for a surgery—or has to waste time searching for it. Hospitals don’t want to tie up resources on extra inventory. Last fall, four industrial engineering students—Gabriela Gualpa, Alison Hillier, Huy Khau and Christine Montani—proposed several changes to the central sterile supply department at MidState Medical Center in Meriden, Connecticut, to improve efficiency.

A. Corey Kiassat, assistant professor of industrial engineering, had students in his Lean Operations class review how nurses collected supplies for surgeries and replenished the inventory. The students applied lean techniques, which focus on improvement, eliminating waste and empowering people with knowledge to address everyday problems.

In December, the students made a presentation to hospital administrators outlining ways this process could be more efficient. Their suggestions included moving the inventory so that those items used more often were easily accessible, creating a new labeling system and using a two-basket system for supplies to identify when quantities were running low. The group also presented their proposal at the IE Regional Conference in March.

MidState administrators were pleased. “In a short period of time, the students identified the waste they saw in our processes and proposed solutions to improve efficiency and the overall work environment,” said Stacy Colantonio, nurse manager for Perioperative Services at MidState.

“ar solutions were very impressive, and they left us with a great report.”

Nico Northcutt prepares a scooter on an assembly line.
The night before Corinne Eugenio graduated from nursing school, her grandfather suffered a massive heart attack followed by a stroke during bypass surgery.

A lifelong waiter in Las Vegas, the 75-year-old man had no health insurance and consequently, no preventive care. “Vegas is a big buffet town, and people tend to eat unhealthily and get little exercise. Many end up with diabetes, cardiac conditions, or both,” said Eugenio, an aspiring doctor who volunteers at a free medical clinic in Vegas, as well as with a refugee organization, helping adults and children who hail from Iran, Congo and Nepal, to mention a few.

Eugenio moved in with her grandfather to serve as his primary caregiver. He died a few years later, and she strongly believes preventive care might have extended his life. He is the main reason why she wants to be a cardiologist. She will take her place among the 90 students who make up the Class of 2019 at the Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine this fall, hand picked from more than 7,000 applicants.

By Janet Waldman
7,462 Applications

32 Average MCAT Score (top 15% of test takers)

667 Invited for Interviews

3.7 Average GPA

90 Seats in the Class
Of those, 667 candidates were invited for interviews. Nationally, a record number of students applied to and enrolled in the 141 U.S. medical schools in 2013, according to the most recent data from the Association of American Medical Colleges. That year, almost 50,000 people vied for 20,000 seats.

How do admissions committees chip away at that mountain of applications? At Quinnipiac’s medical school, a team of four tackles the initial screening, forwarding names of promising candidates to the admissions committee, chaired by Mark F. Yeckel, professor of medical sciences.

“I love that I meet so many unbelievably accomplished young adults who genuinely want to be physicians. It’s heartwarming, and I have a bird’s-eye view of that,” Yeckel said. “Unfortunately, not all will make it because it’s very competitive,” he added.

“Medical school applicants can look remarkably alike on paper,” said Michael Ellison, associate dean of admissions and a member of the screening team. Ellison is assisted by Michael Cole, director of admissions and operations; Charlotta Taylor, director of admissions and recruitment; and Charles Collier, assistant dean, Health Career Pathways program. Each of them read a share of the applications, and all are on hand during interview days, when much can be gleaned. Yeckel said every applicant has a story to tell, and some are quite compelling.

“I see resilience and grit; I don’t know how people do it. Some overcome unbelievable obstacles,” he related.

In addition to their MCAT (Medical College Admission Test) scores and GPAs, candidates are evaluated in regard to their interest in primary care medicine; character attributes that complement medicine as a career; and life experiences that can document their desire to become a doctor, such as working as an EMT, shadowing a physician, volunteering with the homeless or another vulnerable population. They also answer essay questions.

Cole said that while the medical school admissions process is fascinating and thorough, there are a multitude of factors beyond an applicant’s control in formulating a class. “This is what bothers applicants—the majority of whom are highly self-driven—the most.”

Yeckel describes a “strong candidate” as someone who has and will continue to contribute to the community, who is socially and culturally competent, and who shows a capacity for empathy, compassion and curiosity.

Why curiosity? “In addition to training them to be doctors, we promote lifelong learning and the enhancement of their critical thinking skills. These are essential skills that will enable them to keep up with the never-ending march of medical and scientific advances,” Yeckel explained.

Conversely, Cole said the chance to observe candidates interacting in a group setting “lets us pinpoint people who may not be self-aware, or who may be overly self-involved”—traits not conducive to the doctor-patient relationship.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The interview days are eye-openers, both for the admissions staff and the applicants. They begin in August and occur twice a week through mid-March. Not only do prospective students wish to stand out as candidates worthy of admission, but they also must decide if Quinnipiac is a good fit for them.

On one such day in late February, a dozen candidates—seven men and five women—assembled at the School of Medicine. Besides information sessions, they enjoyed a brain-picking lunch with current students to learn what the life of a med student is really like, and two 45-minute interviews with admissions staff.

While waiting for the program to begin, one candidate shared that she acquired her passion for the medical profession about the same time she developed a malignant brain tumor—in first grade. Headaches were her main symptom, and surgery eradicated the cancer but left her curious about the workings of the human body.

Another young woman whose undergraduate major was journalism said she might like a career that would allow her to blend her two passions—writing and medicine. An aspiring pediatrician said he was hoping to learn more about the school’s innovative, integrated curriculum in which students get a 360-degree view of each organ system.

For example, the Foundations of Medicine course teaches the science of kidney disease while students learn to examine patients with kidney problems in the same time block. Taylor told them, “You’ve made it here. It takes a lot to get to this point. In your conversations later, determine whether the vision, mission and values of our school align with yours.”

Yeckel spends about three minutes with each candidate during his group session. “I already know their background, and I have a good memory for salient and quirky facts in their applications. I also remember the things they value and are passionate about,” he said. He explained that this leads to a
comfortable conversation or discussion within a group setting—conditions they will experience as medical students.

In his session, Collier touts the prematriculation program offered every summer. “We know all of you have been successful to this point, but none of you has tried medical school. This free six weeks can prepare you for the rigor of the first year, especially those who have been out of the classroom a while or who are changing careers.”

Sylvie Hangen, the school’s director of financial aid, told the candidates she is ready to help them with budgeting as they consider how much they will need to borrow to pay the $51,365 a year tuition and have money to live on. She reminded them that the Netter School requests that they do not work during their four years here to keep the focus on learning.

NOT FOR EVERYONE

Yeckel wryly notes that going to school for four years, putting off working to learn while amassing debt, and working in a volatile health care system is not for everyone.

“We look for candidates who want to become physicians for the right reasons,” he said, adding that the loans can be daunting, but managed. To that end, seminars and workshops on financial planning are offered.

The admissions committee he heads is composed of faculty from the School of Medicine, the School of Health Sciences, medical students, and physicians from the school’s clinical faculty. Some members devote as much as 100 hours during an academic year to the task, which includes reviewing applications, interviewing candidates and writing evaluations. Members also are asked to present candidates they’ve interviewed to the committee, which decides, with a majority vote, whether to accept, waitlist or deny admission. Accepted candidates have until April 30 to commit.

“Admissions takes a lot of work and dedication,” Yeckel stated. He appreciates working with dedicated colleagues and students who know the importance of selecting people who will become outstanding doctors and contribute to the school’s culture. “Our accreditation depends on the integrity of the process,” he said.

Students who accepted their invitations were invited to Second Look Weekend in April, the highlight of which was the chance to interact with clinical faculty at St. Vincent’s Medical Center in Bridgeport, Connecticut, the primary clinical partner of the School of Medicine. Eugenio was among those who attended.

When she worked as a home care nurse, Eugenio observed the doctor-patient relationship and yearned for a more proactive role, one that involved decision making and critical thinking rather than checking vital signs and wound care.

Although she admitted being nervous during her admissions interviews, Eugenio got the impression that professors genuinely care about students and want to know them on a deeper level.

“That came across with their interviewing style, which was more conversational, less like a grilling,” she said. “I didn’t feel like they were waiting for me to mess up.”

LOOKING FOR COMPASSIONATE CANDIDATES

Admissions Dean Michael Ellison loves his job, except for the part when he must say no to such a large percentage of applicants.

During his time with the candidates, he likes to ask them, “What keeps you up at night?”

Many say unequal access to health care bothers them. Others mention the disconnect between policy makers and health care providers; hate crimes; and status of women in many parts of the world, among other things. During a recent group visitation day, one young man said he worries about the public’s “sheer ignorance about the importance of nutrition and exercise to health and well being.”

Ellison took his answer as an opportunity to tell the group that primary care providers need to concern themselves with their patients’ circumstances and “the whole person” to determine whether a physician’s recommendations can realistically be followed.

He offered this scenario to illustrate the types of dilemmas that patients may face.

“I am a parent with three kids, and the nearest supermarket is two bus rides away. I get there and fresh fruit, say grapes, is $5 a pound, where the supersized bag of chips is $1.99. Which do I buy so my kids have snacks to last the whole week?”

The prospective students nodded, acknowledging the point Ellison made.

Ellison said he chose the field of medical school admissions “because I wanted a little say in choosing physicians who will treat others without regard to social status or income—people who will have compassion for those whose life circumstances are different from theirs.”
Marion Cahill of Milford, CT, authored a textbook for nursing majors called “Promoting Successful Aging: Psychological Concepts Applied to Nursing.” After Quinnipiac, she earned a BS in nursing from Johns Hopkins University, plus master’s degrees in nursing and education, and a doctorate in education from Teachers College, Columbia University. Marion has taught at several universities, and her research experiences have included a World Health Organization Fellowship in London. She also took part in the longitudinal studies for the MacArthur Studies of Successful Aging at Yale and Duke universities.

Eugene Singer of North Haven, CT, was elected to serve a three-year term on the Quinnipiac University Board of Trustees.

Elmar Habermas of Winston-Salem, NC, was the winner of the over-65 U.S. Adult Soccer National Championship in the July 2014 Veterans Cup tournament in Virginia Beach, VA.

William Weldon of North Palm Beach, FL, was appointed to the board of directors of HeartFlow, a pioneer in personalized medical technology for cardiovascular disease. Bill is the former chairman and CEO of Johnson & Johnson, and a member of the Quinnipiac University Board of Trustees.

Bernice “Bonnie” (Woodard) Fischer was elected mayor of South Palm Beach, FL, in March 2015.

Priscilla (Warner) Canny of Wallingford, CT, is comptroller at TRU Events and Marketing, a creative and event agency. TRU’s services include digital marketing solutions, interactive technology, advertising, promotion, exhibit design, set-design and fabrication.

Two QU School of Business seniors interned at TRU during the spring semester.

Albert Carfora of Branford, CT, umpired the 2014 Connecticut Class M-Large State Championship football game between Brookfield High School and Berlin High School.

Sebastian Fazzino is a cash management implementation specialist at Webster Bank in Hartford. Sebastian lives in Cromwell, CT, and enjoys spending time with his children, Sebastian Jr., 13, and Julia, 3.
Thomas Signore of Syracuse, NY, is in his second year as the pitching coach for the Brooklyn Cyclones in the New York-Penn League. Tom helped the Cyclones to a league-leading 2.74 team ERA last season and, prior to that, filled in as the pitching coach for the Las Vegas 51s (AAA) team.

H. Desmond Walker of Middletown, CT, and his wife welcomed their second child, Raiden, on Jan. 15, 2015. (See photo p. 47.)

Renee Baldo of North Haven, CT, recently received her certification for eyelash extensions through NovaLash. Renee founded Unlimited Potential Skincare and wellness studio in 2003, and is an active volunteer with the American Cancer Society’s Look Good Feel Better Program, which aims to improve the self-esteem and quality of life of women undergoing treatment for cancer.

Brett Amendola of Clinton, CT, opened Aegis Wealth Partners, a financial advisory and wealth management firm with offices in Madison and Milford, CT. Previously, Brett spent more than 20 years working at American Express, Prudential and UBS.

Steve Blumenthal ’91, MAT ’94, is a beach body coach and a cast member in Shaun T’s recently released fitness program, INSANITY Max: 30. Steve’s passion is to help individuals reach their goals and lead healthy and happy lives. Steve and his wife, Michelle (Segel) Blumenthal ’94, live in North Haven, CT, with their three children, Ben, Josh and Ilana.

Joseph Teta of Hamden recently retired from Traveler’s insurance company after 28 years.

Richard Dawson of Atlanta, GA, was named the top leasing agent for 2014 at Phillips Edison and Company, a commercial real estate company. Richard generated 32 deals worth more than $5.5 million in first-year rents. His territory includes Florida, Georgia and Mississippi.

Tanya (Voytas) D’Addio of Cheshire, CT, was promoted to director at Connecticut Wealth Management, a registered investment adviser offering financial planning and investment management.

Ingrid (Elliott) Gilbert and her husband, Jasen, recently celebrated their 10-year wedding anniversary in February. They were married in 2005 at Our Lucaya on Grand Bahama Island. Ingrid is the manager of outpatient rehab services at Naples Community Hospital. She completed a year-long certification program through the Florida Institute of Orthopedic Manual Physical Therapy and is certified as a manual physical therapist (CMPT). The couple lives in Naples, FL.

Marisa Conway of New York, NY, was promoted to vice president/technology at MWW, one of the top five global independent public relations firms.

Jason Watson of New Hyde Park, NY, was promoted to director of OPWDD services. For the past 15 years, Jason has worked at Nassau Suffolk Services for Autism on Long Island, where he began as a classroom instructor.

Peter Koval and his wife, Christine, announce the birth of a daughter, Siena Joyce, on Aug. 26, 2014. Siena was welcomed home by her big brothers, Peter Jack, 6, and Corey John, 4. The family lives in Trumbull, CT. (See photo p. 47.)

Kelly Fenton of Providence, RI, launched a new life coaching business—Coaching with Kelly: Life begins outside of your comfort zone! She coaches people who have great ideas—either business-related or personal—but aren’t sure of the next step in making their vision a reality.

Jason Klein and Alyssa (Zottoli) Klein ’02, MPT ’04, of Mount Kisco, NY, announce the birth of a daughter, Siena Joyce, on Aug. 26, 2014. Siena was welcomed home by her big brothers, Peter Jack, 6, and Corey John, 4. The family lives in Trumbull, CT. (See photo p. 47.)

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JUNE 19–21
Reunion 2015. visit www.quinnipiac.edu/reunion for a full schedule of activities and pricing.

JULY 13
Alumni Championship Golf Tournament, 11 a.m., Brooklawn Country Club, Fairfield, CT. Fee: $250.*

SEPTEMBER 22
Sonia Nieto, educator and author, “Why They Teach Now: Teachers’ Stories of Hope and Resilience” lecture, 7 p.m., Clarice L. Buckman Theater. Free.

OCTOBER 9–11
Parents & Family Weekend

OCTOBER 15–18
“Dancing at Lughnasa” presented by Theater for Community, 7:30 p.m. Thursday–Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Clarice L. Buckman Theater. Tickets: www.quinnipiac.edu/theater-tickets

OCTOBER 24
Homecoming 2015, includes the Distinguished Alumni Awards event; TEDx Talks; Brian Vincent ’86 Men’s Soccer Memorial Alumni Soccer Game; men’s baseball alumni game; reception at Rocky Top Student Center; and QU men’s ice hockey vs. St. Cloud State University.*

School of Law Reunion, 6–10 p.m., location TBA. Celebrate the 35th anniversary of the School of Law’s first graduating class along with other milestone years. Details to follow.*

NOVEMBER 13
Law Alumni Cocktail Reception, 6–8:30 p.m., Lynne L. Pantalena Law Library, School of Law Center, North Haven Campus.*

“Saving the Famine Irish: The Grey Nuns and the Great Hunger,” Arnold Bernhard Library, now through March.

*Visit www.quinnipiac.edu/events for registration information or call 203-582-8610 or toll free 877-582-1929. Events on Mount Carmel Campus unless otherwise specified.
of their second child, Jade Abby, on March 17, 2014. Jade was welcomed home by her big sister, Ava. (See photo p. 47.)

Erin Ryder of New York, NY, was selected for Luxury Daily’s Luxury Women to Watch 2015 list. Erin is the director of communication for CORE, a leading boutique real estate brokerage firm in NYC.

Richard Tuchman, MS ’02, of Middletown, CT, has been named chief development officer for the Connecticut Historical Society. Previously, Richard served as vice president for university advancement at the University of New Haven, and as a development executive at Yale University, University of Hartford, Quinnipiac University, University of St. Joseph and the American Heart Association.

2003
Amy (Horan) Heller ’03 of Wilmington, MA, was a bridesmaid. The couple lives in Wallingford, CT. (See photo p. 46.)

Erica Ann (Pelkowski) Magarian ’03, MAT ’04, and Dennis James Magarian ’04, renewed their vows April 5, 2014, after Dennis won his battle with leukemia. They were previously married on April 6, 2013, and a year later the two had their dream wedding with all of their family and friends, many of whom are Quinnipiac alumni.

Brooke Pringle of Howard Beach, NY, is a physician assistant at Southwestern Vermont Medical Center. Brooke specializes in family medicine and preventive medicine for teens. She works at the Northshire Campus located in Manchester Center.

Brian Tenenhaus ’03, MPT ’05, married Lauren Foster on Oct. 13, 2013. The couple celebrated their one-year anniversary by taking a trip to Australia, New Zealand and Fiji. They live in Hamden with their puppy, Ovie.

2004
David Costa and his wife, Dalia, of Acushnet, MA, announce the birth of their son, Lucas, on Sept. 12, 2014. David is a chiropractor and one of the few DOT-certified medical examiners in the state of Massachusetts. (See photo p. 47.)

Danielle Plante is director of alumni and parents programs at Forman School in Litchfield, CT. Danielle lives in Cheshire, CT.

2005
Jill Atkinson of Louisville, KY, married her best friend, Amber Petter, on Oct. 18, 2014. (See photo p. 46.)

Josslyn DeCrosta-Grindle and Shawn Grindle of Hamden, announce the birth of their daughter, Abigail Juliana, on Nov. 12, 2014.

Thomas Kelly of Stratford, CT, is the director of strategic partnerships at Roc Nation. Thomas handles the branding and partnerships for artists, athletes and the organization as a whole.

Daniel “Rud” Nast of Vancouver, WA, recently relocated to San Diego, CA, and accepted a position with Cochlear Americas.

Robert Schultz of Solon, OH, will perform stand-up comedy at the 2015 Bridge-town Comedy Festival in Portland, OR.

Stephanie White, MS ’05, of Carmel, NY, married Erik Holden on Dec. 13, 2014, in New York. (See photo p. 46.)

2006
Edward Clemens of Hoboken, NJ, was named senior vice president and chief marketing officer of The Agency Group’s worldwide operations. He is based in the New York City office and oversees projects for such groups as Paramore, Black Label Society, Of Mice & Men and Citizen Cope, to name a few.

Pamela F. Mangini ’06, MBA ’07 is director of finance and business operations for Regional School District #16 in Prospect, CT. She earned the SFO(r) designation for certified administrators of school finance and operations from the Association of School Business Officials International.

2007
April (Taberna) Spallino ’06, MAT ’07, and her husband, Mike, announce the birth of a son, Michael John, on Oct. 4, 2013. The family lives in Roseland, N.J. (See photo p. 47.)

Eric Lind and Jia Jia Li were married in Hangzhou, China, on Sept. 3, 2013. They announce the birth of their daughter, Amelie Jacie, on May 29, 2014. Eric is a quality and process manager at Lionbridge Technologies. The family lives in Vancouver, WA. (See photo p. 46.)

Kristen (Andersen) McClain, JD ’07, MBA ’13, of Branford, CT, is the senior director of compliance and business development for Qualidigm, a national health care consulting company in Wethersfield, CT.

Christopher Shiel of Wyckoff, NJ, was appointed director of sales and marketing at Smyth, a Thompson Hotel, in New York, NY.

2008
Nicole LaCroce of Newtown, PA, is director of marketing and talent solutions at Beyond, a career network focused on helping people grow and succeed professionally. In her new role, Nikki is responsible for overseeing the development of talent solutions and conducting market research.

Lindsay O’Brien and Irving “Louie” Rousso ’09 were married on Feb. 14, 2015, at Meadowood in St. Helena, CA. The couple lives in Larchmont, NY. (See photo p. 46.)

Jessica Fine Sowalsky, MS ’08, was promoted to educational technologist at Boston University. She works in the educational technology training and outreach department for information services and technology. She transferred from the College of Communication, where she served as a senior media technician since 2010. She is pursuing a PhD in education from Northcentral University and lives in Natick, MA.

Rachel Vaccari of Peabody, MA, was promoted to account director at Greenough, a PR agency specializing in messaging, media and marketing. She will provide advice, media relations and team leadership for the agency’s health care, professional services, technology and nonprofit clientele. Rachel previously worked at New England Cable News, where she served as a segment producer and assignment editor.

2009
Mario Bencivenga ’09, MOT ’11, and his wife, Erica, announce the birth of their first child,
A successful career path often begins with finding the right college mentor. For Jeanna (Johnson) Doherty ’94, that person was her accounting professor, Kathy Simione, MBA ’93, who encouraged her to embrace new challenges and get involved.

“She helped open my eyes to opportunities,” said Doherty. In fact, Simione remembers Doherty as someone who was not only “diligent in the classroom,” but also active in the Quinnipiac community as treasurer of the Student Government Association and president of the Accounting Society.

“I was groomed to be more than just a student, which in turn, allowed me to be more than just a professional today,” she said.

Doherty, who earned a bachelor’s degree in accounting and computer science, is a CPA and partner in EY’s Northeast Area Assurance practice. A financial auditor, she serves clients in the health care field, including Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, among others.

Doherty focuses on meeting not only her clients’ needs, but strengthening her team members’ skills as well, by ensuring that they have the proper training and tools to advance professionally and personally.

She is passionate about an EY global initiative called “Women Fast Forward,” a campaign focused on ensuring the right opportunities are available to promote women and put them in a position to lead in the workforce.

“Studies have shown it will take 80 years to have gender parity in the workplace. We can’t wait that long. EY is working to narrow this gap to make sure women have a proper place around the table,” she said.

She advises women to “get yourself advocates who will give you the right support—not only at work, but also at home.”

In her own home, Doherty and her husband, Adam, work as a team to integrate their professional and personal lives. She and her husband talk to their daughters, Grace, 11, and Meredith, 8, about what they want to do when they grow up.

“They’ll say ‘I want to be a scientist,’ but then add, ‘but I also want to be a mom.’ I tell them that they can do both,” Doherty said.

She attributes the launch of her career to her decision to stay at Quinnipiac, taking on debt versus transferring to a less costly school. “I believe that if I went to a different school, I would not have had the professional opportunities I did, such as being recruited out of school by a Big 4 firm.”

To ensure that the next generation of students has similar opportunities and exposure, Doherty recently endowed the Accounting Excellence Fund, setting it up so others could contribute.

She also serves on the School of Business Advisory Board and the Accounting Department Advisory Council. She received the Outstanding Business Alumni Award in 2011.

She devotes a couple hundred hours a year to campus outreach at Quinnipiac. By mentoring students, and giving back to the University, she hopes to make their paths “a little less rocky.” —Donna Pintek
Claire Jane, on Dec. 21, 2014. The family lives in Japan.

Donald Bernat of Clifton Park, NJ, received his certificate of advanced study in school psychology from The College of Saint Rose in May. In August, Donald will be enrolled in Ball State University’s doctoral program in school psychology, with a focus on neuro-psychology.

Gina DiGennaro and Steven Loskot were married on Sept. 26, 2014, in Lutherville, MD. Francheska Miranda ’09 and Nicole Rybak ’09 were members of the wedding party. The couple lives in Baltimore. (See photo p. 46.)

Elizabeth Murphy and Ernie Begin were married on Sept. 14, 2013, in Suffield, CT. They announce the birth of their daughter, Adelaide Elizabeth, on Jan. 14, 2015. The family lives in Suffield. (See photo p. 47.)

Kayla (Kurczy) Rozea ’09, MOT ’11, and Steven Rozea ’08, DPT ’12, of Madison, CT, announce the birth of a daughter, Lucy Katherine, on Feb. 11, 2015.

2010

Lauren Burrous ’10, MAT ’12 of Oradell, N.J., married Kurt Riedel on June 30, 2014, at St. Mary’s Church in New Haven. (See photo p. 46.)

Samantha Rupert of Bayport, NY, is a search engine optimization and social media content specialist at Volusion, a leading e-commerce software company in Austin, TX. Samantha spent two years working as an account manager at an award-winning social media agency in New York.

2011

Meaghan Ames ’11, MAT ’12, of Southington, CT, married Daniel Banti on Oct. 12, 2014. (See photo p. 46.)

Robert Shepherd, JD/MBA, of Austin, TX, recently obtained his CPA license in Texas and serves as senior advisor at Durbin Bennett Tax Advisors LLP in Austin, TX, where he focuses on estate, gift and income-tax planning for high net worth individuals. He is involved with international tax issues, is a licensed CPA in New Hampshire and licensed to practice law in Massachusetts, Connecticut and before the U.S. Supreme Court.

2012

Briana Galeazzi of Lynn, MA, is an athletic trainer at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, NY. She spent the fall working with the women’s soccer team and is the trainer for the swimming and diving team as well as the men’s lacrosse team. She completed a two-year graduate program in August at Gardner-Webbs University.

Sonia Groff of Brookline, MA, ran the 2015 Boston Marathon to raise money for the Boston Healthcare for the Homeless Program, which provides health and recreational resources to homeless children in that area.

2013

Adam Nimick is a police officer for the Freehold Township Police Department in New Jersey, where he lives. Adam graduated from the Monmouth County Police Academy in 2014 and received a Special Law Enforcement Officer Class II certification. He was previously employed by the Freehold Township Police Department.

2014

Shane Collins of Los Angeles, Noah Galemo ’12, of Mendham, NJ, and Jasmine Norman of Los Angeles, recently met up at the Sundance Film Festival in Park City, UT.

Kristin Foley of Foxboro, MA, was named account coordinator of the consumer public relations team at 451 Marketing, a national communications agency.

Laura Marinilli of Westford, MA, and Gillian Praetorius ’14, of Northboro, MA, are registered nurses in the Emergency Department at UMass Memorial Medical Center in Worcester, MA.

Greg Rava, from Valley Stream, NY, is a graphic designer at TRU Events and Marketing Solutions in Branford, CT. He handles logo design, website mockups, presentation services and booth design.

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Eric Weinstein ’90

Chemical Attraction
Instrumentation course at QU inspires his career

Growing up in Long Island, Eric Weinstein ’90 admits he was more interested in playing soccer with friends than schoolwork, although he excelled in science and math.

Recruited to Quinnipiac as a soccer player, Weinstein found a place where he could both succeed in his sport and keep the promise he made to his mother that he would study chemistry in college. He was a member of the first men’s soccer team to win a conference championship, and he found “an amazing group of teachers” in the chemistry department.

A course in instrumental analysis taught by Professor Kent Marshall confirmed for Weinstein the direction he wanted to take. Initially, he wasn’t sure how to turn his interest in chemical instrumentation into a career. He explains that chemistry departments often have regional slants.

“If you’re studying chemistry in the Northeast, you’re probably connecting it to the pharmaceutical industry,” he says. “In Texas or Oklahoma you would be thinking about oil, and in the Midwest, you would likely be focusing on agriculture.”

After graduation, Weinstein took a chemist job in a veterinary pharmaceutical firm. Talking with the instrument salesmen made him realize he wanted to learn more about the sales side of the industry. He explained that sales lets chemists spread their wings and apply solutions to a multitude of industries through instrumentation. He left chemistry for a while to return to his father’s typesetting company, where he had worked as a boy, mopping floors and delivering messages. Only now he was learning sales.

“My dad’s industry was becoming obsolete,” Weinstein says. “I spent a whole year trying to sell to people who did not want to talk to me. It was the best sales training I could have had.”

After that year, Weinstein took an entry-level sales position at a scientific instruments company, achieving greater and greater success until a well-known German scientific instrument manufacturer recruited him to start a U.S. division and to eventually become a partner with the company’s two owners. Instead, he bought the division from them in 1998.

Now as president and CEO of Laboratory Synergy, based in Goshen, New York, Weinstein oversees a multimillion company that is the leading world supplier of chemical analysis and measurement equipment.

Laboratory Synergy provides technical support, sales and service to industries ranging from food and feed, to asphalt and concrete and pharmaceuticals. The company also is the exclusive distributor of products from several top European manufacturers.

Weinstein, who is married with three children, coaches soccer and also wants to encourage young people interested in a career in chemistry. He has donated equipment to Quinnipiac’s Department of Chemistry and Physical Sciences and has created a summer internship program with QU that begins this year with two students who will spend three weeks in Germany exploring the chemical instruments industry, and then head to Weinstein’s labs to practice what they’ve learned.

While he works in an industry where precision is essential, Weinstein notes there is plenty of room for creativity.

“The world changes every day, and we are always working on developing the next solution. Whether it’s pollution reduction, product improvement, or advances in food safety, everything is chemistry.”—Rhea Hirshman

Photo: Gabe Palacio
A quick exchange between a graduate student and Quinnipiac journalism professor Rich Hanley made a profound impression on Adam Chiara, MS ‘12.

Chiara’s classmate didn’t know the capital of a state, and Hanley told her it was important to know that. She fired back, saying, “It’s too hard to know everything.” Hanley responded emphatically, “It’s your job to know.”

“He advised us to stay current in our field...I read, watch and listen to everything I can about health care issues, new trends in media and media production, and current events,” said Chiara, a communications associate at Universal Health Care Foundation of Connecticut, based in Meriden.

His work at the foundation frequently brings him back to QU, where he earned his master’s in journalism. He is responsible for Universal’s multimedia production and communications strategies, which recently included producing a promotional video for the “Reform to Transform” seminar series that takes place at Quinnipiac’s Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine, co-sponsor of the series. The latest, “Getting to Better Health: Connecting Care and Community,” took place in April. To watch a video from the event, visit http://universalhealthct.org.

“We try to pull together the best thought leaders and have public discussions that can be catalysts for changes in health care,” Chiara said. “The chance to be creative, perform a public service and use his multimedia skills makes him look forward to going to work.

But for Chiara, the path to success wasn’t a straight line. After graduating with a bachelor’s in communications from Central Connecticut State University in 2007, he worked on a political campaign and then as a staffer in Connecticut’s House of Representatives. He realized that although he loved politics, he didn’t want to work in the field. While working at the Capitol, he bought a video camera and started his own media company, covering many nonprofit events. This led him to produce video packages for an online news site in West Hartford. The experience prompted him to enroll in the master’s degree program at QU.

The Rudd Center for Food Policy and Obesity, formerly located at Yale University, hired him after graduation to produce video on health, nutrition and food policy in an easy-to-grasp format. “I tried to make the message exciting for the public,” he said. Just when everything was running smoothly, the funding for his job dried up.

When he was hired at Universal Health Care in 2014, he knew he’d hit what he terms “my perfect stride.” He has the chance to present complex public policy issues, such as the changing landscape for Connecticut hospitals, and explain the ripple effect that health care costs have on the economy.

“I know that no matter where my career takes me, it will always involve helping others and making a difference,” he said.

Outside of work, Chiara teaches media production and social media as an adjunct professor at several Connecticut colleges. In a recent class, his students were talking about success and were very focused on salary as the primary measure.

“I said, ‘For me it is earning a fair wage, having fun and making a difference.’ Once you define that, it’s what you strive for.”—Claire LaFleur Hall
Joseph Carvalko of Milford, CT, recently published an article titled “Self Absorption” for the Institute for Ethics and Emerging Technologies. He is an adjunct professor at the School of Law.

Kathryn C. Senie of Redding, CT, recently earned her EdD in education leadership from Johnson & Wales University. For the past 14 years, she has served as the director of institutional advancement and strategic planning at Norwalk Community College.

Frederick Trotta of Guilford, CT, joined Halloran & Sage as a partner in the New Haven office, where he will focus on medical malpractice, trucking and personal injury. He has been selected by Super Lawyers in the areas of personal injury since 2007 and was recognized as one of Connecticut’s Top 100 Trial Lawyers by the National Trial Lawyers Association for the past seven years. He serves on the Guilford Police and Fire Commissions and is a member of the Connecticut State Police Commissioners Association.

Thomas Parrino of New Canaan, CT, of Nusbaum & Parrino, recently won the Connecticut Law Tribune’s annual Litigation Departments of the Year award for family law.

Glenn Slavin was elected chairman of the board of the Woodbridge Metro Chamber of Commerce. He previously served as president of Middlesex County Trial Lawyers Association and has practiced law for the past 25 years with Slavin & Morse in Woodbridge, NJ. He lives in South Plainfield, NJ, with his wife, Dawn, and their four children.

John Naizby of Madison, CT, is a personal injury lawyer and partner at the firm of Marcarelli-Naizby. He has spent the last 20 years learning and teaching lawyers how to be effective advocates for people. He recently handled the litigation for a client who was injured at Planet Fitness and received a $750,000 settlement. John is also a three-time Ironman marathon participant.

Lisa (Besseghini) Winjum of Fairfield, CT, was named vice president of external affairs of the Joyful Heart Foundation. The company’s mission is to heal, educate and empower survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence and child abuse, and to shed light on these issues.

Daniel Wright of Longmeadow, MA, recently joined Fitzgerald Attorneys at Law. His practice will focus on commercial and civil litigation. Previously, he worked as a sole practitioner concentrating on insurance coverage, disability insurance, employment matters and personal injury litigation.

Tania Schmidt-Alpers of Palm Coast, FL, received the Distinguished Victim Services Award from the Florida Attorney General’s office for her pro bono work with domestic violence victims. She has a family practice in St. Augustine, FL, and works closely with the Betty Griffin House and the St. John’s County domestic violence shelter. She also received the Florida Bar President’s Pro Bono Award for the 7th Judicial Circuit.

David Wikstron was sworn in as president of the Union County Bar Association. He is a partner at the law firm of Javerbaum Wurgaft Hicks Kahn Wikstrom & Sinins in Springfield, NJ. His practice concentrates on litigation, legal malpractice and large injury matters. He is also a certified civil trial attorney and has been named among the best plaintiff trial lawyers in the state since 2006 by NJ Monthly’s Super Lawyers Magazine. He lives in Florham Park, NJ.

Patricia Beauregard of Trumbull, CT, recently joined the Stamford office of Cummings & Lockwood as principal in the firm’s private clients group. She will focus on estate and tax planning, estate and trust administration, charitable planning and tax-exempt organizations. She also works with couples from blended and nontraditional families.

William Caffey Jr. of Rocky Hill, CT, became a tax partner at Fiondella, Milone & LaSaracina, a full-service accounting firm. He also serves as director of state tax services. Prior to joining the firm, he was a tax consultant at Ernst & Young.

Donald Papcsy is a senior trial attorney at Papcsy Janosov Roche Trial Lawyers in Norwalk, CT. He has 14 years of experience trying civil cases and has achieved national recognition as an expert legal commentator. He is representing two families who were the victims of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shootings.

Edmond Clark of Madison, CT, was inducted into the Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame. A veteran himself, who served as a corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps, Edmond was selected for this honor by serving the community and being an inspiration to others, including providing pro bono legal services to veterans unable to advocate for themselves. For 10 years, he volunteered as general counsel for the Vietnam Veterans of America, Connecticut State Council. He served for seven years as the chair for the Mental Health Community Advisory Board, volunteered for 10 years as the director of the Connecticut State Police Police Training Academy, and served for seven years as the chair for the Mental Health Community Advisory Board.

Melanie Schnoll-Begun, JD ’94, left, was delighted to find herself on a panel with her former QU law professor, Marilyn Ford, at the March Phenomenal Women of Power breakfast in New York City, where both women were honored. They participated in a panel exploring whether women need to think and behave like men to be successful in corporate America. Schnoll-Begun is managing director, head of philanthropy wealth management, at Morgan Stanley.
As a law student, Christa L. Dommers, JD ‘97, dealt with several physical challenges on the road to a successful law career, challenges that may have discouraged others.

Chronic tendonitis required her to wear braces on both hands and use a voice-activated computer to type notes and exams. After suffering vision loss, Dommers also was diagnosed with a tumor near her optic nerve in the first semester of her second year. She regained her vision but lives with the mass to this day, despite having had surgery.

In spite of those obstacles, Dommers finished the program in three years and passed the New York and Connecticut bars. She is a partner at the Washington, D.C., law firm of Seyfarth Shaw, where she specializes in real estate law with an emphasis on economic development cases. She joined the firm in 2008 and became an equity partner in 2011.

In law school, Dommers trained herself to enunciate each word for the early-version Dragon software (and pause at least one-tenth of a second between words). It could be clunky, she recalls, but she says it was significantly faster than trying to write things out. Today’s version is considerably easier, she notes.

Dommers handles everything from simple real estate leases to complex, nationwide corporate relocations, negotiating with state and local entities for relocation incentives, sales tax credits, property abatements, grants for road construction and more.

“Frankly, it’s a lot of fun. I have to be creative in structuring and negotiating deals,” she says.

Her work is more demanding than writing a lease or negotiating a loan. “When you’re working on a deal, keeping it under wraps is a challenge,” she says, explaining that moving a corporation to a new location involves obtaining land, facilities, infrastructure and personnel; other cities and counties also court new businesses, so these types of deals are considered top secret.

The last deal she worked on, Northrop Grumman’s Project Magellan, generated more than 60 newspaper stories. The corporation is expanding its facilities at Melbourne International Airport in Florida, creating about 1,800 jobs in the aerospace and defense industries.


While there are always issues to negotiate, the parties are typically happy at the end of a transaction as each has achieved its goal… And if lawyers for both sides are evenly matched, then neither client is entirely happy at the end, but it is still ‘win-win,’” she says.

Dommers is a mentor to the firm’s junior partners and associates and is pursuing certification as a professional coach. She chairs the Hispanic Affinity Group within the firm, participates in the Hispanic National Bar Association and chairs the D.C. office of the Lawyers’ Development Committee. She lives with her husband and four children in Darneystown, Maryland, on an acre of land that borders a state park.

“Quinnipiac was a wonderful, supportive environment,” she remembers. “Most law schools don’t prepare you to practice, but we were more prepared than others. It was a challenging community, but not cutthroat.

“My professors were fabulous, top-notch teachers, and I felt well-prepared to take the bar,” she recalls.
Board in the Department of Veterans Affairs, and he served as chief legal counsel for the American Legion Veterans Housing organization.

Erik Gray of New York, NY, is a trial attorney at Weiss & Rosenbloom, PC, a personal injury law firm in New York City. He recently settled a civil rights/police misconduct case in which the $2 million settlement was among the largest paid by the city in such a case in the past five years.

Sara (Clinton) Lowenstine of Ridgefield, CT, is a partner at Maya Murphy, working in the litigation and commercial law group. She focuses her practice in commercial litigation at the trial level, including general litigation, securities cases and corporate law matters. She is active with pro bono work in organizations including Connecticut Women’s Legal and Education Fund and the Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders.

Lisa Valentovish of Stonington, CT, joined the law office of Morgan Lewis in Tokyo, Japan. Her practice areas include bankruptcy and reorganization, banking and finance and international and cross-border law.

Jay Hershman of Cheshire, CT, is a partner at Baillie & Hershman, which was recognized by The Commercial Record as a Best of 2014 winner in two categories: commercial real estate attorney (gold award) and general law offices (silver award).

Diane Iglesias of Guilford, CT, retired from AT&T after 36 years. She looks forward to continuing her pro bono work, playing golf and traveling with her spouse, Susan, and their dog, Sandy.

Lisa Mitchell of Naugatuck, CT, has partnered with Shari (Debidin) Madho, JD ’10, of Hamden, to form the law offices of Mitchell & Madho in Cheshire, CT. They handle personal injury, real estate, probate, family law, workers’ compensation and Social Security disability cases.

Andrew Zeltner of Atlanta, is a senior associate at Klarkey Immigration Law Partners. He focuses on corporate immigration matters, including those involving the processing of permanent resident applications on behalf of multinational corporate and individual clients. While at Quinnipiac, he served as opinions editor of the Quinnipiac Probate Law Journal.

2002

Jared Dwyer joined the international law firm of Greenberg Traurig in Miami, where he lives. He will focus on white collar criminal matters, criminal and civil tax litigation, complex civil litigation and violations of the Bank Secrecy Act. Prior to joining the firm, he served for 10 years as a federal prosecutor, first as a trial attorney with the criminal enforcement sector and then as assistant U.S. attorney in the Southern District of Florida.

2003

Jeremiah Cottle and his wife, Denise, welcomed their second child, Lilian Hanna, on April 29, 2014. The family lives in Columbia, MD. (See photo p. 47.)

Andrea Donovan Napp of Portland, CT, was named partner at Robinson & Cole. Her practice areas include complex commercial litigation, business torts and market conduct cases. She also chairs the firm’s electronic discovery and information governance practice team and has experience in all aspects of e-discovery and data management. Prior to joining the firm, she clerked for the Honorable Christine S. Vertefeuille of the Connecticut Supreme Court. Andrea was recognized by Connecticut Super Lawyers in the area of Business Litigation in 2013 and 2014.

Elizabeth (Hobler) Smith and her husband, Kevin, announce the birth of a son, Kyle Windsor, on March 4, 2014. Kyle was welcomed home by his big brothers, Connor Jude, 5, and Luke Thaddeus, 3. The family lives in Yonkers, NY. (See photo p. 47.)

2004

Agata Raszczyk-Lawska of Stratford, CT, is the managing attorney of the Connecticut Legal Services children at risk unit, which specializes in education law and child protection law. Connecticut Legal Services is a private, nonprofit corporation and is the largest provider of free civil legal services in the state.

Michael Menapace, counsel at Wiggin and Dana and adjunct professor of insurance law at the QU School of Law, testified at the PILP auction that helps to fund public interest law project summer jobs, second-year law students Angelica Barcsan and Caroline Watson get ready to bid; behind bars are Professor Robert Farrel and Kathy Kuhar, JD ’02, associate dean of students.


4. Donald J. Mastrony, JD ’80, Wendy Kergaravat, JD ’95; Jeanet Figueroa Laskos, JD ’99; Dave DeRosa, JD ’99; and Peter Laskos.
before the U.S. Senate Commerce Committee during a March hearing by its Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, Insurance, and Data Security. The hearing, titled “Examining the Evolving Cyber Insurance Marketplace,” explored the growing cybersecurity risk insurance market.

Brian Wheelin of Stamford, CT, was named counsel at Robinson & Cole. His primary focus is in business litigation, including privacy and cybersecurity matters. He also serves on the firm’s electronic discovery committee and is a Connecticut Super Lawyers’ Rising Star in the area of business litigation for 2012–14.

2006
Katharine Gillespie, BA ’03, JD ’06, became a partner at the law firm Dzialo, Pickett & Allen in Middletown, CT. She was named to Connecticut Super Lawyers’ 2013 and 2014 Rising Stars lists. She lives in Kensington, CT.

IN MEMORIAM

2012
Thomas Flynn ’68
John Marini ’57
2013
Armando “Ernie” Rossi ’47
2014
Alan Breitman ’79
Shirley (Robins) Briggs ’45
Keith Busrey ’07
Matthew Corcoran, JD ’02
John Curran ’53
Paul DeStefano ’62
Christopher Di Sesa, JD ’87
Ida (Goldstein) Fidler ’35
Kenneth Gere ’65
Michael Goldstone ’61
Ranald Hansen ’70
Frederick Heffernan, JD ’80
William James, former dean of Quinnipiac College
Ursula (Kroger) Lapeza ’41
Frances (Collier Tower) Maroni ’48
Lucia Tovar Moreno ’79
James Paganam ’62
Margaret “Peg” (Maloney) Porter ’60
Edna (Geier) Rutenberg ’41
Justin Smith ’03
Clare Toth ’46
Louis Urso Jr. ’68
Barbara (D’Onofrio) Vieira ’56
Mary Jo (Gans) Weeks ’42
2015
Kathleen Cadden ’92
John Cooney ’51
Nancy (Morrell) Daughan ’58
Mark DeCapua ’78
Amy (Zimmerman) Duggan ’99
Barbara (Smith) Hollon ’42
Martha Hyland ’89
John Muir Gardner, MHS ’75
Lydia (Ascari) Gouveia ’70
Granville Michael Magee, JD ’95
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2007
Steven Allinson of Wallingford, CT, is a managing partner at Allinson & Associates, and was named to the Super Lawyers’ 2014 Connecticut Rising Stars list. He received the Excellence in Clinical Work Award and attributes his career success to his experience and training at the law school and its legal clinic.

Kristen (Andersen) McClain, JD ’07, MBA ’13, of Branford, CT, is the senior director of compliance and business development for Qualidigm, a national health care consulting company in Wethersfield, CT.

2009
Frank Ganz of Ormond Beach, FL, is practicing at Smith, Stout, Bigman & Brock in Daytona Beach, FL. His practice includes commercial and general civil litigation.

Robert Shepherd, JD/MBA, of Austin, TX, recently obtained his CPA license in Texas and serves as senior adviser at Durbin Bennett Tax Advisors in Austin, TX, where he focuses on estate, gift and income-tax planning for high net worth individuals. He is involved with international tax issues, is a licensed CPA in New Hampshire and licensed to practice law in Massachusetts, Connecticut and before the U.S. Supreme Court.

2012
Stella Szantova Giordano of Ridgefield, CT, was elected as the vice-chair of the Hartford Young Professionals and Entrepreneurs community involvement committee. She is an associate in Murtha Cullina’s litigation department, where she handles contract disputes and commercial litigation.

2013
Samuel Greenberg of Wallingford, CT, recently joined the Division of Public Defender Services, which provides counsel in accordance with both the U.S. and Connecticut Constitutions to any indigent person charged with the commission of a crime that carries a risk of incarceration.

Desmond Ryan of Florence, MA, is an associate at the law firm of Reid and Riege in the litigation practice area. His focus will include general commercial and complex civil litigation matters. Previously he served as law clerk for the Honorable Dennis G. Eveleigh of the Connecticut Supreme Court.

2014
Anthony Monelli of Bethany, CT, started his own law practice and is associated with the law firm of Andrew D. Cretella in Trumbull, CT, as attorney of counsel.
ALUMNI CONNECT
AT VARIETY OF RECENT EVENTS

1. Pete Nikitas ’14, left, Ivy LaPlante ’12 and Jake Freedman ’11 at the March men’s ice hockey game watch in Boston when the team played the University of North Dakota in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament.

2. Janet Heinle ’75 and Quinnipiac trustee Gabriel Ferrucci ’65 at the April QU in LA celebration reception in Santa Monica, CA.

3. Socializing at the School of Law’s April alumni reception are, from left: Michael Bivona ’10, JD ’13, and Elissa Weinbach, Elizabeth Grimm, Maura Crossin and Marissa Vicario, all class of 2013 School of Law alumni.

4. Getting together after the annual women’s ice hockey alumnae game in February were, from left: Erin Sweet ’06, Kelly Rider ’07, Jayne Riley ’05, Caitlin Peters ’05, Elizabeth Jankowski ’03, JD ’08.

5. Alumni and parents gathered for a tasting and tour of the Two Roads Brewing Co. in Stratford in March. From left: Alyssa Gilbert ’12, Dustin Huguenin, Jill (Jacovino) Bohn ’84, Rachel and Robert Bohn.
CONGRATULATIONS!

2. Gina DiGennaro ’09 and Steven Loskot were married on Sept. 26, 2014, in Lutherville, MD.
3. Eric Lind ’07 and Jia Jia Li were married in Hangzhou, China, on Sept. 3, 2013.
8. Lindsay O’Brien ’08 and Irving “Louie” Rousso ’09 were married on Feb. 14, 2015, in St. Helena, CA.
9. Catherine J. Fricano ’10 married William J. Kugler ’08 on Sept. 6, 2014, in Manchester, VT.
ALL IN THE FAMILY

1. Raiden Walker, son of H. Desmond Walker ’89, was born Jan. 15, 2015.

2. Oliver James Conte was born on Jan. 27, 2015, to John Conte ’02 and his wife, Emily.

3. Lucas Costa was born on Sept. 12, 2014, to David Costa ’04 and his wife, Dalila.

4. Coraline Maelys Plake was born Jan. 3, 2015, to Randi (Iaco) Plake, MS ’12, and her husband, Brendan.

5. Kyle Windsor Smith, son of Elizabeth (Hobler) Smith, JD ’03, and husband, Kevin, born March 4, 2014.

6. Siena Joyce Koval was born on Aug. 26, 2014, to Peter Koval ’01 and his wife, Christine. With her are brothers Peter Jack, 6, and Corey John, 4.

7. Jason Klein ’02 and Alyssa (Zottoli) Klein ’02, MPT ’04, with Jade Abby, born March 17, 2014, and big sister, Ava.

8. Adelaide Elizabeth Begin was born on Jan. 14, 2015, to Elizabeth (Murphy) Begin ’09 and Ernie Begin.

9. Lillian Hanna Cottle was born on April 29, 2014, to Jeremiah Cottle, JD ’03 and his wife, Denise.

10. Michael John Spallino was born on Oct. 4, 2013, to April (Taberna) Spallino ’06, MAT ’07, and her husband, Mike.
While many Americans worried about the spread of the deadly Ebola virus last winter, Chelsea True ’13 was on the ground in Africa fighting to contain the outbreak at its source.

In October 2014, True, lieutenant junior grade in the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, set off for Monrovia, Liberia, as part of a 75-member team. The School of Nursing graduate spent 60 days treating local health care workers infected with Ebola at the Monrovia Medical Unit, a 25-bed field hospital built by the U.S. government.

At 23, True was the youngest member of the team. “Some people told me I was younger than their combat boots,” she said. “We were there to provide hope to a nation so distraught. We wanted to give the infected workers great care and encourage them to continue caring for their own,” she said.

Armed with a heavy protective suit, True was covered in heat rash the first few weeks of her deployment while working in the oppressive humidity. Pools of sweat often puddled in her boots as she and a partner took vital signs, drew blood for lab work, and gave fluids to infected patients. To limit the risk of exposure, teams of nurses spent a maximum of two hours in the Ebola treatment unit at a time.

Some nurses prayed or observed a moment of silence before going inside the treatment unit. “You’re always supposed to have some fear of it,” she said. “When you start getting complacent, you’re a risk to yourself and to your teammates.

She explained that she and her partner would talk through their routine. “We would pep each other up and know what we really wanted to get done when we were in there.”

According to True, bringing hope and happiness to the families of survivors more than made up for missing Thanksgiving, her family, her boyfriend, and her Labradoodle, Scout. The desire to help underserved populations is one of the reasons she became a nurse in the first place.

True long has admired the nursing profession. Her younger brother was born seven weeks premature with Wolff-Parkinson-White syndrome, a heart condition that required him to have several medical procedures throughout his childhood and teenage years. She appreciated the way nurses cared for him.

“Nurses always had an important role in his and my life,” she said. “The way they made him laugh or always listened to his stories, they always made that extra effort.”

True returned home in late December 2014. After a mandatory, 21-day active monitoring period, she resumed her work as a nurse at FMC Butner, an all-male federal prison located in Granville County, North Carolina. It’s a position she’s held since graduating from Quinnipiac.

At first, working in a prison environment was a big adjustment, True said. But caring for others in high-risk situations—whether on another continent or in a correctional facility—is all part of her job.

“As long as you maintain all of the guidelines put in place, it’s not as scary as one would think.”—Kevin C. Sirois
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